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Tamil Nadu

❖ Early 10th century PandyanNadukal:

- Iluppayurani (Virudhunagar district) For the first time in the 9th and 10th centuries, the pandyannadukal has been discovered.
- The inscription (vattukku) says that a warrior named Bullan Satan conquered a town and died in battle.

❖ Human face-like terracotta sculpture found in Keeladi excavation

- Sivagangai: A terracotta sculpture with a human face-like structure has been unearthed during the 8th phase of excavations at Keeladi near Thiruppuvanam in Sivagangai district.
- A terracotta sculpture with a human face-like image used by the ancient Ooli Tamilians of 2,000 years ago has been found it from the eighth phase of excavation at Keeladi.

❖ The earring made from elephant tusk was found in Vembakkottai excavation

- "During the vembakottai Vijayakaraisalkulam excavations, ornaments made of elephant ivory with beautiful carvings and earrings made of terracotta have been found.
- The ornament made of elephant ivory is 5 cm long. The length is 0.8 cm. It weighs 61 grams and has a diameter of 61 grams.
- Similarly, the terracotta earring is 2.2 cm long. The length is 1.01 cm. It has a circumference and weights of 65 grams.

❖ Use of iron in Tamil Nadu 4,200 years ago

- The Archaeological Survey of Tamil Nadu carried out excavations at Mayiladumparai in Krishnagiri District.
- This confirms that the use of iron existed in Tamil Nadu as early as 4,200 years ago.

❖ Science Award

- ❖ Writer A.R. Venkatachalapathi has been awarded the 'Eyal' (இயல் விருது) Lifetime Achievement Award of the Canadian Literary Garden and Justice Chandru has been awarded the 'Iyal' Award for Essay for his book Naanum Judge.

❖ "Chinna Kalaivanar Vivek" Road

- Padmavathi Nagar main road, where actor Vivek's residence is located in Chennai, it has been renamed as "Chinna Kalaivanar Vivek Road".

❖ East Coast Road (ECR)

- It has been renamed as Muthamizh Arignar Kalaighnar Karunanithi Salai.

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❖ Awards to 12 Panchayats for their outstanding performance at the national level

Award Name	Awarded to
Strengthening the three tiers of panchayats	Thiruvannamalai district
Panchayat Union award	1. Mannachanallur Panchayat Union in Tiruchirappalli District 2. Mandapam Panchayat Union in Ramanathapuram District
Village Panchayat award	1. Akkaraipatti Village Panchayat of Attur Panchayat Union Dindigul District 2. Manmangalam Village Panchayat of Karur Panchayat Union, karur District 3. Chinnapatti Village Panchayat of Madurai West Panchayat Union, Madurai District 4. Athikattuvilai Village Panchayat of Rajakamangalam Panchayat Union, Kanniyakumari District 5. Gangaleri Village Panchayat in Krishnagiri Panchayat Union, Krishnagiri District 6. Kattathi Village Panchayat of Panchayat Union, Pudukottai District
National Award for Best Grama Sabha	R.S. Sathanur Village Panchayat of Mangalam Panchayat Union, Ramanathapuram District.
National Award for Village Panchayat Development Programme (VPDP)	Duvar Village Panchayat of Sivagangai district
Children's Friendly Village Panchayat	Kunjappanai Village Panchayat of Kotagiri Panchayat Union, Nilgiris District

❖ Nurses to be awarded 'Nightingale' award by government

- Tamil Nadu Health Minister MA. Subramanian has announced that the Florence Nightingale Award will be given annually to nurses for their outstanding service by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

❖ Perarivalan released

- The Supreme court passed the order on his appeal petition in exercise of the special power conferred under Article 142 of the Constitution.
- Reduction of penalties under Article 161, grant of pardon, the advice of the state cabinet on matters relating to grant of pardon shall bind with the governor.

❖ Tamil Nadu tops road accidents in 2020

- According to the statistics released by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways titled 'Road Accidents reported in India in 2020', Tamil Nadu has the highest number of road accidents (45,484) in the country and Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of fatalities (19,149).

❖ Six Grama Sabha meetings in a year issued by government order

- Gram Sabha meetings were held in all the panchayats only on the four days of Republic Day, Labour Day, Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanti every year. In order to increase the participation and

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decision-making of the people in these meetings, grama sabha meetings will be held six times every year.

- The Chief Minister also announced that gram sabha meetings will be held on March 22 (World Water Day) and November 1 (Local Body Day).
- ❖ **FILM INDUSTRY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: SP Muthuraman as chairman of selection committee**
 - P Muthuraman has been appointed as the chairman of Film Industry Lifetime Achievement Award selection committee.
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu players in Indian hockey team**
 - After 13 years, Tamilnadu players (Maareeswaran Sakthivel, Karthik) have been selected for our Indian hockey team.
 - The 12th National Junior Hockey Tournament was held at Kovilpatti.
- ❖ **All India Survey of Higher Education (2019 - 2020)**
 - With the highest enrolment of 51.4% on its Higher Education for the year 2019-2020, The Tamil Nadu got first place in national level higher education enrolment between the age group of 18 to 23 years.
- ❖ **10% of people in Tamil Nadu have chronic kidney damage**
 - Studies on chronic kidney damage in Tamil Nadu have revealed that 10% (one in five) people have chronic kidney disease.
 - A survey report on the prevalence of chronic kidney disease has been released on behalf of the Directorate of Public Health and Disease Control.
- ❖ **"Umagine": Technology and Innovation Summit**
 - "Umagine": Technology and Innovation Summit is scheduled to be held in Tamil Nadu from September 21 to 23.
- ❖ **First State Level Youth Skills Festival**
 - The first state-level youth skills festival was held at Queen Mary's College, Chennai.
 - It is to be noted that India has the highest number of youths in the age group of 18 to 35 years.
 - The next phase of the skill development movement is the development – I am the first one project.

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❖ For PM Modi – Silappathikaram Book

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin handed over a book titled Silappathikaram to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who arrived in Chennai for the inauguration of various projects. It has been translated by R Parthasarathy, R S Pillai, Alain Daniel and K. Chellappan edited this book.

❖ TRAI – The Silver Jubilee of the Telecom Regulatory Authority.

- Chennai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched a 5G (telecom service) testing facility developed by eight companies at a cost of Rs 220 crore at IIT- Madras.
- February 20, 1997 – TRAI Launched.

India

❖ Local language in courts

- PM Modi was addressing a conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of 25 High Courts in New Delhi.
- He said that if the local languages are the language of litigation, the confidence of the people will increase and it will help the people to understand the services of the judiciary easily. He said the judiciary is the custodian of the Constitution and the administrative department is the place where the expectations of the people are met.

❖ "Tomato" fever

- The tomato fever disease, which spreads in Kerala, is caused by hand, foot and mouth disease, especially coxsackie virus A16. It can have only a moderate effect.
- Symptoms of tomato fever include:
 1. Fever, throat irritation, sore throat, mouth and tongue,
 2. Headache, loss of appetite
 3. Appearance of blisters on the hands, feet, under the back and feet.
 4. Itching on the skin in a day or two. Then there it becomes flat in red in color. Sometimes they also turn into blisters

❖ Asian Election Commissions Association: India elected head of state

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has been unanimously elected as the president of the Association of Asian Election Commissions for the year 2022-24.
- The executive committee and general body meeting of the association, which has a member of the electoral governing bodies of 20 Asian countries.

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- On May 7th in Manila, (the capital of the Philippines) India was selected as the head of Association of Asian Election Commission.

❖ Lokpal begins process for appointment of new chairperson

- Officials said the Centre has initiated the process of selecting the next chairperson of the Lokpal, as the tenure of justice Pinakichandra Ghosh, (the current chairperson of the Lokpal) comes to an end on May 27.
- The Lokpal, which investigates allegations of corruption against politicians and civil servants, It is governed by the chairperson, four members from the judiciary and four members from departments of non-judiciary. At present, there are six members in the Lokpal. The appointments of members will be appointed on behalf of the judiciary have been lying vacant for the last two years.
- In 2013, parliament passed the Lokpal Act, which was responsible for the formation of the Lokpal. On May 23, 2019, President Ram Nath Kovind administered the oath of office to Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose as the chairperson of the Lokpal.
- Officials said the Centre has started the process of appointing the next Lokpal chairperson as his term ends on May 27. The Chairperson of the Lokpal and its members can hold the post for a maximum period of five years or till they attain the age of 70 years.
- Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose, who was born on May 28, 1952, will turn 70 years old and his term will end on May 27. Between April 2021 and January 31, 2022. There are 4,244 complaints of corruption were filed with the Lokpal, an increase of 80 per cent over 2020-21. In 2019-20, 1,427 petitions were filed with the Lokpal under the Right to Information Act.

❖ Cotton Council of India to regulate cotton prices

- Union Food and Public Distribution Minister Piyush Goyal has announced that the Cotton Council of India will be set up under the chairmanship of cotton expert Suresh Amritlal Kotak, a representative of the Cotton Corporation and the Cotton Research Institute.
- Cotton Council of India will be set up to regulate cotton prices: Piyush Goyal Representatives from the ministries of textiles, agriculture, commerce, finance and industry will be included in the Cotton Council. Representatives of the Cotton Corporation of India and the Cotton Research Institute will also be accommodated in the Cotton Council, he said.

❖ India's first government OTT platform in Kerala

- For the first time in India, the Government of Kerala has taken the initiative to develop an OTT platform on behalf of the government.

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- Named 'cspace', the OTT will work like Amazon and will be operational on November 1.

❖ Reorganization of Inter-State Councils

- The Inter-State Council, which works to promote and support cooperative federalism in the country, has been reconstituted as chairman of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, chief ministers of all states and Six Union ministers as members.
- 10 Union ministers will be permanent invitees to the Inter-State Council.
- The government has also reconstituted the Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- The Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh are also members of the Standing Committee of the Inter-State Committee.

❖ Bharat Pipeline Project

- S. Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, inaugurated the Plumbex India Exhibition.
- He also announced a project called Bharat Kipu, a campaign to manufacture equipment for running water and toilet water pipes to help India to enter a new era of water conservation and sustainable development.

❖ The country's largest drone festival

- The event, known as the country's "biggest drone festival", was held at Pragati Maidan in Delhi on May 27, 2022.

❖ ABHA Mobile App

- The National Health Authority has now updated and upgraded a mobile app called Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) under the flagship scheme of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.
- The app was formerly known as the NDHM Health Records App (APP).

❖ e-Shiram

- During the Budget speech, the Finance Minister made the announcement to link four websites - National Industrial Service (NCS), e-Shiram, Udyam and Azim - to implement services related to credit facilitation, skill and recruitment.
- The e-Shiram platform has been launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- The registered workers will be issued an e-Shram card with a 12-digit unique number.
- An employee who has registered on the e-Shiram platform will be given Rs 2 lakh in case of death due to accident or permanent disability and Rs 1 lakh will be given for partial disability.

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❖ Parcel delivery by drone for the first time

- For the first time in the country, the Indian Postal Department has distributed the parcel of the drug through drones. The trial was successful in Kutch district of Gujarat.

❖ PM announces Rs 4,000 per month for children who have lost their parents to Covid-19

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that arrangements have been made to provide Rs 4,000 per month to children who have lost their parents due to covid-19.
- Apart from the cost of books and uniforms, the PM CARES scheme will also help children who want to pursue higher education or professional courses in the future if they need an education loan.
- Monthly stipend will be given from the age of 18 to 23 years. Also, at the age of 23, you will get Rs 10 lakh.
- Ayushman Health Card is also being issued for medical treatment.

❖ Ram Nath Kovind to visited Jamaica for the first time

- President Ram Nath Kovind is on a four-day visit to the Caribbean nation of Jamaica to mark the completion of 60 years of diplomatic relations between India and Jamaica. This is the first visit by an Indian President to Jamaica.
- During his visit in the city of Kingston the President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated a road called RNK Dr. Ambedkar Avenue. (Jamaica: Prime Minister Andrew Holnus).

❖ Pegasus spying software

- The Israeli spyware (NSO) has been accused for spying on the mobile phones of about 300 people, including opposition parties, social activists and journalists in India.

❖ 19% of people in India do not have access to toilets.

- 19% of people in India do not have access to toilets, according to a 2019-2021 study by the National Family Welfare Department (NFHS).

Festival

❖ Shirui Lily Festival Festival

- The 4th edition of the state-level Shirui Lilly festival began at Shirui village in Manipur's Ukhrul district. The function was inaugurated by Manipur Governor L Ganesan. Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh was also present at the meeting.
- Shirui lily is the state flower of Manipur.

Economy

❖ Interest rate hike for banks

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the interest rate (repo) on short-term loans given to banks to 4.40 per cent. Thus, the interest rate on personal loans, home and auto loans will go up.
- This is the first time since August 2018 that the repo rate has been hiked.

❖ Reliance's annual revenue crosses \$100 billion mark

- Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries has become the first Indian company to cross the \$100 billion annual revenue mark.

❖ The US is India's largest trading partner.

- Trade value between India and the US reached \$119.42 billion (about Rs 9.27 lakh crore) in the last fiscal year with this, the US has overtaken China to become India's largest ally.
- The figures have been released by the Union Commerce Ministry. According to the data, China has been India's principal trading partner from 2013-14 to 2017-18 and 2020-21. In the last financial year, the US overtook China to become India's largest trading partner.

❖ 5G will boost economy by Rs 35 lakh crore

- New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the country's economic value will grow by about Rs 35 lakh crore in 15 years through fifth generation (5G) spectrum technology.
- He also said that the 6G spectrum technology, which provides high-speed internet connectivity in the country, will be implemented by 2030.

❖ Indo-Pacific Economic Forum (IPEF)

- US President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida were also present. Leaders of Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam participated via video conferencing.

❖ 100 "unicorn" companies in the start-up industry

- In his "Mann Ki Baat" programme, PM Modi noted that the number of unicorns in India has reached 100. Even during the Covid pandemic, India's start-ups continue to create wealth and value.
- To get a unicorn status, the turnover of an innovation company must be at least Rs 7,500 crore. The total value of "unicorn" companies in the country has crossed Rs 25 lakh crore (USD 330 billion).

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❖ New Development Bank in India

- The New Development Bank of BRICS countries is planning to open India's regional new development bank office in The Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).

World

❖ South Korea: New President Yoon Suk-yeol

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated Yoon Suk-yeol on being sworn in as the new President of South Korea.

❖ Indo-Pacific Economic Forum

- India, the United States, Japan, Australia, Brunei, Malaysia, Indonesia, South Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam are the 13 countries (IPEF).
- India, the United States, Japan and Australia are quadrilateral countries.
- It has been launched with the objective of promoting sustainable development, integration, economic growth and economic competitiveness of countries.

Environment

❖ Tamil name for storm

- Sri Lanka has named the cyclone formed in the Bay of Bengal as 'Azaani' (Sinhala language perunchinam). The new cyclone that will form in the wake of Cyclone Azaani will be named Chitrang. Subsequently, names like Kurmi, Pravaho, Jar and Murasu given by India will also be used in the future.
- Clement Rock (1852-1922), a British astronomer, started the practice of naming storms.

❖ Blue Belly Kukri Snake

- The blue-wire kukri (palm) type of snake (oligoden melanius tail) was rediscovered in Manas National Park.

❖ The world's tallest weather station in the Himalayas

- The world's highest weather station ("world's highest weather station") has been set up on Mount Everest at an altitude of 8,830 in the Himalayas by experts from the National Geographic Society.

Science & Technology

- ❖ **The first photo of the black hole in which the world was formed has been released.**
 - Astronomers have released the first photo of the giant black hole found in the Milky Way.
 - A giant black hole has been discovered in the middle of Messier 87 near the Virgo galaxy cluster, according to a statement released by the European Southern Observatory.
 - Known by researchers as monster, this black hole is about 55 million light-years away from Earth.
 - It is said to be 4 million times larger than the Sun.
- ❖ **SU-30 MKI 'BrahMos' missile tested successfully**
 - The BrahMos supersonic (faster than sound) missile, an indigenously developed SU-30 MKI fighter aircraft (air to air target missile), was successfully test-fired in Bay of Bengal.
 - The extended-range BrahMos missile was launched from the SU-30 MKI fighter aircraft. This is the first time with this, the Indian Air Force has acquired the capability to hit long-range targets on land/sea.
- ❖ **Ship-to-destroy missile test successfully**
 - The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and the Indian Navy have successfully test-fired a helicopter-to-air cruise missile (DRDO) in Odisha's Balasore district.
 - This is the first time that a missile capable of hitting and destroying ships has been developed fully in India.
- ❖ **CCMB India mRNA Vaccination Platform (CCMB : develops India mRNA Vaccine platform)**
 - The Center for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) has established the "proof of principle" of the first indigenous mRNA vaccine technology.

Persons & Appointments

- ❖ **Nand Mulchandani, the first chief technical officer of the CIA**
 - The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the intelligence agency of the United States, is regarded as one of the world's foremost intelligence agencies. The organization has (first time) created the leadership position of Chief Technical Officer (CTO) and appointed Nand Mulchandani (an Indian-origin).
 - CIA Director William J. Burns.
- ❖ **BSE-Chairman S.S. Mundra**
 - S.S.Mundra has been appointed as the chairman of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

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❖ Suman Bery takes over as NITI Aayog vice-chairman

- Suman Bery took over as the third vice-chairman of NITI Aayog.
- Niti Aayog was formed in 2014 as a group of knowledge experts by the Government of India. Kumar took over for the first time after Arvind Panagariya stepped down from the post of its vice-president in 2017.
- Mr. Suman Bery has served as director-general of the National Applied Economic Research Council (NCAER) and as the global chief economist of the Royal Dutch Shell Organization.

❖ British man climbs Mount Everest for 16th time

- Kenton Cool, a 48-year-old British man, has set a world record by climbing the world's highest peak Everest for the 16th time. With this, a person who is not from Nepal has climbed Mount Everest for the greater number of times.
- Everest is the tallest peak in the world. It is situated on the china-Nepal border and has a height of 8,848 metres (29,035 ft).

❖ Indian woman on Bank of England Finance Board

- Swati Dhingra, an Indian woman and professor of economics, has been appointed to the finance board of the Bank of England (Britain's central bank).

❖ Captain Abhilasha becomes first woman fighter pilot in Indian Army

- Captain Abhilasha Parag successfully completed her training as the first woman fighter pilot of the Indian Army Air Force.
- In 1942, the Royal Air Force of the British Army started its military air wing in India.
- The first aircraft started its operation in 1947. In 1986, a dedicated air force for our army was established.

❖ Time magazine's list of 100 most influential people

- Supreme Court lawyer Karuna Nunti, industrialist Gautam Adani and Kashmiri-based human rights activist Khurram Parvez have been named in Time magazine's list of the world's 100 most influential people of 2022.
- The list is divided into six categories: Icons, Pioneers, Titans, Artists, Leaders and Inventors.

❖ Arvind Krishna elected to Board of Directors of Federal Reserve Bank of New York

- IBM Chairman and CEO Arvind Krishna has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

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❖ Manoj Pandey takes charge as 29th Chief of Army Staff

- He has been entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating the Navy and the Air Force.
- The post has been given due to the death of Chief of Defence Staff – General Bipin Rawat.
- 28th Commander-in-Chief of the Army, General M.M. Naravane.

Scheme

❖ 'ASHA' (Accredited Community Health Workers)

- In honour of the 10 lakh all-women ASHA volunteers in India, The WHO presented "WHO president's International Health Leaders" award to India.
- The main strategy of this work is to provide well-trained female health activists (Accredited Social Health Activist- ASHA) in every village (1/1000 population).
 1. To address the problem of malnutrition among the people.
 2. Improving health facilities
 3. Promoting healthy lifestyles

Summit

❖ World Health Organization 75th World Health Conference

- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, attended the 75th World Health Conference of the World Health Organization in Geneva.
- The theme of this year is: Health for peace, peace for health.

❖ Quad Summit - 2022

- The members of the Quad, the US, India, Australia and Japan, held talks in Japan (Tokyo) on regional security.

❖ World Economic Forum Conference - 2022 (WEF)

- The World Economic Forum (WEF) conference was held in Davos, Switzerland.

Defence

❖ HANSA-NG (Hansa-NG) Training Aircraft

- India's first indigenously manufactured training aircraft has been designed and developed by the National Aerospace Laboratory (CSIR-NAL), the central science and industry body in Bengaluru, under the aegis of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR-NG).

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❖ Project WARDEC

- The Army Training Corps and the Gandhinagar-based National Defence University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up a Battlefield Research and Development Centre in New Delhi.

❖ INS Surat, INS Udaygiri warships launched

- Ins Surat and INS Udaygiri are the two indigenously designed warships that have been launched. This is the first time that two warships were launched at the same time.
- INS – Surat – Name of India's 2nd largest trading city
- INS – Udaygiri – Name of Andhra Hills
- The Surat warship is the fourth ship to be manufactured under the 15B Test Royce scheme. The ship is named after Surat, the second largest trading city in western India.
- "Udaygiri" is the third ship manufactured under the 17A Frigates project. The ship has been named after the Andhra Range. The ship has been developed with additional features as an advanced version of the B17 Frigates (Shivalik) type of warship.
- The new warship is a remake of the "Udaygiri" warship, which faced various challenges in the army for 30 years from 1976 to 2007.

❖ Indian company that supplies batteries for European military equipment

- Bengaluru-based 'Pravaig' will supply batteries for the equipment which is used by the European armed forces.
- M2M Factory and AMG Pro are supplying equipment for the European militaries. These companies are producing and supplying various equipment's to the forces.
- Bengaluru-based Pravaig start-Up will be supplying batteries that will be part of the military hardware manufactured by the companies.

Awards

❖ Pulitzer Prize

- Indians Adnan Abidi, Channa Irshad Mattoo, Amit Dave and late Danish Siddiqui were awarded with the Pulitzer Prize in the category of documentary photography in the field of journalism.
- Since 1917, the Pulitzer Prize has been awarded every year for excellence in journalism, internet media, literature, music direction and drama. The award is presented by Columbia University in the name of American journalist Joseph Pulitzer.

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- It is to be noted that the late Danish Siddiqui was killed in an attack when he went to cover the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan.

❖ Wangari Mathai Forest Champion Award - 2022

- Cameroon activist, Cecilie Ndjebet has won the Wangari Mathai Forest Champion of the Year 2022.
- The award is given in recognition of his outstanding contribution in protecting the forests and improving the lives of the people who depend on them.
- The award is given by the Corporate Association on Forests (CPF). It is under the leadership of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

❖ India's female writer wins International Booker Award

- New Delhi: Delhi-based Hindi-language writer Gitanjali has been awarded the International Booker Prize for her novel 'Doomp of Sand'.
- Gitanjali became the first Indian woman writer to win an International Booker Award.
- Her novel Red Samadhi, translated into English as Tomb of Sand by Desi Rockwell, has won the Booker Prize.
- It is the first Hindi language book to be selected for the award. The book was written based on the partition of the country.

❖ Sangeetha Kalanidhi Award

- 2020 – Neyveli R. Santhana Gopalan – Dancer
- 2021 – Thiruvarur Bhakthavachalam – Mridangam Player
- 2022 – Lagudi GJR Krishnan (violin) and GJR Vijayalakshmi (violin).

Sports

❖ Junior Weightlifting India Champion

- India's Harshada Garud created history by winning a gold medal at the World Junior Weightlifting Championships in Greece. This is the first time that India has won a gold medal at the World Junior Weightlifting Championships.

❖ Deaflympics: Gold for India at Deaflympics

- At the 24th Olympic Games for the Deaf held in Caxias do Sul, Brazil, The Indian team 16 medals including 8 gold.

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❖ Para Table Tennis

- India won 12 medals – 4 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze – at the International Para Table Tennis Championship held in Al Wadani, Jordan.

❖ Thomas Cup badminton: Indian team creates history

- The badminton tournament for the Thomas Cup was held in Bangkok, Thailand. The Indian badminton team have reached the final slot and won the title (It is to be noted that for the first time in 73 years).

❖ Shooting - India tops the list

- India topped the junior World Cup tournament organised by the International Shooting Federation (ISSF) with 33 medals.
- In French league football – 2022's player of the year – Gyljan Mbappe.

❖ International Para Table Tennis Championship

- India won 12 medals, including 4 gold, the tournament held in Jordan.

Index

❖ World Press Freedom Rankings 2022: India ranked 150th

- "Reporters without Borders" is an international journalists' organisation that annually reports on media freedom in various countries.
- India – 150th position (total – 180 countries).
- Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Estonia and Finland are in the top five, respectively.
- North Korea is ranked 180th in the rankings.
- India is ranked 147th in the 2021 rankings.

❖ Travel and Tourism Promotion Index 2021

- India is ranked 54th in the Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021.
- Japan is at the top of the list. It is followed by the US, Spain, France and Germany, respectively.
- In 2019, India was ranked 46th on the index.
- It was published by the World Economic Forum.

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Books

- ❖ The book on police reforms was written by former IPS officer Prakash Singh.
- ❖ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu released the book '**Modi@20: Dreams Meeting Delivery**' (Dream Come True).

Important Days

1. May 1 - Labour Day
2. May 3 - World Press Freedom Day
3. May 4 - Coal Miners' Day
4. May 4 - International Firefighters Day
5. May 5 - International Maternity Assistant's Day
6. May 7 - International Astronomy Day
7. May 8 - World Thalassaemia Day
8. May 8 - World Red Cross Day
9. May 12 - International Nurses Day
10. May 14 - World Migratory Bird Day
11. May 16 - National Dengue Day
12. May 16 - Buddha Purnima Day
13. May 18 - World AIDS Vaccine Awareness Day
14. May 18 - World Museum Day
15. May 20 - World Bee Day
16. May 21 - Anti-Terrorism Day
17. May 22 - International Day of Biological Diversity
18. May 24 - Commonwealth Day
19. May 25 - World Thyroid Awareness Day
20. May 28 - Menstrual Awareness Day for Women
21. May 29 - International Day for United Nations Peacekeepers
22. May 31 - World No Tobacco Day

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