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# TAMIL NADU

## ➤ Sports Schools of Excellence

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government - plans to set up Sports Schools of Excellence across the State to ensure that amenities for sports training are easily accessible to government school students.
- ✓ In every district, two Sports Schools of Excellence would be set up at an estimated cost of Rs 9 crore.
- ✓ The proposed Schools would facilitate the participation of government school students in district, state, national and international sporting events.

## ➤ Tamil Mozhi Karpom

- ✓ The department is also set to launch a Tamil language learning scheme, "Tamil Mozhi Karpom", to help children of migrant workers learn to fluently speak, read and write the language without any hassles.
- ✓ The department will also build smart classrooms at Rs 150 crore in 7,500 government primary schools across the state
- ✓ This apart, Rs 10 crore has been allocated to conduct a mega reading movement to inculcate reading habits among the students.

## ➤ GI Tag for 11 products

Product	Location
<b>Murukku</b>	Manapparai
<b>Thaikkal Rattan craft</b>	Mayiladuthurai
<b>Auhtoor Vetrilai (betel leaf)</b>	Thoothukudi
<b>Vetrilai</b>	Sholavandan
<b>Cumbum Panner Grapes</b>	Theni
<b>Negamam cotton sarees</b>	Coimbatore
<b>Varkey</b>	Ooty
<b>Myladi stone carvings</b>	Kanniyakumari
<b>Sago (Javvarisi)</b>	Salem
<b>honey</b>	Marthandam
<b>Pottery - Ghatam</b>	Manamadurai

- ✓ In a first time, 11 products from Tamil Nadu were conferred with a geographical indicator (GI) tag together.
- ✓ With this, Tamil Nadu would surpass Karnataka to become the state with the highest number of GI tags by 56 products.

➤ **Excavations**

- ✓ On April 6, Chief minister M K Stalin - launched excavations at eight archaeological sites in Tamil Nadu, including Keeladi, and unveiled an Augmented Reality app for the Keeladi Museum.



- ✓ The excavations will take place at Keeladi and surrounding areas, such as Agaram and Konthagai in Sivaganga district (ninth phase), Gangaikonda Cholapuram in Ariyalur district (third phase), Vembakottai in Virudhunagar district (second phase), Thulukkarpatti in Tirunelveli district (second phase), and Pattarai Perumbudur in Thiruvallur district (third phase).
- ✓ Further, the first phase of excavation commenced at Keezh Namandi in Tiruvannamalai district, Porpanaikottam in Pudukkottai district, and Boothinatham in Dharmapuri district.
- ✓ This is the first time that excavation works were launched at eight places all at once, according to the state government.

➤ **TN REACH**

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (Tidco) has developed a mechanism called Tamil Nadu Regional Aerial Connectivity through Helicopters (TN REACH), which aims to utilize over 80 unused helipads across the state to provide intercity and town connectivity.
- ✓ This would be possible by leveraging the National Civil Aviation Policy and the Helicopter Policy of the Government of India.

➤ **Thiranari Thervu Thittam**

- ✓ Under the *Thiranari Thervu Thittam*, 1,000 students will be chosen from government schools to receive guidance in premier institutions and monthly stipend of 1,000 will be provided.

- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has launched a new scheme to encourage government school students for studying in premier institutions. “The aim of the scheme is to encourage students to pursue higher education,” he said, launching the *Anaivarukkum IIT M*, a joint initiative with the School Education Department.
- **TN - Second Vande Bharat Express**
- ✓ Prime Minister on Saturday flagged off the Chennai-Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express from the Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Station here, in the presence of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, Governor and Minister for Railways.
- ✓ This is the second Vande Bharat train for the State, but the first to ply within Tamil Nadu. The first train operates between Chennai and Mysuru through Bengaluru.
- **Pichanur Village Panchayat**
- ✓ Pichanur village panchayat in Madukkarai block - has bagged the first rank under the good governance category at the National Panchayat Awards-2023.



- ✓ With the award, Pichanur becomes the only local body in Tamil Nadu to receive the honour this year.
- ✓ The ministry of panchayati raj has been selecting best three panchayats under nine categories.
- ✓ These awards would be presented in New Delhi on April 24 - the National Panchayat Raj Divas.
- **TN - Prohibition of Online Gambling and Regulation of Online Games Bill**
- ✓ On April 10, Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi - granted his assent to the re-adopted ‘Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Online Gambling and Regulation of Online Games Bill, 2022’.
- ✓ According to Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, the assent was a “good consequence” of the resolution on the Governor adopted by the Assembly earlier in the day.

- ✓ Earlier, the assembly passed a resolution calling for a time limit to be imposed on state governors for the passage of key legislations.
  
- **GI tag**
- ✓ The famous Cumbum Panneer Thratchai or Cumbum grapes from Tamil Nadu have recently been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ✓ The Cumbum valley in Tamil Nadu is popularly known as the 'Grapes City of South India' and is known for cultivating the Panneer Thratchai or Muscat Hamburg variety, which constitutes around 85% of the grape-growing regions in Tamil Nadu.
  
- **Union Jal Shakti Ministry - TN**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu - has secured the top ranking in the first-ever national census of lakes conducted by the Union Jal Shakti ministry with 13,629 lakes.
- ✓ The findings that were released on April 23 shows that Tamil Nadu stands fourth (43,837) in the number of tanks, after Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The irrigation census sponsored by the Centre was launched to have a comprehensive national database of all water bodies, covering all aspects, both in rural and urban areas.

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# STATE

## ➤ **First Fernarium**

- ✓ Eravikulam National Park has set up its first Fernarium.
- ✓ To increase awareness among visitors about the biodiversity of Eravikulam National Park, India's first Fernarium has been set up inside the park.
- ✓ This is the first time such a Fernarium collection has been established in a hill region. Eravikulam National Park has 104 species of Fernarium.

## ➤ **125-ft tall Bronze Statue of BR Ambedkar**

- ✓ On April 14, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao - unveiled the 125-ft tall bronze statue of BR Ambedkar in Hyderabad, to mark the 132nd birth anniversary of the architect of the Indian Constitution.



- ✓ The statue in Hyderabad is India's tallest statue of Ambedkar.
  - ✓ It is located on the banks of Hyderabad's famed Hussain Sagar lake, near to the State Secretariat and the Telangana Martyrs memorial.
- ## ➤ **One Panchayat, One Playground**
- ✓ The 'One Panchayat, One Playground' project was launched by Kerala's Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan, at Kallikkad.
  - ✓ The project aims to reinvigorate the sports culture in the state by establishing high-quality playgrounds in every panchayat.
  - ✓ The Chief Minister emphasized the significance of a strong sports culture in fostering a robust and contented community during the project's inauguration.

➤ **India's First Water Metro**

- ✓ During his two-day visit to Kerala, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate India's first-ever water metro that connects 10 islands surrounding Kochi using battery-operated electric hybrid boats.
- ✓ This innovative mode of transportation will provide seamless connectivity between the islands and the city.

➤ **Sinthan Snow Festival-2023**

- ✓ The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu and Kishtwar Tourism Development Authority (KTDA) - has organized a two-day Sinthan Snow Festival-2023 at Sinthan Maidan, Kishtwar from April 28 to 30.
- ✓ The snow festival was organized in collaboration with the District Administration Kishtwar, the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), and the Army.



- ✓ The 2 day Sinthan Snow Festival-2023 will host a variety of activities like Bike Rally, Paragliding, Snow Kayaking, Fun Snow activities, Local cultural performances among others.



# NATIONAL

## ➤ **New Foreign Trade Policy (FTP)**

- ✓ On March 31, Union Commerce, Industry and Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal - unveiled a new foreign trade policy (FTP), which is expected to boost exports amid slowing global trade.
- ✓ Unlike the previous practice of announcing 5-year FTP, the new policy does not have an end date and will be updated periodically as per the requirement.
- ✓ The new foreign trade policy has highlighted the vision to take India's goods and services exports to \$2 trillion by 2030.

## ➤ **World's Second-Largest Solar Manufacturer**

- ✓ India has been making significant strides toward renewable energy in recent years, with a focus on solar energy.
- ✓ The country has set ambitious targets to increase its solar energy capacity and has been taking various steps to achieve them.
- ✓ In line with this, India is expected to become the world's second-largest solar manufacturer by 2026.

## ➤ **Indian Space Policy 2023**

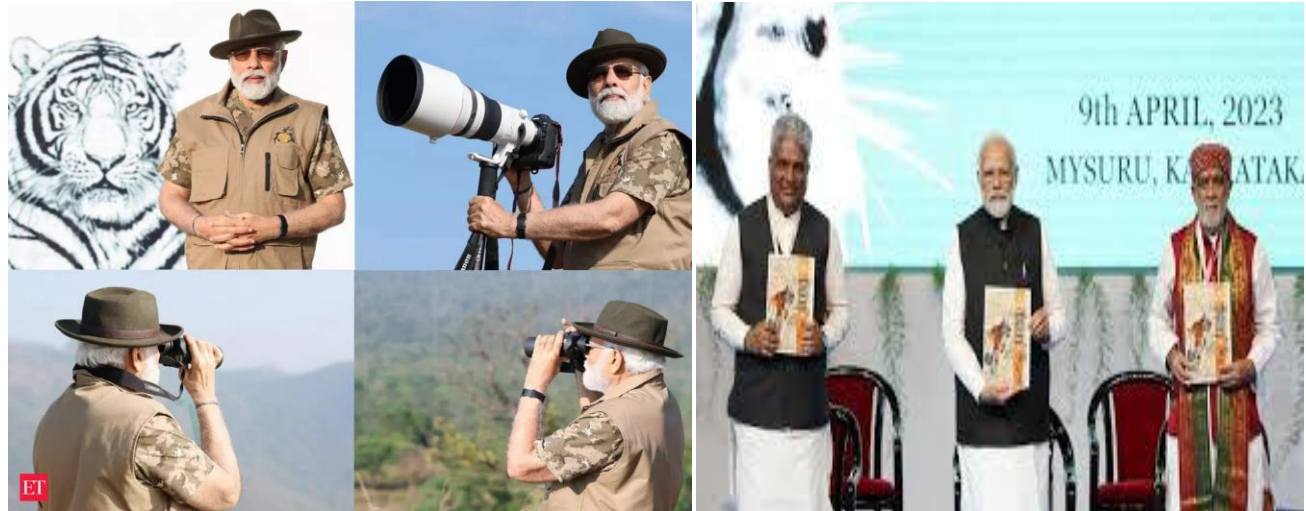
- ✓ The Union Government of India has recently approved the Indian Space Policy 2023, which aims to enhance the role of the Department of Space and boost the activities of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- ✓ This policy is a significant step towards strengthening India's space sector and achieving self-reliance in space technology.

## ➤ **International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA)**

- ✓ On April 9, Prime Minister - will launch the International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA) and release the latest tiger population at the Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru.
- ✓ The IBCA focuses on protection and conservation of seven major big cats of the world – tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar and cheetah – by curbing poaching and illegal wildlife trade.
- ✓ The launch of the alliance and release of tiger numbers will take place on the first day of the three-day Indian Conservation Conference (ICC).

➤ **50 Years Of 'Project Tiger'**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi - released the latest tiger census data at a mega event to mark the completion of 50 years of 'Project Tiger' in Karnataka's Mysuru on April 9.



- ✓ At the inaugural session of commemoration of 50 years of 'Project Tiger', the Prime Minister launched the first of its kind 'International Big Cat Alliance' (IBCA) and also released a summary report of the 5th cycle of Management Effective Evaluation of Tiger Reserves.
- ✓ The tiger popular in India was 3,167 in 2022, revealed the fifth cycle of India's tiger census data released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ According to the data, the tiger population stood at 1,411 in 2006, 1,706 in 2010, 2,226 in 2014, 2,967 in 2018 and 3,167 in 2022.

➤ **Vibrant Villages Programme**

- ✓ On April 10, Union Home Minister Amit Shah - launched the 'vibrant villages programme' at Kibithoo, a remote border village in the northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Kibithoo is about 15km south of LAC and 40km west of the India-China-Myanmar tri-junction and was often described as India's last village.
- ✓ The 'vibrant villages programme' (VVP) has a central component of Rs.4,800 crore, including Rs.2,500 crore exclusively for road connectivity.

➤ **Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative**

- ✓ On April 14th, 2023, Shri Parshottam Rupala, the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, launched two significant initiatives: the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative (APPI) and the Animal Health System Support for One Health (AHSSOH) project, which is funded by the World Bank.

- ✓ The launch event will take place at the India Habitat Center in New Delhi and will be held under the National One Health Mission.
- **Mission 50K-EV4ECO**
  - ✓ Government-owned lender to MSMEs, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) - has launched a pilot program – Mission 50K-EV4ECO – to promote the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs).
  - ✓ The mission aims to bring down the capital cost for purchasing electric vehicles (EVs), especially 2- and 3-wheelers, through direct and indirect lending.
- **Vibrant Villages Programme Integrated with Gati Shakti Mega Project**
  - ✓ The Centre - has integrated its ambitious Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) with the Prime Minister Gati Shakti mega project.
  - ✓ The VVP aims to develop infrastructure in the North Eastern region to stop migration of border population and to open up villages for tourism along the China border.
  - ✓ The Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N) in Gujarat has been roped in to provide satellite images and GIS mapping of the projects that will be taken up under the scheme.
- **Indiahandmade.com**  
The government - has launched a new e-commerce portal 'Indiahandmade.com' for artisans and weavers



- ✓ The new website enables artisans and weavers to sell their handloom and handicraft products directly to customers without any middlemen.
- ✓ The portal will launch products from more than 35 lakh handloom weavers and 27 lakh handicraft artisans directly to the consumers.
  
- **PM Modi addresses 100th Man Ki Baat Radio Broadcast**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the historic 100th episode of his popular monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat' on April 30, 2023.
- ✓ To celebrate this landmark achievement, the 100th episode of the show was broadcast live from the United Nations headquarters in New York as well.
- ✓ The "Mann Ki Baat," programme is hosted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the last Sunday of every month at 11 am on the entire All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD) network.



# INTERNATIONAL

## ➤ North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

- ✓ Finland - will become the 31st member of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) on April 4, immediately preceding a two-day meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Brussels.

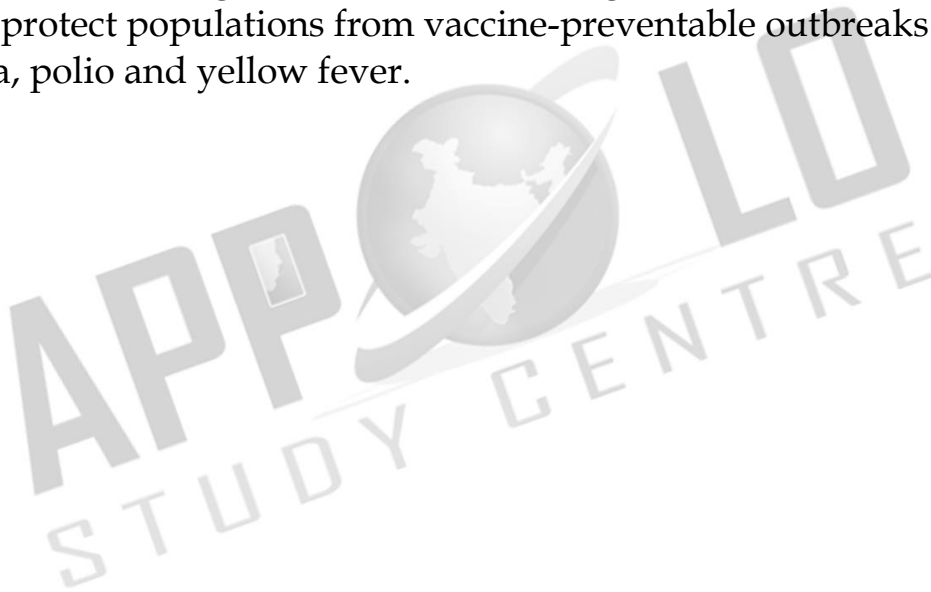


- ✓ Finland's blue-and-white flag will be hoisted outside NATO headquarters when it becomes the newest member of the Western alliance.
- ✓ Finland's foreign minister will hand over the formal accession papers to US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, the keeper of NATO's founding treaty.
- **World's Most Populous Country**
- ✓ According to a recent survey, India exceeds China in terms of the population across the world. Currently, the nation is home to 142.86 crore people.
- ✓ The UN World Population Report reveals that while China has a total of 142.57 crores, India's populace increased this year.
- ✓ There are a number of factors that affect population growth including life expectancy, fertility rate and international migration.

## ➤ International Big Cats Alliance



- ✓ Nepal has become a founding member of the International Big Cats Alliance.
  - ✓ During the launch of the alliance under India's initiative, Minister for Energy Shakti Bahadur Basnet handed over the letter mentioning Nepal will be associated with the alliance as a founding member to Indian Minister for Forest and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav.
- **PRET and the Big Catch-up**
- ✓ The World Health Organization - has recently launched two health initiatives - 'PRET and the Big Catch-up'.
  - ✓ **PRET**, It focuses on improving pandemic preparedness for groups of pathogens based on their mode of transmission and to better prepare for future outbreaks
  - ✓ The **Big Catch-up** initiative was launched by the WHO, UNICEF, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation along with Immunization Agenda 2030.
  - ✓ It aims to protect populations from vaccine-preventable outbreaks like measles, diphtheria, polio and yellow fever.



# SCHEMES

## ➤ **New India Literacy Programme**

- ✓ The Government - has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, New India Literacy Programme for implementation during the financial year 2022-23 to 2026-27.
- ✓ The Scheme has five components - Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Critical Life Skills, Vocational Skills Development, Basic Education and Continuing Education.
- ✓ The scheme is mainly based on volunteerism for teaching and learning, implemented predominantly through online mode.

## ➤ **'Digital House' Scheme**

- ✓ On April 12, speaker M Appavu - launched the 'digital house' scheme as part of the state government's efforts to make Tamil Nadu assembly 'paperless'.
- ✓ Under the scheme, an e-book app has been developed and uploaded in the tab kept in front of each MLA.
- ✓ Also, under National e-Vidhan application (NEVA) the details of the ministers and MLAs who speak during the question hour were displayed in the four giant screens kept inside the assembly.

## ➤ **'Home Again' Rehabilitation Scheme**

- ✓ On April 17, the department for the welfare of differently-abled people - announced a new 'Home Again' rehabilitation scheme in the state assembly.
- ✓ The scheme aims to integrate those people who recover from mental disabilities with the society.
- ✓ The new programme would seek to rehabilitate the mentally-challenged people who are cured after their stay in the rehabilitation homes.

## ➤ **Marketing and Logistics Development for Promotion of Tribal Products from North-Eastern Region (PTP-NER)**

- ✓ On April 18, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda - launched a new scheme to promote tribal products from the northeastern region.



- ✓ The new tribal-oriented central scheme is named as 'Marketing and Logistics Development for Promotion of Tribal Products from North-Eastern Region (PTP-NER)!'.
- ✓ It will focus on increasing efficiency in procurement, logistics and marketing of tribal products from the northeastern states.
- ✓ The Centre launched the scheme in line with One District One Product initiative, which would provide logistics and marketing support to the tribal artisans so they could sell their products to the open market and develop their products.

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# INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

## ➤ India and Malaysia



- ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs declared that trade between India and Malaysia can now be conducted using the Indian Rupee (INR) as a mode of settlement, in addition to other currencies.
- ✓ This announcement follows the launch of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023.
- ✓ This move is expected to boost bilateral trade between the two countries and reduce transaction costs for businesses.

## ➤ Buzi Bridge

- ✓ External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar - virtually inaugurated the Buzi Bridge, which was built by India in Mozambique, recently.



- ✓ It has been built as part of the 132 km Tica-Buzi-Nova-Sofala Road project in Mozambique.
- ✓ The bridge is a practical example of India-Mozambique solidarity and friendship.

## ➤ Operation Kaveri

On April 24, the government - launched 'Operation Kaveri' to evacuate close to 3,000 Indian citizens stranded in Sudan.



- ✓ African country, Sudan has been witnessing deadly fighting between the country's army and a paramilitary group for the last 11 days that has reportedly left around 400 people dead and over 3,700 wounded.
- ✓ The warring factions have agreed to a 72-hour ceasefire beginning from April 25 as Western, Arab and Asian nations race to evacuate their nationals from the country.
- **India-UK NET zero innovation virtual centre**
- ✓ India and the United Kingdom - have agreed to create 'India-UK NET zero innovation virtual centre'.
- ✓ This centre will provide a platform for stakeholders of both countries to work together in areas like the decarbonization of manufacturing processes, transport systems, and green hydrogen as a renewable source.

# CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Trade and Investment Working Group (TIWG)**
  - ✓ The first G20 Trade and Investment Working Group (TIWG) meeting - concluded on March 30 in Mumbai.
  - ✓ During this three-day working group meeting, over 100 delegates from G20 member countries, invitee countries, regional groupings and international organizations were present in Mumbai.
  - ✓ The deliberations focused on accelerating global trade and investment, while simultaneously progressing towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals.
  
- **First National Conference of the All India Federation for Social Justice**
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin - virtually addressed the first national conference of the All India Federation for Social Justice on April 3.

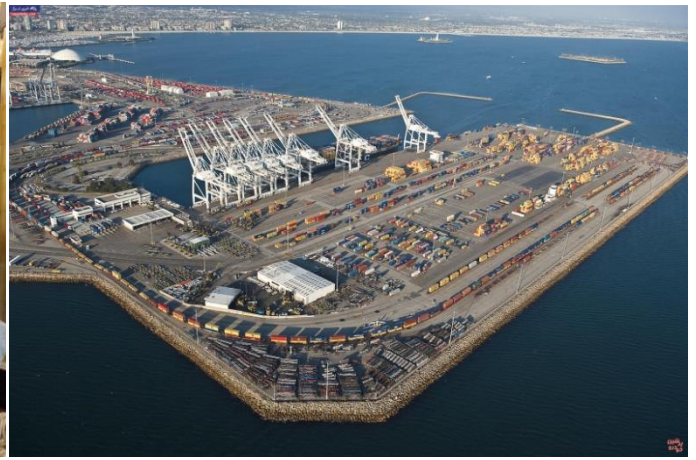


- ✓ During his address, CM Stalin has urged the central government to carry out a caste-based census in the country to ensure social justice and to streamline reservation for minority populations.
  - ✓ The conference was convened by DMK under the theme “Taking Forward the Struggle for Social Justice and Joint National Programme for Social Justice Movement”.
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- **The three-day meeting of Youth20 (Y20) - began at Auroville on April 4**
    - ✓ Tamil Nadu governor R N Ravi, who is also the chairman of Auroville governing board, inaugurated the meet in the presence of Puducherry lieutenant governor Tamilisai Soundararajan, a member of the board
    - ✓ The Y20 meeting aims to encourage youth in evolving as future leaders to raise awareness on global issues and facilitate exchange of ideas.

- ✓ Youth20 (Y20) is an official consultation forum for youth from all G20 member countries.
- **Combined Commanders Conference**
- ✓ The Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC) is an annual event where India's top military commanders come together to discuss and brainstorm on military matters and national security.
- ✓ This year, the theme of the CCC was 'Ready, Resurgent, Relevant.' The objective was to assess the progress made by the Armed Forces in meeting the challenges of modern warfare.
- **International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI)**
- ✓ The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2023 - was held in New Delhi recently on April 4 and 5.



- ✓ During his address, the PM mentioned the Infrastructure for Resilient Island States initiative or IRIS benefitting many island nations.
- ✓ It was held under the theme "Delivering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure: Pathways for Risk Informed Systems, Practices and Investments".
- **India-Central Asia Joint Working Group (JWG)**
- ✓ The first meeting of the India-Central Asia Joint Working Group (JWG) on the Chabahar port – was held in Mumbai recently on April 12 and 13.



- ✓ The meeting was attended by senior officials from Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.
- ✓ India has been pushing for the Chabahar port project to boost regional trade, especially for its connectivity to Afghanistan.

#### ➤ **8th India-Thailand Defence Dialogue**

- ✓ The 8th India-Thailand Defence Dialogue will be held in Bangkok on 20 April 2023.
- ✓ Special Secretary in the Ministry of Defence Nivedita Shukla Verma will co-chair the meeting.
- ✓ During the dialogue, they will review the defence cooperation and explore new initiatives to further strengthen bilateral engagements.

#### ➤ **Global Buddhist Summit**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi on April 20, 2023.
- ✓ The Ministry of Culture in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation will host the two-day Summit.
- ✓ The theme of the Summit is Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis.

#### ➤ **Quad Leaders' Summit**

- ✓ Australia - will host the Quad Leaders' Summit for the first time in Sydney on May 24.
- ✓ The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue comprises of India, the US, Japan and Australia.
- ✓ The Summit will be attended by US President Joe Biden, Japanese PM Fumio Kishida, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



- ✓ The leaders will discuss ways to deepen their cooperation on issues involving the Indo-Pacific, including critical and emerging technologies, high-quality infrastructure, global health, climate change, maritime domain awareness and other pressing issues.
- **Asia Pacific Leaders' Conclave on Malaria Elimination**
- ✓ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare - organised the Asia Pacific Leaders' Conclave on Malaria Elimination in New Delhi on April 24 in partnership with the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA).



- ✓ The conclave was organized on the eve of World Malaria Day.
- ✓ The Conclave provided a platform for leaders from the Asia Pacific region to discuss ongoing efforts toward malaria elimination and to focus their action for malaria elimination by 2030.

# DEFENCE

## ➤ GSAT 7B

- ✓ The Ministry of Defence - signed a Rs 3,000-crore contract with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), for an advanced communication satellite, GSAT 7B.
- ✓ Indian Army is the only one among the other armed forces - IAF and Indian Navy - who doesn't have its own communication satellite.
- ✓ The Army is set to get the first-of-its-kind five-tonne geostationary satellite by 2026 and it will be developed indigenously by ISRO.

## ➤ INS Androth

- ✓ India - recently launched the INS Androth, second in an eight-ship series of Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC).



- ✓ INS Androth is designed to conduct anti-submarine operations in coastal waters, low intensity maritime operations and mine laying operations.
- ✓ The ship, which is 77.6 meters long and 10.5 meters wide, is propelled by three diesel-driven water jets, enabling it to attain a maximum speed of 25 knots.

## ➤ SLINEX-2023



- ✓ The 10th annual SLINEX-2023 bilateral maritime exercise between India and Sri Lanka has commenced in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- ✓ The exercise is divided into two phases, the Harbour Phase and the Sea Phase, each lasting three days.
- ✓ The exercise will also feature the Special Forces of both navies working together.

➤ **Cope India**



- ✓ Next week April 10-15, India's Sukhoi-30s, which are made in Russia, will participate in an exercise named 'Cope India' that involves dogfighting with American F-15 Strike Eagle fighter jets.
- ✓ The exercise, which was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will take place after a gap of four years.

➤ **KAVACH**

- ✓ On April 5, 2023, the Andaman & Nicobar command, which is India's sole tri-services unit, held a collaborative military drill named Exercise 'KAVACH.'
- ✓ The weaponry and equipment of the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard were utilized by the soldiers participating in 'EX-KAVACH.'
- ✓ The primary objective of this joint service exercise was to enhance the coordination and joint war-fighting capabilities of the various services.

➤ **Greek Exercise Iniochos 23**

- ✓ The Greek and Indian Air Forces will collaborate on a joint training exercise with Su-30, F-16, and Rafale fighter jets for ten days over Greece and the Mediterranean Sea.
- ✓ The exercise will be conducted as part of the annual Greek exercise Iniochos 23, led by the Greek Air Force and the Greek Air Tactics Center of the Ministry of Defense. The training is scheduled to begin on April 18th and will conclude on April 28th.



➤ **Exercise 'Cope India 23'**

- ✓ Exercise 'Cope India 23', a bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force and the United States Air Force - is currently underway at Panagarh, Kalaikunda (West Bengal) and Agra air force stations.



- ✓ This 11 days exercise aims at enhancing mutual understanding between the two Air Forces and sharing their best practices
- ✓ The two-week 'Cope India' exercise, which began on April 10, will "further enhance operational capability and interoperability between the two air forces"

➤ **Exercise Orion**

- ✓ Indian Air Force contingent reached France to participate in "Exercise Orion" on 14 April. The exercise is being conducted at the Air Force Base of the French Air and Space Force Mont-de-Marsan.
- ✓ This exercise will be conducted from 17th April to 5th May.
- ✓ The air forces of Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, UK, Spain and the US will participate in Exercise Orion.

➤ **Ajeya Warrior 2023**

- ✓ Exercise Ajeya Warrior 2023 is a bilateral training exercise between the armies of India and the UK.
- ✓ This is the 7th edition of the exercise.
- ✓ It aims to improve interoperability between the two forces while carrying out operations in accordance with UN mandates.

➤ **Five Women Officers in Combat Roles**

- ✓ In a historic first, the Indian Army - has inducted five women officers in combat roles into its Regiment of Artillery.



- ✓ Lt Mehak Saini, Lt Sakshi Dubey, Lt Aditi Yadav, Lt Pious Mudgil and Lt Akanksha have joined the Army's premier artillery units after successfully completing their training at the Officers Training Academy (OTA) in Chennai on April 29.
- ✓ Out of the five women officers, three are posted to frontline formation units deployed along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China and the other two in "challenging locations" near the frontier with Pakistan.
- ✓ The young women officers are being posted to all types of key artillery units and surveillance and target acquisition (SATA) systems as well as key equipment in challenging conditions.

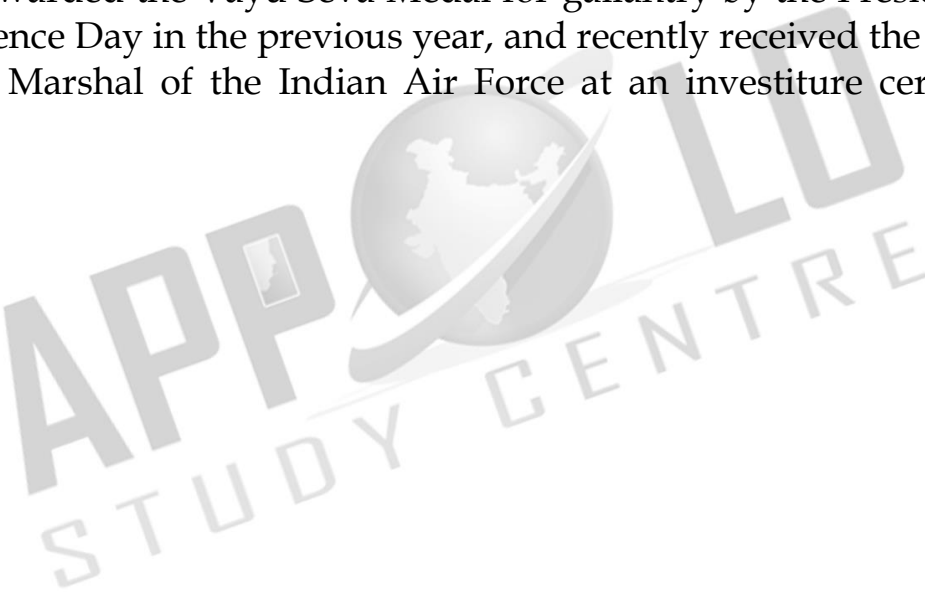
# AWARDS

## ➤ 2023 International Prize in Statistics

- ✓ The Indian-American statistician Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao has been awarded the 2023 International Prize in Statistics – the equivalent of the Nobel Prize for statistics.
- ✓ It is awarded once every two years to an individual or team “for major achievements using statistics to advance science, technology and human welfare”.

## ➤ Vayu Seva Medal

- ✓ Wing Commander Deepika Misra has made history as the first female Air Force officer to receive a gallantry medal.
- ✓ She was awarded the Vayu Seva Medal for gallantry by the President of India on Independence Day in the previous year, and recently received the award from the Air Chief Marshal of the Indian Air Force at an investiture ceremony in New Delhi.



# ECONOMY

## ➤ **Goods and Services Tax (GST) - March 2023**

- ✓ The Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection - rose 13% to over Rs.1.60 lakh crore in March, according to the finance ministry.
- ✓ This is the fourth time in the current financial year that the gross GST collection has crossed Rs.1.5 lakh crore.
- ✓ The collection of Rs.1,60,122 crore during the month of March 2023 is the second-highest collection ever recorded.

## ➤ **DigiClaim**

- ✓ Union Minister of Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar - recently launched the National Crop Insurance Portal's digitized claim settlement module 'DigiClaim'.
- ✓ The module has been launched under the centre's flagship scheme, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).
- ✓ It has been created to disburse claims electronically in a time-bound and automated manner.

## ➤ **GDP - 2023-24, 2024-25**

- ✓ On April 11, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) - slashed India's GDP growth forecast to 5.9% for 2023-24 and 6.3% for 2024-25 consequent to global economic uncertainty.
- ✓ In January, the IMF in its World Economic Outlook (WEO) update had said that India remained a bright spot and with China would account for half of global growth this year, as against just a tenth for the US and euro area combined.

## ➤ **India's Overall Exports - Rose 14%**

- ✓ India's overall exports - rose 14% to a record \$770 billion during the last financial year 2022-23.
- ✓ It is an all-time high record growing from \$500 billion in 2020-21 to \$676 billion in 2021-22.
- ✓ This was announced by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on April 13 in Rome.

## ➤ **Direct Taxes - 2021-22**

- ✓ Maharashtra - topped the list of states and Union Territories with the highest collection of direct taxes in 2021-22.

- ✓ Delhi, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat are the other states that complete the Top 5, as per the data released by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on April 13.
- ✓ According to CBDT, India's gross direct tax collection rose 173% to Rs 19.7 lakh crore in 2022-23 from Rs 7.2 lakh crore in 2013-14.
- ✓ The data also showed net direct tax collections increased by 121% from Rs 6.4 lakh crore in 2013-14 to Rs 14.1 lakh crore in 2021-22.
- ✓ Direct taxes largely include personal income tax and corporate tax.



# PERSONALITIES

## ➤ Amit Kshatriya

- ✓ Amit Kshatriya, Indian-American software and robotics engineer - was appointed as the first head of Nasa's newly established Moon to Mars Programme.
- ✓ Kshatriya will serve as Nasa's first head of the office, with immediate effect.
- ✓ In his new role, Kshatriya will be responsible for programme planning and implementation for human missions to the Moon and Mars.

## ➤ Anjali Sharma

- ✓ Mountaineer Anjali Sharma of Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh - conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, wearing the traditional Luanchari dress.



- ✓ Lunachari is traditional dress of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ With this, Anjali became the first Indian woman to achieve the feat while wearing the traditional Gaddi costume.
- ✓ Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest summit in Africa and the highest single free-standing mountain in the world, with its summit reaching an elevation of 5,895 meters above sea level.

## ➤ Femina Miss India 2023 - Nandini Gupta



- ✓ At an extravagant event held in Manipur's Imphal, Nandini Gupta has been honoured with Femina Miss India 2023 title.
- ✓ This 19-year-old girl hails from Kota, Rajasthan and is crowned at the 59th edition of the big national beauty show.
- ✓ Moreover, she will now be representing India at the International Beauty Pageant.

➤ **Virginia Norwood**



- ✓ 96-year-old Virginia Tower Norwood who took her last breath on March 26, 2023, has been a pioneer in Aerospace.

- ✓ One of her biggest contributions includes inventing the multispectral scanner that was thoroughly used in the Landsat Project.
- ✓ This device could measure Earth from Space and provided various images of the planet through which scientists could assess its workings.

➤ **Prabhat Koli**

- ✓ Indian swimming sensation Prabhat Koli (23) - became the only Indian open water swimmer to bag three Guinness records.



- ✓ Koli is credited with three Guinness records, and all as youngest swimmer to cross ocean routes.
- ✓ Early last month, Koli became the youngest person in the world to have completed the Ocean Seven Challenge.

➤ **Lieutenant Shivangi Singh**

- ✓ Indian Air Force's first woman pilot to fly the Rafale fighter jets, Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh - is part of the IAF contingent taking part in the multi-national exercise 'Orion' in France.





- ✓ Commissioned in the IAF's second batch of women fighter pilots in 2017, Shivangi Singh flew MiG-21 Bison aircraft before flying the Rafale.
- ✓ She hails from Varanasi and is part of the IAF's Golden Arrows squadron based in Ambala, Punjab.

➤ **Ratan Tata**

- ✓ Ratan Tata, the Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, has been awarded the Order of Australia (AO), which is Australia's highest civilian honour.
- ✓ The announcement was made by Australia's High Commissioner to India, Barry O'Farrell.
- ✓ The award was given to Tata in recognition of his contributions towards strengthening the bilateral relations between India and Australia.

➤ **Abhilash Tomy**

- ✓ Retired Indian Navy Officer, Abhilash Tomy - scripted history on April 29 to become the first ever Indian to complete the prestigious Golden Globe Race 2022.



- ✓ The Golden Globe Race is a solo around-the-world sailing competition and had started on September 4 last year from Les Sables-d'Olonne in France.
- ✓ Commander Abhilash Tomy, a solo circumnavigator from Kerala, not only completed the race but finished second only behind South Africa's Kirsten Neuschafers, the only female participant in the race, who ended up first finishing the race on April 27.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### ➤ **Sachin@50**

- ✓ Boria Majumdar, a renowned sports historian and popular TV show host, unveiled a new book called 'Sachin@50 - Celebrating A Maestro' on the occasion of legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar's 50th birthday.
- ✓ The book has been conceptually designed and curated by Majumdar, with a special back cover note written by Gulzar. It will be officially released on Tendulkar's 50th birthday, which falls on April 24, 2023.

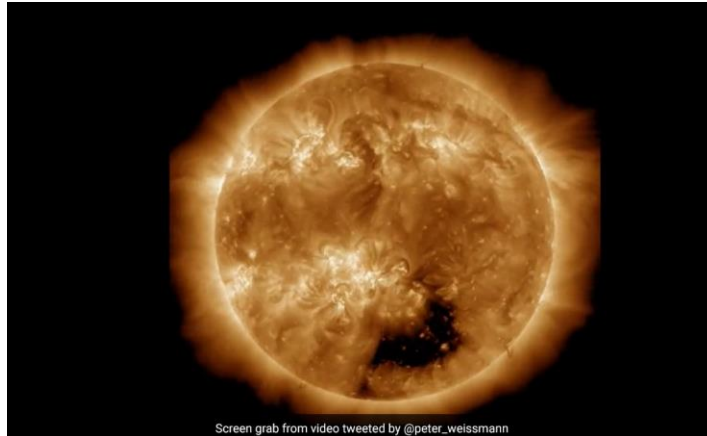
### ➤ **Saurashtra-Tamil Sangamprashastih**

- ✓ At the end of the 'Saurashtra Tamil Sangam' event, the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, revealed a book called 'Saurashtra Tamil Sangam Prashasti,' authored by Somnath Sanskrit University.
- ✓ The Sangam celebrates the cultural and historical bond between Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam event allowed Saurashtrian Tamils to reconnect with their ancestral roots.

# SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

## ➤ Coronal Hole

- ✓ NASA scientists - have spotted a massive black region on the Sun, which is 20 times larger than Earth.



- ✓ The appearance of the “coronal hole” has prompted US federal agency National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to sound out an alert for geomagnetic storms
  - ✓ The massive hole is unleashing 1.8 million mile-per-hour solar winds towards Earth.
  - ✓ The latest hole was discovered on March 23 near the Sun’s South Pole.
- ## ➤ First Cloned Female Calf
- ✓ The National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal - has produced the country's first cloned female calf of the desi breed Gir named ‘Ganga’, which can produce more than 15 litres of milk per day.
  - ✓ The NDRI, Karnal is working on a project on cloning of indigenous cow breeds such as Gir and Sahiwal.
  - ✓ The programme was started by National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal.
- ## ➤ Yuva Vignani Karyakram (YUVIKA)
- ✓ The Isro - has recently launched a new program titled ‘Yuva Vignani Karyakram (YUVIKA)’ to encourage students develop a passion for space science.
  - ✓ The YUVIKA program is open to students in the 9th standard (or equivalent) from all over India.



- ✓ The program provides an opportunity for the students to explore the wonders of space science, space applications, and space technology.
- **Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX)**  
The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) - successfully conducted the Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV LEX) from the Aeronautical Test Range in Karnataka's Chitradurga on April 2.



- ✓ According to ISRO, it was for the first time in the world that a winged body was carried to an altitude of 4.5km by a helicopter and released for carrying out an autonomous landing on a runway.
- **Artemis II**



On April 3, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) - announced the four astronauts, who will be a part of the lunar mission, Artemis II, next year.

- ✓ The four astronauts will now begin training for the historic Artemis II lunar flyby, which is scheduled to launch in November 2024.
- ✓ This will be the first crewed moon trip in fifty years.
- ✓ The astronauts are Jeremy Hansen of the Canadian Space Agency, Victor Glover, Christina Koch, and Reid Wiseman of NASA.

#### ➤ **PSLV-C55**

- ✓ On April 22, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) - successfully launched two Singapore satellites – TeLEOS-2 (a synthetic aperture radar satellite) and Lumelite-4 (a technology demonstration nano-satellite) – in their desired orbits onboard PSLV-C55 mission.



- ✓ Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C55 is a dedicated commercial PSLV mission of NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), which is the commercial arm of ISRO, for an international satellite customer.

#### ➤ **GSAT-12**

- ✓ The Indian space agency ISRO - has successfully disposed of the communication satellite GSAT-12 in a post mission disposal (PMD) operation last month.
- ✓ According to a statement issued by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the post mission disposal operation of GSAT-12 was completed on March 23, 2023.
- ✓ GSAT-12 is the twenty-third Geosynchronous Earth Orbital (GEO) satellite to undergo PMD before decommissioning.

#### ➤ **First Liquid Nano Di-Ammonia Phosphate (DAP)**

- ✓ On April 26, Union home and cooperation minister Amit Shah - launched the world's first liquid Nano Di-Ammonia Phosphate (DAP).



- ✓ Nano DAP – a novel nano fertiliser containing nitrogen and phosphorus – is manufactured by the cooperative major IFFCO, the country's largest fertilizer cooperative.
- ✓ It is a locally developed liquid form of the fertilizer widely used by the farm sector to increase crop productivity and save subsidies.

➤ **Expedition 69**

- ✓ UAE astronaut Sultan Al-Neyadi - has become the first Arab astronaut to walk in space as part of a space mission named 'Expedition 69'.



- ✓ The astronaut ventured out from the International Space Station (ISS) and completed his spacewalk.
- ✓ Sultan Al Neyadi and NASA astronaut Steve Bowen concluded their 7-hour-long spacewalk on April 29 in the vacuum of space on the starboard side of the ISS' truss structure.

# SPORTS

## ➤ **Street Child Cricket World Cup**

- ✓ Chennai has always welcomed cricket with open arms, and has played the perfect host to several national and international tournaments.
- ✓ Come September, Chennai will witness another cricket tournament, but one with a difference – the Street Child Cricket World Cup 2023.

## ➤ **Chief Minister Mini-Stadia**

- ✓ On April 11, Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin - said that in the first phase 10 constituencies will get mini stadia and they will be called 'Chief Minister Mini-Stadia'.
- ✓ While making announcements for the sports department, the Minister said that along with the existing 29 mini stadia, 10 more will be constructed and along with the existing ones, the new ones would be named as "Chief Minister Mini-Stadium".

## ➤ **Girls Sports Company (GSC)**

- ✓ The Indian Army - has approved the constitution of the Girls Sports Company (GSC) to recruit young women athletes.
- ✓ It will be on the lines of the Boys Sports Company (BSC) which was started by the Army Sports Institute (ASI) in 2005.
- ✓ The ASI has already started training women athletes and will soon begin recruiting young girls in four disciplines.

## ➤ **International Surf Open**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu - will be hosting an International Surf Open, part of the World Surf League (WSL), at Mahabalipuram from August 14-20 this year.
- ✓ It will be the first such event organised in India.
- ✓ The International Surf Open, a WSL QS 3000 event would see participants from some 12-14 countries and about 80-100 surfers, in addition to 15 Indians (10 men and five women) who will be given wild cards.

# REPORT

## ➤ **India Justice Report (IJR)**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu's prisons department - emerged as the number one in the country, according to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2022.
- ✓ For Tamil Nadu prisons department, this is a substantial jump as it was ranked 10th in IJR 2019 and sixth in IJR 2020.
- ✓ Fewer overcrowded prisons, an increased representation of women among prison staff and fewer vacancies have helped the state to top the IJR 2022 rankings.

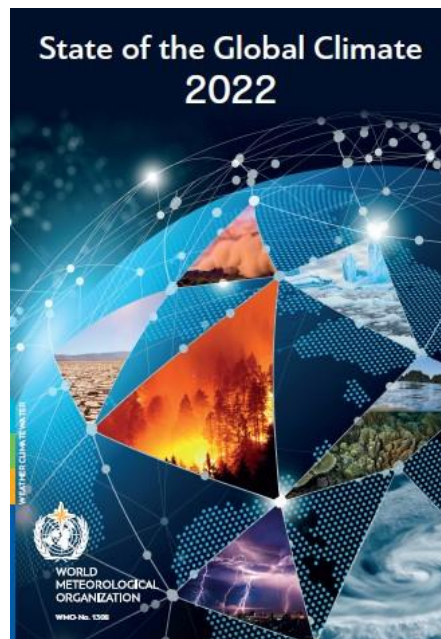
## ➤ **National Tiger Conservation Authority's (NTCA) Fifth Cycle Summary Report**

- ✓ The five tiger reserves in Tamil Nadu - have performed well in terms of management effectiveness, according to the National Tiger Conservation Authority's (NTCA) Fifth Cycle Summary Report-2022.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the report at an event held in Mysuru on April 9 to commemorate 50 years of Project Tiger.
- ✓ Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) and the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) have been categorized as 'excellent reserves' in Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE)-2022 rating.
- ✓ The Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR) and the Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR) are categorised as 'very good reserves' with a score between 75-89% in the MEE.
- ✓ The newly declared Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve (SMTR) scored 60.94% and is classified as a 'good reserve'.

## ➤ **State of the Global Climate 2022**

- ✓ On April 21, the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) - has released its annual 'State of the Global Climate 2022' report on the eve of the World Earth Day.





- ✓ As per the report, the year 2022 was "fifth or sixth" warmest year on record in the 173 years of direct record keeping, despite the prevalence of La Nina conditions
  - ✓ The report stated that the years from 2015 to 2021 were the warmest ever recorded, and that the concentrations of the three main greenhouse gases responsible for global warming - carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide - reached record highs in 2021.
  - ✓ The report also said that the increased incidences of droughts, floods, and heat waves on a global scale, including India, are the result of record levels of heat-trapping greenhouse gases and they cost many billions of dollars.
  - ✓ The global mean sea level is at a record high, having risen by 4.62 mm per year from 2013 to 2022, double the rate between 1993 and 2022.
- **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**
- ✓ India's military expenditure - rose by 6% in 2022 and the country stood as the fourth-highest spender in the world, according to the latest data from Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released on April 24.
  - ✓ India's military spend of \$81.4 billion in 2022 saw a rise of 6% compared to 2021 and 47% compared to 2013.
  - ✓ The 4 largest military spenders are the US (\$877 billion), China (\$292 billion), Russia (\$86.4 billion), and India (\$81.4 billion).
  - ✓ The top three spenders, US, China and Russia, accounted for 56% of the world's total share of military expenditure, as per the Swedish think tank's data.
  - ✓ The United States was by far the world's biggest military spender with \$877 billion in 2022.

# RANKING

## ➤ World's Most Criminal Countries

- ✓ World of Statistics has shared the ranking of the world's "most criminal countries".
- ✓ On the list, Venezuela has been ranked top, followed by Papua New Guinea (2), Afghanistan (3), South Africa (4), Honduras (5), Trinidad (6), Guyana (7), Syria (8), Somalia (9) and Jamaica (10), respectively.
- ✓ India stood at 77 spots while the US and UK were ahead of India in the criminal ranking country.
- ✓ The USA was at 55th number and the UK at 65th rank, according to the World of Statistics. Turkey, Germany, and Japan were among the least criminal countries, ranking at 92nd, 100th, and 135th ranks.

## ➤ World Bank's Logistics Performance Index

- ✓ India - has moved up six places on the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index and is ranked at 38<sup>th</sup> place in the 139 countries index.
- ✓ India was ranked 44<sup>th</sup> on the index in 2018 and 54<sup>th</sup> in 2014.

<b>RANKS 38TH</b>	
World Bank's Logistics Performance Index, 2023	
Rank	Country
1	Singapore
2	Finland
3	Denmark
4	Germany
5	Netherlands
19	China, South Africa
38	India, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye, Portugal, Lithuania
51	Brazil
88	Russian Fed

- ✓ The Centre had announced PM Gati Shakti initiative, a National Master Plan for multimodal connectivity, in October 2021 to reduce logistics cost and boost the economy by 2024-25.
- ✓ In 2022, the PM had launched the National Logistics Policy (NLP) to ensure quick last-mile delivery, end transport-related challenges, save time and money of the manufacturing sector and ensure desired speed in the logistics sector.

## IMPORTANT DAY

Date	Day	Theme
April 02	World Autism Day	Theme 2023 - 'Transforming the narrative: Contributions at home, at work, in the arts and in policymaking'
April 04	International Day of Mine Awareness	The theme of the year 2023 is "Mine Action Cannot Wait"
April 05	National Maritime Day	The theme for National Maritime Week 2023 is 'Amrit Kaal in Shipping'
April 05	International Day of Conscience	The theme for the year 2023 is "Building a Culture of Peace"
April 06	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	The theme for the 2023 is "Scoring for People and the Planet"
April 07	World Health Day	The World Health Day 2023 has adopted the theme "Health For All"
April 10	World Homoeopathy Day	The theme of the convention was "Homoeoparivar - Sarvajan Swasthya, One Health, One Family"
April 11	National Safe Motherhood Day	National Safe Motherhood Day is observed with the objective of promoting the well-being and safety of mothers
April 11	World Parkinson's Day	The theme for World Parkinson's Day 2023 is "#Take6forPD"
April 12	International Day of Human Space Flight	To commemorate the beginning of human space exploration and acknowledge the significant contribution of space science and technology in achieving the

		peaceful use of outer space
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Ambedkar Jayanti</b>	Ambedkar Jayanti is observed on 14 April every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar
<b>April 15</b>	<b>World Art Day</b>	UNESCO's General Conference declared April 15 as World Art Day to commemorate Leonardo da Vinci's birthday
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Save the Elephant Day</b>	The theme for Save the Elephant Day 2023 is "Safeguarding Elephant Habitats for a Sustainable Tomorrow"
<b>April 17</b>	<b>World Hemophilia Day</b>	Theme 2023 - "Access for All: Prevention of bleeds as the global standard of care"
<b>April 18</b>	<b>World Heritage Day</b>	Theme 2023 - "Heritage Changes"
<b>April 19</b>	<b>World Liver Day</b>	The theme for this year's World Liver Day is "Be vigilant, do a regular liver check-up, fatty liver can affect anyone"
<b>April 21</b>	<b>National Civil Services Day</b>	This day offers a chance to express gratitude towards the contributions made by civil servants to society
<b>April 22</b>	<b>World Earth Day</b>	Theme 2023 - 'Invest in our Planet'
<b>April 23</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>	The theme for World Book Day 2023 is "Indigenous Languages"
<b>April 23</b>	<b>World English Day</b>	The day is observed every year to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of the English playwright and poet William Shakespeare

<b>April 24</b>	<b>National Panchayati Raj Day</b>	The event is part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) - Samaaveshi Vikaas (Inclusive Development) campaign, which aims to celebrate people's participation in the saturation of people-centric schemes
<b>April 25</b>	<b>World Malaria Day</b>	Theme 2023 - "Time to deliver zero malaria: invest, innovate, implement"
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Zero Shadow Day</b>	During the day, none of the city's vertical objects would cast a shadow for a short period of time
<b>April 26</b>	<b>World Intellectual Property Day</b>	Theme 2023 - "Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity"
<b>April 28</b>	<b>World Day for Safety and Health at Work</b>	Theme 2023 - "A safe and healthy working environment as a fundamental principle and right at work"
<b>April 29</b>	<b>World Veterinary Day</b>	The aim of World Veterinary Day is to recognize the hard work and dedication of veterinary professionals in protecting the health and safety of animals and humans alike



- a. 1 மற்றும் 3 சரியானவை  
c. 2 மற்றும் 3 சரியானவை  
e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

- b. 1 மற்றும் 2 சரியானவை  
d. 3 மற்றும் 4 சரியானவை

### Latest inventions in Science and Technology

3. In which state, India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory, to track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth, will be set up in

- a. Assam                      b. Uttarkhand                      c. Mumbai  
d. Chennai                      e. Answer not known

இந்தியாவின் எந்த மாநிலத்தில், பூமியைச் சுற்றி வரும் 10 செ.மீ. அளவுள்ள பொருட்களைக் கண்காணிக்க முதல் வணிக விண்வெளி சூழ்நிலை விழிப்புணர்வு கண்காணிப்பகம் அமைக்கப்பட உள்ளது?

- a. அசாம்                      b. உத்தரகாண்ட்                      c. மும்பை  
d. சென்னை                      e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

### Bursar in Tamil Nadu Educational Service - 21-03-2023

### Welfare oriented Government schemes and their utility

1. Which social security scheme offers health and maternity benefits for women?

- a. AB - PMJAY                      b. PMSBY                      c. PMJJBY  
d. PMJDY                      e. Answer not known

எந்தச் சமூகப் பாதுகாப்புத் திட்டம் பெண்களின் ஆரோக்கியத்திற்கும் மகப்பேறுக்கும் பயனளிக்கிறது?

- a. AB - PMJAY                      b. PMSBY                      c. PMJJBY  
d. PMJDY                      e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

### Other & COVID

2. The major problems faced by the migrant labours to the cities during Covid-19 in Tamil Nadu are

- (i) Problems of food  
(ii) Nutritional and livelihood security  
(iii) Harvesting operations were delayed

- a. (i) only                      b. (ii) only                      c. (i) and (ii) only  
d. (i), (ii) and (iii)                      e. Answer not known

தமிழ்நாட்டில் கோவிட்-19 இன் போது நகரங்களுக்குப் புலம் பெயர்ந்த தொழிலாளர்கள் எதிர்கொண்ட முக்கிய பிரச்சனைகளாவன?

(i) உணவுப் பிரச்சனைகள்

(ii) ஊட்டச்சத்து மற்றும் வாழ்வாதாரப் பாதுகாப்பு

(iii) அறுவடைப் பணிகள் தாமதமானது

a. (i) மட்டும்

b. (ii) மட்டும்

c. (i) மற்றும் (ii) மட்டும்

d. (i), (ii) மற்றும் (iii)

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

## ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY - CUM- CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST IN TAMIL NADU MEDICAL SERVICE - 24-03-2023

### Awards

1. Kaya Kalp award is related to which field?

a. Education

b. Public health care

c. Sports

d. Yoga

e. Answer not known

காய கல்ப் விருது எந்தத் துறையுடன் தொடர்புடையது?

a. கல்வி

b. பொது சுகாதாரம்

c. விளையாட்டு

d. யோகா

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

## JUNIOR REHABILITATION OFFICER IN TAMILNADU GENERAL SUBORDINATE SERVICE - 01/04/2023

### UNIT - II - CURRENT EVENTS

#### Welfare oriented Government schemes and their utility

1. \_\_\_\_ scheme is to provide health care for low income group.

a. Van dhan

b. Life Insurance

c. New Health Insurance

d. Ayushman Bharat

e. Answer not known

\_\_\_\_ திட்டம் குறைந்த வருவாய் உள்ள மக்களுக்கு சுகாதார பாதுகாப்பை அளிக்கிறது.

a. வன் தன்

b. ஆயுள் காப்பீடு

c. புதிய சுகாதார காப்பீடு

d. ஆயுள்மான் பாரதம்

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை