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TAMIL NADU

- **Demonstration Fast Reactor Fuel Reprocessing Plant (DFRP)**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Rs 400 crore Demonstration Fast Reactor Fuel Reprocessing Plant (DFRP) at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam, to the nation.



- ✓ The DFRP boasts a unique design, crafted entirely by Indian scientists.
 - ✓ This facility is capable of reprocessing both carbide and oxide fuels discharged from fast reactors, setting it apart as the only one of its kind globally.
 - ✓ This facility is a significant step towards advancing India's nuclear capabilities, designed to reprocess fuel from Prototype Fast Breeder Reactors (PFBR).
- **First Asia GCC Outside China In Tamil Nadu**
 - ✓ Adidas, the renowned athletic footwear and apparel giant, is making strategic moves to enhance its global operations by establishing its first and only Global Capacity Centre (GCC) in Asia outside of China.



- ✓ This significant development underscores the growing trend of multinational corporations choosing India as a prime destination for setting up their GCCs, capitalizing on the country's abundant software skills.

- ✓ This move signifies a pivotal step for Adidas, as the Chennai facility becomes the first GCC outside of China in Asia.
- ✓ The choice of Chennai as the location for this hub reflects the city's rising prominence in the global corporate landscape.
- **Vinfast to build an integrated electric vehicle facility in Tamil Nadu**
- ✓ Vietnamese electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer VinFast on Saturday said it will work towards building an integrated EV facility in the state with a total investment of up to \$2 billion.



- ✓ The company, in a statement, said that it has committed \$500 million for the first phase of the project and that the total outlay will span five years from the commencement date.
- **Tata Power Company to invest nearly Rs 70,000 crore in Tamil Nadu**
- ✓ In what may well be the largest single investment by Tata Power Company in any state, the power major is all set to invest around Rs 70,000 crore to come up with 10 gigawatt (GW) solar and wind units in Tamil Nadu over a period of five to seven years.



- ✓ TP Solar's manufacturing plant is expected to start commercial production of cells and modules by FY25.

➤ **Global Investors Meet - GIM2024**

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government, led by Chief Minister MK Stalin, revealed its ambitious vision for the state to achieve a \$1 trillion economy by 2030 during the Global Investors Meet in Chennai on January 7.



- ✓ It strategically aims for \$3.8-4.3 trillion in investments to attract FDI and boost local expansion. The goal is holistic growth, ensuring prosperity across all regions with a focus on climate consciousness and sustainability in all initiatives.
- ✓ Priorities include human capital growth, innovation through industry-academia partnerships, fostering an industry-friendly climate, advocating transparent governance, and developing sustainable infrastructure.

➤ **Technology Education and Learning Support (TEALS)**

- ✓ In an effort to bridge the digital divide, the School Education Department has partnered with Microsoft to expand the Technology Education and Learning Support (TEALS) programme to more schools on Thursday.



- ✓ The project was started on a pilot-basis in 14 schools of three districts – 10 government schools, two government-aided schools and two private schools.
- ✓ Now, the project is in the process of being expanded to 100 schools.

- ✓ The teachers have been trained to teach the students HTML, C++, Python, game development and artificial intelligence (AI).

➤ **Nalam Naadi App**

- ✓ Minister for School Education Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi unveiled the *Nalam Naadi* app on Tuesday for special educators to track students with learning disabilities in Chennai.



- ✓ The students undergo health screening which is undertaken by the teachers at the school.
- ✓ This data is then fed into the health app under the Education Management Information System (EMIS) which is run by the School Education department.
- ✓ Hence, to be able to cater to the children's needs and to tailor a curriculum that would be beneficial for them, this app was launched".

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➤ **T.N. has the highest number of Operational SEZs**

Tamil Nadu has the highest concentration of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country, with 54 in operation in the State, which account for a third of its exports, Alex Paul Menon, Development Commissioner, MEPZ (Madras Export Processing Zone) SEZ, said at the Global Investors Meet on Monday.

➤ **World Tamil Diaspora Day**

- ✓ World Tamil Diaspora Day celebrated on 12 January in Chennai.
- ✓ On the occasion, Chief Minister M.K.Stalin said that a special department has been created for the welfare of Tamils living abroad and a minister has been appointed.



- ✓ The Chief Minister distributed medals to 13 important Tamil achievers who have excelled in various fields, including education, art, literature, and culture. In this event, Tamils living in fifty countries participated.
- ✓ Enathu Gramam, My Village, a unique scheme for the development of villages was launched.
- ✓ Under this scheme, any person can adopt his native village and ensure its overall development.
- **IndoSpace & Tamil Nadu Govt**
- ✓ IndoSpace, a leading player in industrial and logistics real estate, has solidified its commitment to Tamil Nadu's economic development by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) valued at Rs 2000 crore.



- ✓ This landmark agreement was unveiled during the Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet 2024.
- ✓ The MoU underscores IndoSpace's strategic focus on contributing to the growth of Tamil Nadu's industrial landscape.
- ✓ This significant investment is poised to have far-reaching implications, not only for the state's economic prosperity but also for job creation.

➤ **TN BEAT EXPO 2024**

- ✓ Business Conclave to Promote SC/ST entrepreneurs.



- ✓ In a one-of-its-kind initiative, the State government brought together entrepreneurs from the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST) under one roof at the “**TN BEAT EXPO 2024 - Build Entrepreneurs in Adi Dravidars and Tribals**”, one of south India’s biggest business conclaves for entrepreneurs from the SC/ST community, on Friday.
- ✓ The event is being held with support from the State government and Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation Limited (TAHDSCO).

STATE

➤ **First State To Map All Accident Prone Sites**

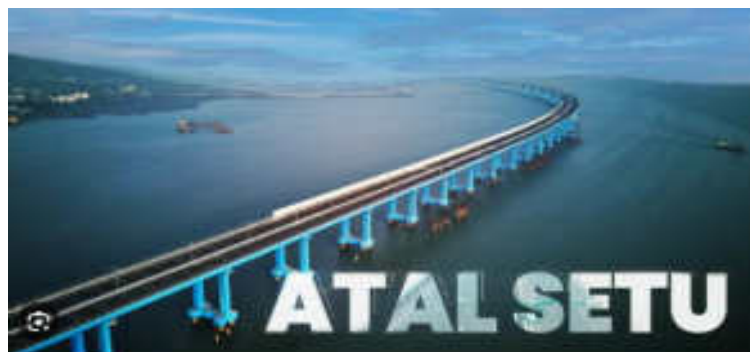
- ✓ Punjab has become the first in India to meticulously map all 784 accident black spots using the Mapppls App, a cutting-edge navigation system developed by MapMyIndia.



- ✓ In a strategic move, the Punjab Police has teamed up with MapMyIndia to integrate real-time traffic updates and alerts into the Mapppls App.
- ✓ This collaboration aims to provide citizens with crucial information about black and blind spots, ensuring a safer driving experience.
- ✓ The comprehensive mapping of accident black spots is a crucial component of this visionary project, aiming to create a robust system for ensuring road safety across the state.

➤ **India's Longest Sea Bridge**

- ✓ The Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) or Atal Setu, longest sea bridge in India is set to be inaugurated by the prime minister Narendra Modi.



- ✓ The bridge has been named after former prime minister and late BJP veteran Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

- ✓ 21.8 km in length and having six lanes, the bridge has been constructed at a whopping cost of 18,000 crore.
 - ✓ The bridge originates from Sewri in Mumbai and ends at Nhava Sheva in Uran taluka in Raigad.
 - ✓ It is expected to boost economic development in Navi Mumbai and other nearby areas.
 - ✓ It has shortened the distance between Mumbai and Navi Mumbai to just 20 minutes which earlier took 2 hours.
- **World's First 'Black Tiger Safari'**
- ✓ In a groundbreaking move, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has unveiled plans for the establishment of the world's first 'black tiger safari' near the Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) in Mayurbhanj.



- ✓ This visionary project aims to provide tourists and visitors with a rare glimpse of the melanistic tigers, commonly known as black tigers, recently spotted at the Similipal National Park.
- ✓ The proposed safari site, near Baripada and spanning 200 hectares, will be strategically located adjacent to National Highway 18.

NATIONAL

➤ 'Heal in India, Heal by India' Initiative

- ✓ India aims to extend medical facilities worldwide through the initiative, aligning with the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.



- ✓ Schemes like Ayushman Bharat demonstrate India's commitment to fostering equality in healthcare.
 - ✓ Inauguration of new facilities, including emergency wards and sports injury centers, highlights the government's dedication to enhancing healthcare infrastructure.
- ## ➤ India's First Hygienic Food Street 'Prasadam'
- ✓ Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya recently inaugurated 'Prasadam,' the nation's first healthy and hygienic food street, in a grand ceremony at Neelkanth Van, Mahakal Lok, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.



- ✓ Spanning an impressive 939 square meters, "Prasadam" stands as a symbol of holistic development.
- ✓ "Prasadam" goes beyond offering a culinary delight. It provides an array of facilities, including a dedicated kids' play area, drinking water facility, CCTV surveillance, ample parking, public conveniences, and spacious seating areas.

- ✓ These facilities are aimed at enhancing the overall experience for visitors and locals alike.
- **National Youth Festival**
- ✓ Prime Minister will inaugurate the 27th National Youth Festival at Nashik in Maharashtra tomorrow.



- ✓ He will also address the youth of the nation.
- ✓ National Youth Day is celebrated every year to honour the ideals and thoughts of Swami Vivekananda.
- ✓ The theme of the National Youth Festival this year is MYBharat-ViksitBharat@2047- By the Youth, For the Youth.
- ✓ During the celebration, various states will showcase cultural programmes of their diverse cultural heritage.
- **India's First Dark Sky Park**
- ✓ The Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Maharashtra is India's first Dark Sky Park within a tiger reserve for earmarking areas around the park that restrict light pollution for stargazers to access pristine dark skies.



- ✓ Dark Sky Place certification focuses on lighting policy, dark sky-friendly retrofits, outreach and education, and monitoring the night sky.

- ✓ This designation positions PTR as a sanctuary where tourists can witness celestial spectacles, shielded from the intrusion of artificial light pollution.
- ✓ Pench Tiger Reserve became the fifth such park in Asia.
- ✓ The certification was given by the International Dark-Sky Association, a global dark-sky movement to promote astronomy.

➤ **9th India International Science Festival**

- ✓ Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh will inaugurate the 9th India International Science Festival in Faridabad, Haryana.



- ✓ The primary objective of this festival is to commemorate the world of science, making it accessible to all. It will continue till 20th January, which aims to engage the public with science and celebrate the joy of science.
- ✓ From the ground-breaking Mars Orbiter Mission to the awe-inspiring Chandrayaan expeditions, India is not just keeping pace with technological advancements, it is leading the charge.

➤ **Asia's Largest Aviation Expo 'Wings India 2024'**

- ✓ Union Minister for Civil Aviation Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia inaugurated Wings India 2024, Asia's largest aviation expo, at Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad.

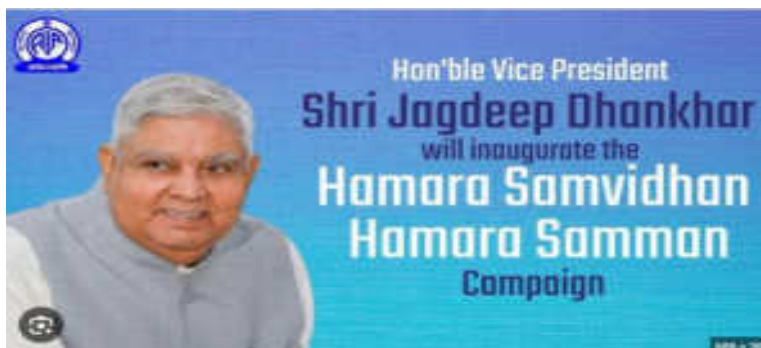


- ✓ Notable developments included the Airbus-Air India Training Centre, contracts with TATA ASL and Mahindra Aerospace Structures Pvt. Ltd., and the inauguration of the GMR School of Aviation.
 - ✓ The theme of Wings India 2024 is “Connecting India to the World in Amrit Kaal: Setting the Stage for India Civil Aviation @2047”.
 - ✓ The aim is to support a USD 20 trillion economy by 2047 with a robust aviation system.
- **Farsi As India’s New Classical Language**
- ✓ In a noteworthy development aimed at strengthening cultural ties, the Government of India, under the New Education Policy, has decided to include Farsi (Persian) as one of the nine classical languages of India.



- ✓ This announcement was made by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during a two-day visit to Iran, highlighting the cultural, literary, and linguistic connections between Iran and India.
- ✓ Farsi, also known as Persian, is an Indo-Iranian language belonging to the Iranian branch of the Indo-Iranian languages.

- **‘Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman’ Campaign**
- ✓ Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurates 'Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman' campaign for India's 75th Republic Year at Dr Ambedkar International Centre.



- ✓ The nationwide initiative aims to reinforce commitment to constitutional principles, instilling pride and responsibility among citizens.
- ✓ Nyaya Setu, introduced by the Vice-President, is a transformative initiative providing legal services to the last mile, with a focus on empowering marginalized communities.
- ✓ The campaign emphasizes legal empowerment, ensuring access to justice for all citizens.



SCHEMES

➤ PRITHVI VIGYAN Scheme

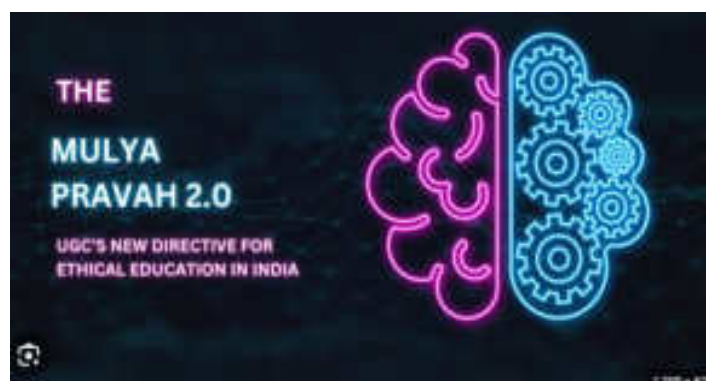
- ✓ The Indian government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has launched an ambitious initiative named PRITHVI (PRITHvi Vlgyan), a comprehensive scheme by the Ministry of Earth Sciences.



- ✓ With a significant budget of Rs. 4,797 crore, the program spans from 2021-26, marking a new era in the study and understanding of Earth sciences in India.
- ✓ The PRITHVI scheme aims to revolutionize our understanding and interaction with various Earth systems. Its objectives include: Strengthening the continuous monitoring of the Earth's atmosphere, oceans, geosphere, cryosphere, and solid earth to track and record essential changes.

➤ Mulya Pravah 2.0

- ✓ In a significant move to promote ethical practices in higher education, the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India has introduced Mulya Pravah 2.0.



- ✓ This new guideline comes as a response to surveys that highlighted unethical practices such as favouritism, sexual harassment, and gender discrimination within various educational organizations.

- ✓ Mulya Pravah 2.0 is an updated version of the original Mulya Pravah guideline, which the UGC introduced in 2019.
- ✓ The main objective of this revised guideline is to instill human values and professional ethics in higher education institutions across India.
- **ANUBHAV Awards Scheme, 2024**
- ✓ The ANUBHAV Awards Scheme, initiated by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare (DoPPW), is an innovative platform for recognizing the contributions made by retired officials to nation-building during their tenure in government service.



- ✓ Launched in 2015, the scheme is a step towards documenting India's administrative history through written narratives by retired Central Government employees.
- ✓ The scheme offers 05 ANUBHAV Awards and 10 Jury Certificates annually.
- **Pradhanmantri Suryodaya Yojana**
- ✓ PM Modi Launches Sunrise Scheme To Install Solar Panels In 10 Million Households.



- ✓ The initiative, named 'Pradhanmantri Suryodaya Yojana,' seeks to propel India towards self-reliance in the energy sector while benefitting the common citizens.

- ✓ The initiative is poised to empower households across India by enabling them to generate their electricity through rooftop solar systems.
- ✓ By installing solar panels on one crore houses, the government aims to alleviate the financial burden on the poor and middle class while fostering sustainability and self-sufficiency in the energy domain.



INTERNATIONAL

- **International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC)**
- ✓ INSTC is a 7,200-km long multi-mode network of ship, rail, and road routes.



- ✓ The route primarily involves moving freight from India, Iran, Azerbaijan, and the Russian Federation via ship, rail, and road.
- ✓ The primary objective of the INSTC project is to reduce costs in terms of time and money over the traditional route currently being used.
- ✓ INSTC facilitates smoother transportation of goods, fostering economic growth and enhancing connectivity between the member countries.

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

➤ **India-Guyana Hydrocarbon Collaboration**

- ✓ Union Cabinet, led by the PM, greenlights MoU between India's Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Guyana's Ministry of Natural Resources.



- ✓ Comprehensive collaboration covers crude oil sourcing, exploration, and production, oil refining, capacity building, bilateral trade, natural gas sector, regulatory framework, and clean energy initiatives.
- ✓ Anticipated strengthening of bilateral trade, investment facilitation, diversified crude oil sources, global exposure for Indian companies, and alignment with India's "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" vision.
- ✓ MoU set for an initial five-year term.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ **International Purple Fest 2024**

- ✓ The International Purple Fest – Goa 2024, India’s inaugural inclusive festival for persons with disabilities, kicked off today and is set to captivate audiences until January 13.



- ✓ The festival, organized by the Office of the State Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities, Government of Goa, and supported by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, showcases unity and diversity in a spectacular display.
 - ✓ The Opening Ceremony boasts engaging music, dance, and entertainment performances by Persons with Disabilities, symbolizing their remarkable talents.
 - ✓ With an expected global turnout of over 8,000 delegates, the International Purple Fest promises to be a global celebration of diversity, inclusivity, and empowerment.
- **9th NAM Summit In Kampala, Uganda**
- ✓ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar recently provided a glimpse into the 19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit, which commenced in Uganda.



- ✓ The two-day summit, under the theme 'Deepening Cooperation for Shared Global Affluence,' brings together over 120 developing countries, signifying a crucial moment in history.
- ✓ The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), founded in 1961 during the Cold War based on the Panchsheel principle, traces its roots back to the concept that emerged in 1955 at the Asia-Africa Bandung Conference in Indonesia.



DEFENCE

➤ Desert Cyclone 2024

- ✓ The collaborative military exercise 'Desert Cyclone 2024' between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is scheduled to take place in Rajasthan from January 2 to January 15.



- ✓ This joint manoeuvre aims to enhance interoperability through the exchange of knowledge and best practices, particularly in urban operations.
 - ✓ The robust friendship between India and the UAE is deeply rooted in enduring cultural, religious, and economic interactions that span millennia.
 - ✓ In recent times, the collaboration in defence between India and the UAE has witnessed significant enhancement.
- **Exercise Sea Dragon 24**
- ✓ The Indian Navy marked its presence in the Pacific, on January 9th, 2024, with the arrival of a P-8I aircraft at Guam, USA.



- ✓ This deployment signals the navy's participation in the fourth edition of Ex Sea Dragon 24, an Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise spearheaded by the US Navy.

- ✓ Ex Sea Dragon 24 fosters collaboration and interoperability among the navies of the US, Australia, South Korea, Japan, and India.
 - ✓ The exercise aims to refine coordination and communication through professional interactions both on the ground and in the air, as per the Indian Navy's official statement.
- **Joint Exercise 'Sahyog Kaijin'**
- ✓ The Indian and Japanese Coast Guards have recently conducted a successful joint exercise named 'Sahyog Kaijin' off the coast of Chennai.



- ✓ This exercise is a part of the ongoing collaboration between the two countries under the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) signed in 2006.
- ✓ The joint exercise, which commenced on January 8, focused on enhancing interoperability and sharing best practices in maritime law enforcement, search and rescue operations, and pollution response at sea.
- ✓ The exercise underscores the strong maritime cooperation between India and Japan and aids in further strengthening their ties and mutual understanding.

➤ **'Ugram', Indigenous Assault Rifle**

'Ugram', an assault rifle developed by the Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO) in collaboration with a private firm was launched.



- ✓ The weapon, developed at the Armament Research and Development Establishments (ARDE), the DRDO's Pune-based laboratory, is designed to meet the Indian Army's 'GSQR' (General Staff Qualitative Requirement) of a rifle weighing less than four kg.
 - ✓ The operational prototype of the 7.62 x 51mm assault rifle was unveiled by Dr S V Gade, director general (Armament & Combat Engineering Cluster).
- **Astra Missile**
- ✓ Union Minister of State for Defence, Ajay Bhatt, marked a historic moment on January 14, by flagging off the indigenously developed Astra air-to-air missiles.



- ✓ The Astra missile, a beyond visual range (BVR) air-to-air missile, stands as a testament to India's technological prowess.
 - ✓ Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and manufactured by BDL for the IAF, the Astra Weapon System boasts unparalleled capabilities in its category, with a remarkable range exceeding 100 kilometers.
- **Ex-Ayutthaya**
- ✓ In a historic move, the Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy (RTN) joined forces for the maiden bilateral exercise named 'Ex-Ayutthaya' in December 2023.



- ✓ 'Ex-Ayutthaya' translates to 'The Invincible One,' emphasizing the historical and cultural links between Ayodhya and Ayutthaya.
- ✓ This maritime collaboration, symbolizing the invincible spirit, holds profound significance as it connects the ancient cities of Ayodhya in India and Ayutthaya in Thailand.
- ✓ The Indian Naval ships Kulish and IN LCU 56 engaged in the inaugural edition, while His Thai Majesty's Ship (HTMS) Prachuap Khiri Khan represented the Royal Thai Navy.

➤ **Operation Sarvashakti**

- ✓ In response to escalating terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian Army is launching Operation Sarvashakti, a strategic initiative aimed at curbing the influence of Pakistani proxy terrorist groups.



- ✓ This operation seeks to eliminate terrorists operating in the sensitive Rajouri Poonch sector.
 - ✓ Operation Sarvashakti aims to conduct combined counter-terrorist operations on both sides of the Pir Panjal ranges.
 - ✓ The Srinagar-based Chinar Corps and the Nagrota-headquartered White Knight Corps will execute simultaneous operations to neutralize terrorist threats.
- ### ➤ **Exercise KHANJAR**
- ✓ The 11th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR has kicked off at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.



- ✓ Scheduled to take place from 22nd January to 3rd February 2024, this annual event has become a crucial platform for fostering collaboration and enhancing the capabilities of both nations' special forces.
- ✓ The primary aim of the exercise is to facilitate the exchange of experiences and best practices in Counter-Terrorism and Special Forces Operations.
- **Exercise 'CYCLONE'**
- ✓ The Indian Army contingent comprising 25 personnel reached Egypt to take part in the 2nd edition of India-Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise CYCLONE.



- ✓ The Exercise will be conducted at Anshas, Egypt from 22nd January to 1st February 2024.
- ✓ The 2nd edition of Exercise CYCLONE commences, featuring a contingent of 25 Indian Army personnel from The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) alongside Egyptian counterparts.
- ✓ Aimed at familiarizing both sides with operating procedures in desert/semi-desert terrains.
- **EX- DESERT KNIGHT**
- ✓ On 23 Jan 2024, the Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted Exercise Desert Knight along with the French Air and Space Force (FASF) and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Air Force.



- ✓ While the French participation included the Rafale fighter aircraft and a multi-role tanker Transport, the UAE Air Force fielded the F-16.
- ✓ These aircraft operated from the Al Dhafra air base in the UAE.
- ✓ The main focus of Exercise Desert Knight was on enhancing synergy and interoperability between the three Air Forces.

➤ EXERCISE SADA TANSEEQ

- ✓ The inaugural joint military exercise, Sada Tanseeq, between the armies of India and Saudi Arabia, is poised to commence in Rajasthan, showcasing a significant leap in bilateral relations between India and Saudi Arabia.



- ✓ Scheduled from January 29th to February 10th, 2024, Sada Tanseeq signifies a landmark collaboration, epitomizing the growing strategic partnership between India and Saudi Arabia.
- ✓ The Indian Army contingent consisting of 45 personnel, proudly represents a Battalion from the Brigade of the Guards (Mechanised Infantry).

ECONOMY

➤ Strong Growth In GST Collections: 1.65-Lakh Crore

- ✓ In a significant economic development, Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections for December 2023 reached 1,64,882 crore, marking a notable 10.28% surge compared to the 1,49,507 crore collected in the same month the previous year.



- ✓ This accomplishment underscores the seventh consecutive month in the fiscal year where average GST collections have exceeded 1.6-lakh crore.
- ✓ During the period of April-December 2023, Gross GST collections reached 14.97-lakh crore, exhibiting a commendable 12% increase from the 13.40-lakh crore recorded in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year (April-December 2022).

APPOINTMENT

- **Chief Executive Officer of the Indian Olympic Association**
- ✓ Raghuram Iyer became the new Chief executive officer of the Indian Olympic Association.



- ✓ He will be an ex-officio member of the Executive Council without voting rights.
 - ✓ The Indian Olympic Association is the governing body for the Olympic Movement and the Commonwealth Games in India.
 - ✓ It is responsible for selecting athletes to represent India at the Olympics.
- **India's WTO Ambassador**
 - ✓ The Indian government has named IAS officer Senthil Pandian C as the ambassador to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva.



- ✓ This appointment follows the conclusion of Brajendra Navnit's term as India's ambassador to the WTO on March 31, 2024.
- ✓ Senthil Pandian C is currently serving as the commissioner of excise in Uttar Pradesh. His extensive experience in administrative roles within the Indian bureaucracy positions him well to represent the country's interests on the global trade stage.

AWARDS

➤ M S Swaminathan Award

- ✓ Prof. B.R. Kamboj, the Vice Chancellor of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, has been bestowed with the prestigious M.S. Swaminathan Award.



- ✓ This recognition comes in appreciation of his significant contributions as a scientist and extension specialist in the field of agronomy.
- ✓ Prof. B.R. Kamboj, in his role as Vice Chancellor, possesses an in-depth understanding of the common problems, needs, and socio-economic conditions faced by farmers.
- ✓ His agricultural recommendations, stemming from collaborative research work and extension activities with university scientists, have consistently proven highly advantageous for farmers.

➤ Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar' 2023

- ✓ The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has recently unveiled the recipients of the prestigious 'Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar' for the year 2023.



- ✓ These awards are a testament to the commendable contributions made by corporate entities, Sports Control Boards, NGOs, and sports bodies at the State and National levels towards the promotion and development of sports in India.
- ✓ Recognizing the commendable efforts of **Jain Deemed to be University** in identifying and nurturing young talent.
- ✓ **Odisha Mining Corporate Limited** has been acknowledged for its outstanding contribution to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

➤ **CM honours Scholars and Writers**

- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Saturday presented awards instituted by three government departments to nine individuals for their contributions towards Tamil language and social justice. The awards instituted by the Tamil Development Department included,



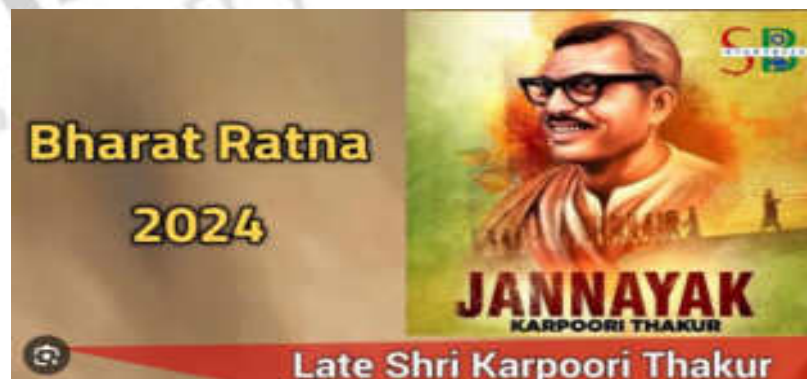
- ✓ Ayyan Tiruvalluvar Award -Thavathiru Balamuruganadimai Swami for 2024
- ✓ Perarignar Anna Award - 'Pathamadai' Paramasivam (2023)
- ✓ Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award - U. Balaraman (2023)
- ✓ Mahakavi Bharathiar Award - Palani Bharathi (2023)
- ✓ Paavendar Bharathidasan Award - M. Mutharasu (2023)
- ✓ Tamil Thendral Thiru Vi Ka Award - S. Jayaseela Stephen (2023)
- ✓ Muthamizh Kavalur K.A.P. Viswanatham Award - R. Karunanidhi (2023).
- ✓ Thanthai Periyar Award, instituted by the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department - Suba. Veerapandian.
- ✓ The Ambedkar Award instituted by Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department for 2023 - P. Shanmugam of the Tamil Nadu Tribal Association.

➤ **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar**

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has presented the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 19 children for their exceptional achievements.



- ✓ The children, comprising 9 boys and 10 girls, hail from 18 States and Union Territories, including two aspirational districts.
 - ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2024 will be given in six categories – art and culture (7), bravery (1), innovation (1), science and technology (1), social service (4), and sports (5).
 - ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, a government initiative, aims to recognize and celebrate the exceptional achievements of children aged 5 to 18 years.
- **Bharat Ratna**
- ✓ The Government of India has announced that former Bihar Chief Minister, Karpoori Thakur, will be posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, the nation's highest civilian award.



- ✓ Karpoori Thakur (1924-1988) left an indelible mark on Bihar's political scene, championing social justice and connecting deeply with the backward classes.
- ✓ He served as Bihar's Chief Minister twice, first from December 1970 to June 1971 and again from December 1977 to April 1979.

➤ Padma Awards



- ✓ For the year 2024, the President approved conferment of 132 Padma awards, up from 106 such awards last year.
- ✓ The list comprises 5 Padma Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan and 110 Padma Shri awards.
- ✓ While 30 awardees are women, the list also includes nine persons from the category of “Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI” and nine posthumous awardees.

Padma Bhushan Awards

S.No.	Awardee Name	Field	State/Country
1.	Ms. M Fathima Beevi	Public Affairs	Kerala
2.	Shri Hormusji N Cama	Literature & Education	Maharashtra
3.	Shri Mithun Chakraborty	Art	West Bengal
4.	Shri Sitaram Jindal	Trade & Industry	Karnataka
5.	Shri Young Liu	Trade & Industry	Taiwan
6.	Shri Ashwin Balachand Mehta	Medicine	Maharashtra
7.	Shri Satyabrata Mookherjee	Public Affairs	West Bengal
8.	Shri Ram Naik	Public Affairs	Maharashtra
9.	Shri Tejas Madhusudan Patel	Medicine	Gujarat

10.	Shri Olanchery Rajagopal	Public Affairs	Kerala
11.	Shri Dattatray Ambadas Mayaloo alias Rajdutt	Art	Maharashtra
12.	Shri Togdan Rinpoche	Others – Spiritualism	Ladakh
13.	Shri Pyarelal Sharma	Art	Maharashtra
14.	Shri Chandreshwar Prasad Thakur	Medicine	Bihar
15.	Ms. Usha Uthup	Art	West Bengal
16.	Shri Vijaykanth	Art	Tamil Nadu
17.	Shri Kundan Vyas	Literature & Education – Journalism	Maharashtra

Padma Vibhushan Awards

S.No.	Awardee Name	Field	State
1.	Ms. Vyjayantimala Ball	Art	Tamil Nadu
2.	Shri Konidela Chiranjeevi	Art	Andhra Pradesh
3.	Shri M Venkaiah Naidu	Public Affairs	Andhra Pradesh
4.	Shri Bindeshwar Pathak	Social Work	Bihar
5.	Ms. Padma Subrahmanyam	Art	Tamil Nadu

PERSONALITIES

➤ Army's First Woman Subedar

- ✓ Shooter Preeti Rajak becomes Army's first woman Subedar.



- ✓ Havildar Preeti Rajak, who won a silver medal in the women's trap shooting at the 19th Asian Games at Hangzhou in China last year, has been promoted to the rank of Subedar, becoming the Army's first woman Subedar.
- ✓ Subedar Rajak joined the Corps of Military.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

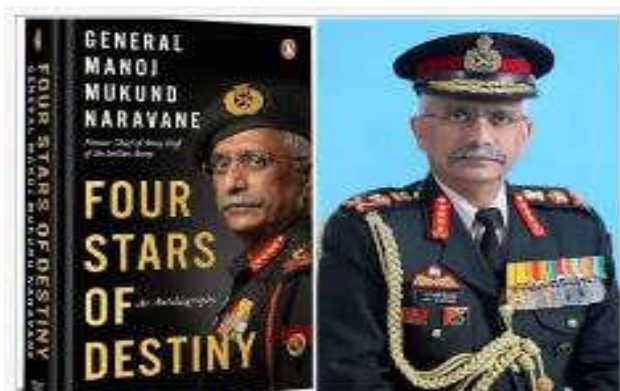
➤ Maha Kavithai



- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin launched poet and writer Vairamuthu's latest book Maha Kavithai in the presence of former Union minister P Chidambaram, actor-politician Kamal Haasan, and vice president of Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Forum scientist Mylswamy Annadurai at Kamarajar Arangam on Monday.
- ✓ The book explores the five elements- soil, wind, fire, sky, and water.

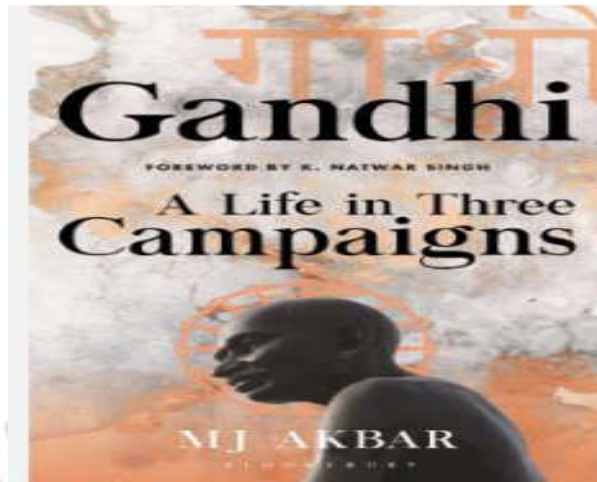
➤ Four Stars Of Destiny

- ✓ General Manoj Mukund Naravane, the former Chief of Army Staff (CoAS) of the Indian Army, has penned his autobiography titled “Four Stars of Destiny: An Autobiography.”

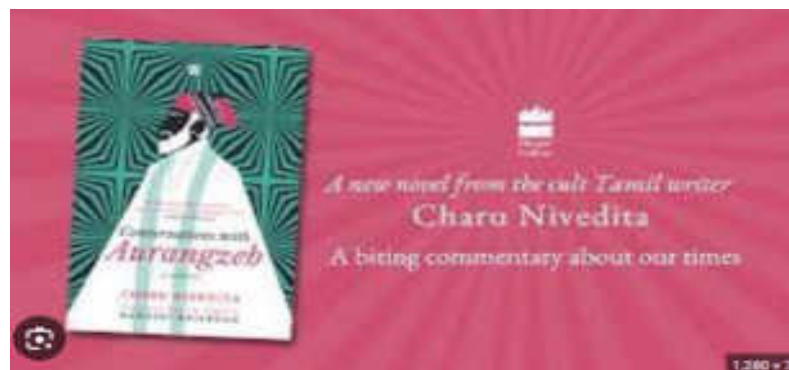


- ✓ Scheduled to be published in January 2024 by Penguin Veer, an imprint of Penguin Random House India, the book delves into the diverse experiences that have shaped Gen MM Naravane’s character, spanning from his childhood to his illustrious years in the armed services.

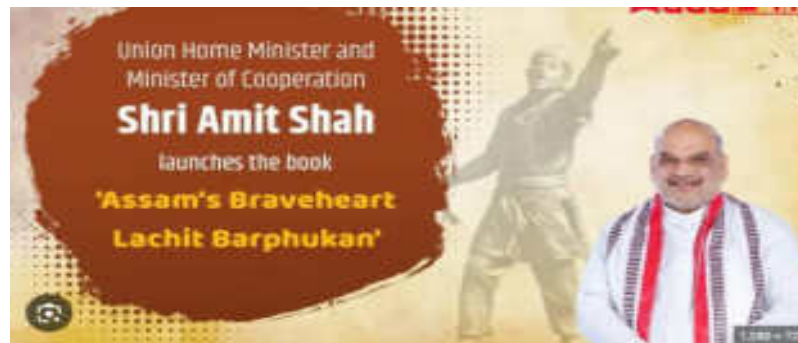
- ✓ Gen MM Naravane served as the 28th Chief of Army Staff, leading the Indian Army with distinction from December 2019 to April 2022.
- ✓ His tenure at the helm was marked by strategic decisions and a commitment to the nation's defense.
- **“Gandhi: A Life in Three Campaigns”**
- ✓ “Gandhi: A Life in Three Campaigns” has been published by M.J. Akbar, with co-author K. Natwar Singh.



- ✓ The book examines Mahatma Gandhi's pivotal roles in three major movements: the Non-Cooperation Movement (1920), the Salt Satyagraha (1930), and the Quit India Movement (1942), underlining their significant impact in undermining British rule in India.
- **“Conversations With Aurangzeb”**
- ✓ “Conversations with Aurangzeb” is a novel by Tamil literary icon Charu Nivedita, translated into English by Nandini Krishnan.



- ✓ This book represents a unique fusion of historical narrative and satirical commentary, offering readers a fresh perspective on both historical and contemporary themes.
- ✓ The novel is a part historical, part satirical piece that begins with a writer's attempt to conduct séance's with the spirit of Shah Jahan for a new book.
- **'Assam's Braveheart Lachit Barphukan'**
- ✓ Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, released the book 'Assam's Braveheart Lachit Barphukan' in Guwahati, Assam.



- ✓ In his address, Shri Amit Shah highlighted the remarkable story of Lachit Barphukan, who fought against bigotry and power-hungry forces in the Northeast.
- ✓ He likened Lachit Borphukan to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj of Eastern India, emphasizing the significance of his role in India's freedom struggle.
- ✓ He credited Lachit for halting invasions from Khilji to Aurangzeb, safeguarding Assam and contributing to the region's integration with India.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO)**

- ✓ India has become part of the largest radio telescope project in the world. Scientists in India will now be part of the Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO).



- ✓ SKAO will function as the world's largest radio telescope.
 - ✓ SKAO is not a single telescope. It is an array of thousands of antennas.
 - ✓ The antennas will be installed in remote radio-quiet locations in South Africa and Australia.
 - ✓ India has taken part through the Pune-based National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA) and some other institutions.
- ## ➤ **Engineered Plant Cells To Produce Drug For Cancer**
- ✓ Researchers from the prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) Madras and Mandi have successfully metabolically engineered plant cells to boost the production of the anti-cancer drug camptothecin (CPT).



- ✓ CPT, traditionally extracted from the endangered plant *Nathapodytes nimmoniana*, has been a source of concern due to the plant's declining population. The International Union for Conservation of Nature has red-listed this species, noting a 20% decrease in its population in the past decade.
- ✓ This development by IIT researchers comes as a critical solution to both medicinal production and plant conservation.

➤ **'E-Soil' That Accelerates Plant Growth**

- ✓ Scientists from laboratories of Linköping University in Sweden have unveiled an electrically conductive “soil” engineered to foster exceptional growth in crops, particularly barley seedlings, marking a potential 50 per cent surge in growth within a mere 15-day period.



- ✓ This innovative soilless cultivation method, termed hydroponics, harnesses a sophisticated root system activated through a novel cultivation substrate. With hydroponics, the prospect of cultivating food in urban landscapes under meticulously controlled conditions becomes a tangible reality.
- ✓ Their groundbreaking research highlights the remarkable acceleration in barley seedling growth by up to 50 per cent within a fortnight when their roots were electrically stimulated.

➤ **Cigaritis meghamalaiensis**

- ✓ After 33 years, a new species of butterfly has been discovered in the Western Ghats. A new species of Silverline butterfly, *Cigaritis meghamalaiensis*, has been discovered in Srivilliputtur Megamalai Tiger Reserve.



- ✓ In the last 33 years, this butterfly species has been found for the first time in the Western Ghats.
 - ✓ The newly identified species had been named after the region – Megamalai - meaning 'cloud mountain'.
 - ✓ The common name for this species was 'Cloud-forest Silverline'.
- **Disease X: Unveiling The Unknown Health Threat At WEF 2024**
- ✓ The World Economic Forum (WEF) 2024 kicked off on January 15 in Davos, Switzerland, where global leaders are slated to address a peculiar concern known as Disease X.



- ✓ This enigmatic term refers to an illness triggered by an unidentified yet potent microbial threat. A panel of the World Health Organization (WHO) is set to collaborate with other health officials to deliberate on this mysterious health menace.
 - ✓ Essentially, it represents an illness arising from an unknown but serious microbial threat, with COVID-19 serving as a tangible example.
- **India's First Indigenously Developed Hepatitis A Vaccine**
- ✓ Indian Immunologicals Ltd launched India's first indigenously developed Hepatitis A vaccine, **Havisure**.



- ✓ India's first indigenously developed Hepatitis A vaccine, **Havisure**, has been launched by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Indian Immunologicals Ltd (IIL).
- ✓ The vaccine is effective in preventing the Hepatitis A disease and is recommended for children in routine immunization. The Hepatitis A vaccine is used to prevent infection caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV).
- ✓ Hepatitis A is a highly contagious liver viral infection. It mainly spreads through the ingestion of contaminated food or water.

➤ **'Anuvadini' App For Multilingual Education**

- ✓ In a significant move towards promoting multilingualism in education, the central government has introduced the 'Anuvadini' app, an Artificial Intelligence-based platform.



- ✓ The initiative aims to make study materials for all school and higher education courses available in digital form, specifically in Indian languages listed in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution.
- ✓ This step aligns with the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, emphasizing the importance of studying in one's mother tongue.

➤ **Two New Eel Species Discovered**

- ✓ Researchers from the National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR) have discovered two new species of Congrid eels from the coasts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.



- ✓ The species add to India's marine biodiversity knowledge in relatively less studied fish groups like eels.
- ✓ The eel found in the Gulf of Mannar has been named *Ariosoma kannani*, honoring the late Prof. L Kannan, renowned marine biologist from Annamalai University.
- ✓ The Kerala coast species is called *Ariosoma gracile* for its morphological traits.
- ✓ Taxonomically, both belong to the genus *Ariosoma* within the eel order Anguilliformes.



SPORTS

➤ India's First Multi-Sports Beach Games

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh became the overall champion in the first Beach Games held in Diu.



- ✓ India's first multi-sports Beach Games, "The Beach Games 2024" was held at the Blue Flag-certified Ghoghla Beach in Diu.
 - ✓ Madhya Pradesh topped the medal tally with a total of 18 medals, including 7 gold. Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, and hosts Dadra, Nagar Haveli, Diu, and Daman won 12 medals each.
 - ✓ During this period, 1404 athletes under the age of 21 years from 28 states and union territories participated in a variety of sports with the support of 205 match officials.
- ## ➤ Pragganandhaa - India's No.1 Chess Player
- ✓ Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa, an 18-year-old chess prodigy from Chennai, achieved a historic milestone in his career by defeating World Champion Ding Liren from China.



- ✓ The win against Ding Liren not only marked a personal victory for Pragganandhaa but also led him to surpass the legendary Viswanathan Anand as the top-rated Indian player.

✓ With a FIDE live rating of 2748.3, Praggnanandhaa marginally edged past Anand's rating of 2748.

➤ **Khelo India Youth Games**

✓ The 13th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games was inaugurated with great enthusiasm by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.



✓ The opening ceremony witnessed not only the commencement of the much-awaited sporting event but also the launch and foundation stone laying of significant projects in the Broadcasting sector, valued at around Rs 250 crores.

✓ The highlight of the ceremony was the lighting of the Games' torch, symbolizing the official inauguration of Khelo India Youth Games.

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OBITUARY

➤ **Dr. Nitya Anand**

- ✓ Dr Nitya Anand, who discovered India's first oral contraceptive pill 'Saheli', passed away at the age of 99.



- ✓ Anand was also the former director of the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) from 1974 to 1984.
- ✓ He was the brain behind the discovery of Centchroman', popularly known as 'Saheli.' It was the world's first and only non-steroidal, non-hormonal, once-a-week oral contraceptive pill.
- ✓ It was launched by then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1986.
- ✓ In 2016, Saheli was incorporated in the National Family Programme of India.

REPORT

➤ **Chennai Tops As Best City For Indian Women**

- ✓ Chennai emerged as the top Indian city for women in 2023 in terms of inclusivity and conduciveness to working women, as per findings from diversity, equity, and inclusivity consultant Avtar Group's Top Cities for Women in India (TCWI) 2023.



- ✓ Tamil Nadu cities topped both categories that the study covered – 49 cities in the million-plus population category and 64 cities in the less than a million-population category.
 - ✓ National capital Delhi, notorious for crimes against women, made its debut in the top 10 by positioning itself on the 8th rank. Delhi held a CIS rank of 14 last year.
- **2023 Confirmed As Warmest Year**
- ✓ The year 2023 has been confirmed as the warmest on record, driven by human-caused climate change and boosted by the natural El Niño weather event.



- ✓ The European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) released its 2023 Global Climate Highlights report today, backing up scientific consensus that 2023 was the hottest year on record.
- ✓ The report shows 2023 had a global average temperature of 14.98 degree Celsius, which is 0.17 degree Celsius higher than 2016, the previous record-breaking year.
- ✓ It is also the first year with all days over 1 degree Celsius warmer than the pre-industrial period. She said, temperatures during 2023 exceeded those of any period in at least the last 100,000 years.



RANKING

- **Chennai topped in 'Top Cities for Women in India 2023' Index**
- ✓ 'Top Cities for Women in India 2023' has been released by the Avatar group, based on a City Inclusion Score (CIS).



- ✓ The CIS, out of 100, is the aggregate of the Industrial Inclusion Score (IIS) and Social Inclusion Score (SIS).
 - ✓ Chennai, Bengaluru, Pune, Mumbai, and Hyderabad emerged as the Top 5 Cities for Women in India.
- **2024 Military Rankings**
 - ✓ The Global Firepower's Military Strength Rankings for 2024 offer a comprehensive assessment of military capabilities worldwide.



- ✓ The rankings, encompassing 145 countries, take into account more than 60 factors, including troop numbers, military equipment, financial stability, geographic location, and available resources.
- ✓ The top 4 countries with the most powerful militaries in the world, according to global Firepower's rankings for 2024, are as follows:

Sno.	Country	Power Index
1	United States	0.0699
2	Russia	0.0702
3	China	0.0706
4	India	0.1023

➤ **Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)**

- ✓ India Placed 93rd Among 180 Nations In 2023 Corruption Index.



- ✓ Transparency International’s Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) offers valuable insights into India’s standing in the global arena of public sector integrity.
- ✓ India’s placement in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for 2023 remained largely unchanged, securing the 93rd position out of 180 countries.
- ✓ For the sixth consecutive year, Denmark has retained its top position on the index, securing a score of 90, credited to its robust “well-functioning justice systems.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
January 01	Global Family Day	The theme for 2024, “Embracing Diversity, Strengthening Families.”
January 03	International Mind-Body Wellness Day	The day celebrates the harmonious coexistence of physical and mental health
January 04	World Braille Day	Theme: "Empowering Through Inclusion and Diversity"
January 05	National Birds Day	Theme: Right To Fight'
January 06	World Day Of War Orphans	Two powerful themes: “Orphan Lives Matter” and “Standing Up for War-Affected Children.”
January 08	Earth’s Rotation Day	Theme: 'Honoring the Discovery of Our Planet's Movement'.
January 09	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas	Theme "Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal”.
January 10	World Hindi Day	The theme of the World Hindi Day is “Hindi-Bridging Traditional Knowledge and Artificial Intelligence”
January 11	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day	The Day serves as a poignant reminder of the need to address this global crisis and bring an end to the suffering endured by victims.
January 12	National Youth Day	The theme for National Youth Day 2024 is “Viksit Yuva-Viksit Bharat.” This theme reflects a focus on youth empowerment and nation-building.
January 15	Indian Army Day	The theme for Indian Army Day

		in 2024 is "In Service of the Nation."
January 16	National Startup Day	National Startup Day emphasizes the critical role startups play in driving economic growth and job creation
January 19	Kokborok Day	Kokborok, also known as Tripuri or Tiprakoka, is the native language of the Tripuri community in Tripura and neighbouring regions
January 21	Foundation Day: Tripura, Manipur, Meghalaya	On January 21, 1972, the states of Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya became full-fledged states under the North Eastern Region (Re-organisation) Act, 1971
January 23	Parakram Diwas	It commemorates Netaji's birth anniversary and is a tribute to his brave legacy
January 24	National Girl Child Day	Theme: "Saving our Girls: Educating our Girls."
January 24	International Day Of Education	Theme "Learning for Lasting Peace"
January 25	National Voters' Day	Theme: 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure'
January 25	National Tourism Day	The theme for this year is 'Sustainable Journeys, Timeless Memories.'
January 26	75th Republic Day of India	Republic Day theme, 2024: "Viksit Bharat" and "Bharat - Loktantra ki Matraka"
January 26	International Day of Clean Energy	Clean Energy for People and Planet
January 26	International Customs Day	Theme: 'Customs engaging traditional and new partners with purpose'
January 27	International Day	This day serves as a poignant

	Of Commemoration In Memory Of The Victims Of The Holocaust	reminder of the horrors of the Holocaust and the enduring need to fight against hatred, bigotry, and racism in all its forms
January 27	National Geographic Day	Celebrating a Legacy of Exploration and Discovery
January 28	Indian Newspaper Day	This day is observed to commemorate the launch of India's first newspaper in 1780
January 28	World Leprosy Day	The theme for World Leprosy Day 2024 is " Beat Leprosy "
January 30	Martyrs Day Or Shaheed Diwas	Dual significance as it marks the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, the "Father of the Nation" and also serves to honour all the brave souls who sacrificed their lives for the country's freedom
January 31	International Zebra Day	International Zebra Day was established to draw attention to the declining population of zebras in the wild

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UNIT – II - CURRENT EVENTS

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1. Name the ancient medical text taken for comprehensive research by AIIMS, Delhi.
- a. Charak Samhita b. **Sushruta Samhita** c. Kashyapa Samhita
d. Rigveda Samhita e. Answer not known
- டெல்லி, எய்ம்ஸால், விரிவான ஆராய்ச்சிக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்ட பண்டைய மருந்துவ நூல் எது?
- a. சரகா சம்ஹிதை b. சுஸ்ருதா சம்ஹிதை c. காசியப்ப சம்ஹிதை
d. ரிக்வேத சம்ஹிதை e. விடை தெரியவில்லை
2. CIASC – 2022 has been awarded to Tamil Nadu for the invention related to
1. Recycling of agriculture and market wastes
2. Sewer guard
3. Recycled paper matchstick production machine
4. Production of grain mixture
- a. 2 and 4 only b. 4 only c. 1 and 4 only
d. **1 and 3 only** e. Answer not known
- CIASC – 2022 விருதானது தமிழ்நாடு பெற்றதற்கான கண்டுபிடிப்பு எதனுடன் தொடர்புடையது?
1. விவசாய மற்றும் சந்தைக் கழிவுகளை மறுசுழற்சி செய்தல்
2. கழிவுநீர் சுத்திகரிப்பு பாதுகாப்பு
3. காகித மறுசுழற்சி தீக்குச்சி உற்பத்தி இயந்திரம்
4. தானியக்கலவை உற்பத்தி
- a. 2 மற்றும் 4 மட்டும் b. 4 மட்டும் c. 1 மற்றும் 4 மட்டும்
d. 1 மற்றும் 3 மட்டும் e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Welfare oriented Government schemes and their utility

3. ____ state in India provides breakfast in Government schools along with the mid-day meals.
- a. Kerala b. Karnataka c. **Tamil Nadu**
d. Telangana e. Answer not known

_____ மாநிலம் அரசுப் பள்ளி மாணவர்களுக்கு காலை உணவும், மதிய உணவும் வழங்குகிறது.

- a. கேரளா b. கர்நாடகா c. தமிழ்நாடு
d. தெலுங்கானா e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

4. _____ is an example of export promotion policy in Tamil Nadu as per the export preparation index 2020.

- a. Lack of sector-wise definite policy
b. Export news letters are occasionally published
c. Sector specific export plans for industries
d. Financial aid to all exporters
e. Answer not known

ஏற்றுமதி தயாரிப்பு குறியீடு 2020 இன்படி தமிழ்நாட்டில் ஏற்றுமதி மேம்பாட்டுக் கொள்கைக்கு _____ ஒரு எடுத்துக்காட்டு

- a. துறைவாரியான திட்டவட்டமான கொள்கை குறைபாடு
b. ஏற்றுமதிச் செய்திமடலை எப்போதாவது வெளியிடுதல்
c. தொழிற்சாலைகளுக்கான துறை வாரி ஏற்றுமதித் திட்டங்கள்
d. அனைத்து ஏற்றுமதியாளர்களுக்கும் நிதியுதவியளித்தல்
e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Economics

5. To Develop exports at district level, district export promotion committees have been formed in all States in India except in

- a. Assam b. Nagaland c. Telangana
d. West Bengal e. Answer not known

இந்தியாவில் மாவட்ட அளவில் ஏற்றுமதியை ஊக்குவிக்க, மாவட்ட அளவில் ஏற்றுமதி வளர்ச்சிக் குழுக்கள் அமைக்கப்பட்ட நிலையில் இதனை அமைக்காத இந்திய மாநிலம்

- a. அசாம் b. நாகாலாந்து c. தெலுங்கானா
d. மேற்கு வங்காளம் e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

6. Common Facility Centres (CFCs) Scheme, which is fully funded by the Central Government is for

- a. Infrastructure b. Milk and Milk Products
c. Gems and Jewellery Sector d. Power Distribution
e. Answer not known

முழுவதும் ஒன்றிய அரசின் நிதியளிப்பில் உருவான பொதுப் பயன்பாட்டு மத்திய திட்டம் எத்துறைக்காக ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்டது?

- a. உள்கட்டமைப்பு
b. பால் மற்றும் பால்சார்ந்த பொருட்கள்
c. இரத்தினங்கள் மற்றும் நகைகள்
d. மின் பகிர்மானம்
e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

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7. Which of the following statements are true about smoke free environment bill of Newzealand?

- (i) Legislation was passed on December 2022
(ii) Anyone born after 2008 will never be able to buy cigarettes or tobacco products
(iii) Nicotine levels in tobacco products to be reduced.
a. (i) only
b. (i) and (iii) only
c. (ii) and (iii) only
d. (i), (ii) and (iii)
e. Answer not known

நியூசிலாந்தின் புகையில்லா சுற்றுச்சூழல் மசோதாவைப் பற்றிய பின்வரும் கூற்றுகளில் எவை உண்மையானவை?

- (i) சட்டம் டிசம்பர், 2022ல் நிறைவேறியது
(ii) 2008க்கு பிறகு பிறந்தவர்கள் ஒருபோதும் சிகரெட் அல்லது புகையிலை பொருட்களை வாங்க முடியாது
(iii) புகையிலை தயாரிப்புகளில் நிகோடின் அளவு குறைக்கப்பட வேண்டும்
a. (i) மட்டும்
b. (i) மற்றும் (iii) மட்டும்
c. (ii) மற்றும் (iii) மட்டும்
d. (i), (ii) மற்றும் (iii)
e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

8. In June 2022 _____ movement was launched in Tamil Nadu "to clean up the cities and make them garbage free".

- a. The cleanliness campaign
b. The clean people's movement
c. The clean cities movement
d. The clean garbage movement
e. Answer not known

ஜூன் 2022 இல் _____ நகரங்களில் சுத்தம் செய்வதற்கும் அவற்றை குப்பைகள் இல்லா பகுதியாக்க தமிழ் நாட்டில் இயக்கம் தொடங்கப்பட்டது.

- a. தூய்மை பிரச்சாரம்
c. தூய்மையான நகரங்கள் இயக்கம்
e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

- b. தூய்மைக்கான மக்கள் இயக்கம்
d. குப்பைகள் அற்ற இயக்கம்

9. The Finance Ministry through its office issued detailed guidelines to states for the construction of

- a. Sports University b. Unity Mall c. Research Centre
d. Skill Development Centre e. Answer not known

நிதி அமைச்சகத்தின் செலவின துறையானது எதை ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு விரிவான வழிகாட்டு நெறிமுறைகளை மாநிலங்களுக்கு வழங்கியுள்ளது.

- a. விளையாட்டுப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் b. ஒற்றுமை வணிக வளாகம்
c. ஆராய்ச்சி மையம் d. திறன் வளர்ச்சி மையம்
e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

10. Which of the following statements are true about 'EK Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'

- (i) It was announced on the occasion of the 140th birth anniversary of 'Sardar Vallabhai Patel'.
(ii) The objective was to celebrate the unity in diversity of our nation.
(iii) To create an environment to learn the best practices of other countries.
a. (i)only b. (i) and (iii) only c. (i) and (ii) only
d. (ii) and (iii) only e. Answer not known

பின்வருவனவற்றுள் 'ஏக் பாரத் ஷ்ரேஸ்தா பாரத்' திட்டம் பற்றிய கூற்று சரியானது.

- (i) சர்தார் வல்லபாய் படேலின் 140-வது பிறந்த நாள் அன்று அறிவிக்கப்பட்டது.
(ii) நமது தேசத்தின் ஒற்றுமை மற்றும் பன்முகத்தன்மையைக் கொண்டாடுவதே இதன் குறிக்கோள்.
(iii) மற்ற நாடுகளின் சிறந்த நடைமுறைகளைக் கற்றுக்கொள்வதற்கான சூழலை உருவாக்குதல்.
a. (i) மட்டும் b. (i) மற்றும் (iii) மட்டும் c. (i) மற்றும் (ii) மட்டும்
d. (ii) மற்றும் (iii) மட்டும் e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

