



## CURRENT AFFAIRS - JULY

### TAMIL NADU

- **Car major Hyundai**
  - ✓ South Korean car major Hyundai - has rolled out its 10 millionth car in India from its factory in Sriperumbudur off Chennai
- **V.C. for Periyar University**
  - ✓ R Jagannathan - is appointed as the New vice-chancellor of Periyar University by Governor Banwarilal Purohit on June 30
- **King Institute**
  - ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin - inaugurated the post-Covid care clinic at Government Covid Hospital on **King Institute campus** in Guindy, Chennai.
- **Vezhm**
  - ✓ The forest department - is setting up an interpretation centre named '**Vezhm**' (elephant) at the government timber depot on Kotagiri Road in to create awareness about elephants among children.
- **Covid - Vaccination for pregnant Women**
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu - began the vaccination drive for pregnant women for the first time in the country at **Pennadam** in Cuddalore district
  - ✓ **Pregnant women can opt for vaccination** at any stage of their pregnancy after registration on Co-WIN portal or by walk-in registration at the nearest centre.
- **The labour department - has registered around 5 lakh migrant workers from other states in its 'online' portal, till now.**
- **Manali - has become the first zone of the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) to have an all-women team to manage solid waste.**
- **Cinematograph Act, 1952**
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin - expressed his opposition to the Centre's proposed amendment to **the Cinematograph Act, 1952.**

- **Three stone inscriptions and two base sculptures belonging to the 10th Century - have been discovered in water bodies in and around Thesur village in Tiruvannamalai district.**
- **Dindigul I Leoni - Text Book Society head.**
  - ✓ Dindigul I Leoni, a popular talk show host - has been appointed head of the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation.
- **Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Art and Literature society for the Awards.**
  - ✓ Chief minister M K Stalin - presented cash awards and certificates to 21 writers for their best literary works in the fields of art, culture, literature and research activities
  - ✓ The literary luminaries were identified by the Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Art and Literature Society for the awards
  - ✓ The state government extends financial support to the Adi-Dravidar writers, for which a corpus fund of Rs. 50 lakh has been created.
- **Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin - has sanctioned Rs. 1.25 crore assistance to the Tamil Chair from Cologne University in Germany**
  - ✓ The timely financial assistance for the Tamil department in the University will prevent its closure due to a paucity of funds
  - ✓ The previous AIADMK government has also announced an assistance of Rs. 1.25 crore to the **Tamil Chair in 2019.**
- **Tamil Nadu - has only, one out of five, government schools in the state with internet facility.**
  - ✓ Of the 37,579 government schools in the state, only 6,746 schools (17.9%) have internet facility
  - ✓ This was revealed in the **Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+)** report for 2019-20 released last week.
  - ✓ More than 80% government schools, however, have computer facility and most of them are functional.
  - ✓ The internet facility has become one of the basic requirements for learning due to online mode of education during the Covid-19 pandemic.
  - ✓ Among the 12,382 private schools in the state, 90% have computers and 75% have internet facility.
- **The Navy - has announced that the area within the 3km radius from the perimeter of INS Rajali naval air station in Arakkonam is a 'no fly zone'**
  - ✓ According to DGCA, people have to register all drones with DiGi Sky platform and activate the 'No permission- No Take off' above 200ft altitude.
- **The plan to set up India's first offshore desalination plant off the Chennai coast - is to commence soon with the recent launch of the Rs 4,000 crore Deep Ocean Mission**
- **PCV - Vaccine**
  - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government - will launch the **Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)** under universal immunisation programme.
  - ✓ The initiative is expected to help reduce deaths due to pneumonia and meningitis among children below five.
  - ✓ PCV will be provided free to children along with other vaccines under the universal immunisation programme.

- **An all-party meeting in Chennai - unanimously urged the Union government not to clear the Mekedatu dam project pushed by Karnataka**
  - ✓ According to the CM, the proposed dam, with a capacity of 67.16tmcft, would affect the interests of Tamil Nadu farmers.
- **Doorstep Medical- as 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam'**
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu Government - to launch a doorstep medical care programme to offer home-based dialysis units to people with chronic renal failure.
  - ✓ The initiative is named as 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam'
  - ✓ Initially, the state will launch a mass screening programme over the next 10 days to identify people with non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and hypertension in the state
  - ✓ Later, those with diabetes or hypertension will undergo preliminary screening and consultation at PHCs.
  - ✓ They will also carry **glucometers and BP apparatus** with them for routine screening.
- **Justice A K Rajan - had submitted a 165-page report to chief minister M K Stalin at the secretariat**

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| <b>A</b> | First generation students in government medical college (%)                                       |
| <b>B</b> | Influence of family income below 2.5 lakh (%)   |
| <b>C</b> | No. Students from Tamil Nadu  |
| <b>D</b> | State board Students %  |
| <b>E</b> | Number of govt school students who got admission into govt medical college. 7.5 % quota           |
| <b>F</b> | Number of govt school students who got admission into Self financing medical college. 7.5 % quota |
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- **Tamil Nadu government - will launch 47 industrial projects bringing in investments to the tune of Rs. 28,664 crore into the state**
  - ✓ These projects are expected to provide employment to 82,400 people in the state
  - ✓ Out of the 47 projects, the state government will sign agreements for 35 new projects, with an investments worth over Rs.17,000 crore
  - ✓ Further, the foundation stone for 9 other projects would be laid by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.
- **Chief Minister M K Stalin - announced his government is working on a target to make Tamil Nadu a \$1 trillion (\$1 lakh crore) GDP economy by the year 2030.**
  - ✓ The CM launched the DMK government's first major Industrial Conclave, organized by the Guidance bureau, after it came to power in May 2021
  - ✓ The state government has also unveiled an upgraded website 2.0 for single window clearance that has inculcated 100 more services across 24 departments
  - ✓ It is further planning to add 210 services under the initiative by next March
  - ✓ During the event, 35 new MoUs were signed in the presence of the CM to bring in more than Rs.17,141 crore in new investments and generate employment to 55,000 people.
  - ✓ In addition, foundation stones were laid for 9 new projects involving an investment of Rs.4,250 crore and generating employment to over 21,600 people

- ✓ Further, the CM has inaugurated commercial production in 5 industrial units established with a combined investment of Rs.7,117 crore and employing close to 6,800 people.
- **Tamil Nadu government** - has ordered the officials not to consider the salary and agriculture income while issuing the **Other Backward Classes (OBC) certificates in the state**
- **'Canine Parvovirus'**
  - ✓ The State veterinary university - has warned that several dogs in Chennai had started testing positive for the highly contagious 'canine parvovirus'
- **Rurban Mission**
  - ✓ The Union government - is planning to construct a heritage village and tourism at **Singaperumal Koil** as part of efforts to promote rural tourism.
  - ✓ Singaperumal Koil, located at 40km from Chennai, and six nearby villages - **Appur, Chettipuniyam, Guruvanmedu, Kolathur, Reddiplayam** and Venkatapuram - are already notified as a cluster for implementing 'Rurban' mission
  - ✓ The mission aims to bridge the gap between urban and rural areas by providing economic, livelihood and physical infrastructure facilities in rural areas.
  - ✓ Under the mission, women of the villages are brought together and are being provided training for livelihood. The mission says that the rural-urban divide in Tamil Nadu is 3.10%, much less than the national average.
- **Tamil Nadu government** - has reconstituted the state-level vigilance and monitoring committee for SC/STs with chief minister M K Stalin as chairman.
  - ✓ Mr. Palanivel Thiagarajan (Finance),
  - ✓ N Kayalvizhi Selvaraj (adi dravidar welfare),
  - ✓ C V Ganesan (labour welfare)
  - ✓ M Mathiventhan (tourism)
  - ✓ It comprises of nine MPs, including VCK leaders Thol Thirumavalavan and D Ravikumar.
- **The state government** - has decided to offer "Procurement Preference" to startups in public purchases, both products and services, by various government departments and connected organizations
  - ✓ According to the GO released, startups in Tamil Nadu are technically capable of providing solutions to governance and other issues faced by the departments in implementing schemes.
  - ✓ Providing **procurement preference** in varied segments - IT, agritech and edutech - to **startups** will also help them to develop rapidly and create enormous employment and wealth in the state.
- **'High Priority'-by TN Govt**
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu government - has made **mandatory for employees** as well as their family members to take both doses of Covid-19 vaccine to access workplaces or industries, treating them as 'high priority' group
  - ✓ **Health inspectors** – who have completed courses in public health at recognised universities – should ensure all staff members are screened at the workplace entrance.
  - ✓ Besides measuring temperature, the health inspectors should record details of symptoms and history of family members testing positive in the past week.
  - ✓ Staff having symptoms must be quarantined and referred to the nearest health facility for performing further tests and management.

- **Tamil Nadu school education department - is planning to train all 3 lakh teachers in government schools with basic functional computer skills**
  - ✓ Each teacher will be trained for **five days on creating a word document, PDF, sending e-mails and on how to use online videos in classrooms.**
  - ✓ The training will be conducted in hi-tech labs in around 7,000 government high and higher secondary schools throughout the state.
  - ✓ The teachers will also be trained on entering data on EMIS (Educational Management Information System) The EMIS is a government data repository with enrollment and other details of students across government-run schools in the state.
  - ✓ The 'Resource Persons Training' will be launched by school education minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi on July 26.
  
- **The Tamil Nadu government - announced that it will implement 10.5% special reservation for vanniars in admission to all courses, including professional courses, from the academic year 2021-22.**
  - ✓ After consultation with legal experts and the **Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC)**, chief minister M K Stalin issued an order to implement the 10.5% special reservation from February 26, 2021
  - ✓ The previous AIADMK government had passed the legislation to temporarily provide for 10.5% special reservation for vanniars within the 20% quota for most backward classes (MBCs).
  
- **Chief Minister M K Stalin - inaugurated 25 CNG (compressed natural gas) stations in Chennai and Tiruvallur and one main station of Gujarat-based Torrent Gas through video conferencing.**
  - ✓ Torrent Gas plans to commission 50 CNG stations by September this year and 100 CNG stations by June next year and 500 by March 2023.
  - ✓ As per the plan, within the next year, at least 70,000 households in Chennai will be covered by PNG (piped natural gas) supply, which is a cheaper alternative to LPG cylinders.
  - ✓ At current prices, PNG is about 40 % cheaper than LPG.
  
- **Chennai-based National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) - deployed a buoy fitted with sensors off the coast of Puducherry**
  - ✓ Based on the data, the NCCR team will also calculate the water quality index alongwith remedial measures to improve it, if needed
  - ✓ After the southwest monsoon ends in September, NCCR plans to deploy similar buoys off Visakhapatnam and Lakshadweep.
  - ✓ At present, it collects water samples manually in more than 22 locations along the 7,500km Indian coast every month to measure quality.
  
- **Revival of MSMEs in the state govt**
  - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government -has constituted a **13-member expert committee** for revival of MSMEs in the state.
  - ✓ Former Industries secretary, Tamil Nadu government.
  - ✓ The state government had promised to constitute such a committee "to formulate schemes for revival of MSMEs" in the Governor's address delivered to the state assembly on June 21, 2021.

**The committee will include -**

- ✓ Prof M Vijayabhaskar, part time member of State Development Policy Council,
  - ✓ Bindu Anand, former member of RBI Committees on financial inclusion, SME finance and securitization,
  - ✓ N Balasubramaniam, former CMD, SIDBI,
  - ✓ Hemalatha Annamalai, co-founder and ex-CEO, Ampere Vehicles (evehicle),
  - ✓ Israr Ahmed, regional chairman, FIEO,
  - ✓ Anburajan, president, TANSTIA and
  - ✓ R Anand, ex-partner, Ernst and Young and former member of RBI Committee on Asset Reconstruction Companies.
- **The state government - decided to bestow veteran Communist leader N Sankaraiah, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday, with the recently constituted 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' (Venerable Tamil) award.**
- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin will present the award to Sankaraiah at the Independence Day celebrations in Chennai on August 15.
  - ✓ The award carries a citation and a cheque for Rs.10 lakh.
  - ✓ Responding to the announcement and expressing his intent to accept the award, Sankaraiah thanked the CM for the recognition.
  - ✓ He however donated the Rs.10 lakh prize money to CM's Covid-19 Relief Fund
- **Greater Chennai Corporation - to launch the Rs. 180-crore air and water pollution mitigation programme in association with Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board**
- ✓ Under the programme, the civic body is planning to install ambient air quality monitoring systems (AAQMS) in 50 locations in the city.
  - ✓ The system would calculate the level of air pollutants such as PM2.5, PM10, SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and carbon monoxide and display it on digital boards.
  - ✓ Further, wind augmentation and purifying units (WAYU) will be installed at 20 junctions in Chennai.
- **Tamil Nadu Director-General of Police (DGP) C Sylendra Babu - announced weekly day-off to police personnel in the state in order to maintain their health and enable them to spend time with their family.**
- **American-based solar technology company First Solar Inc - announced that it will invest \$684 million in a new, fully vertically integrated photovoltaic (PV) thin film solar module manufacturing facility in the state**
- **Srivilliputhur sanctuary has the highest leopard density in Western Ghats: report**
- ✓ The Srivilliputhur Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu has the highest leopard density (per 100 sq km), not just in the State but in the entire Western Ghats landscape.
- **Phuket to be Chennai's sister city**
- ✓ The city of Phuket in Thailand has proposed to establish a sister city agreement with Chennai.
  - ✓ The Royal Thai Consulate-General in Chennai has requested the Greater Chennai Corporation to discuss various aspects of the sister city partnership.
- **Denmark looks to set up centre for offshore wind in T.N.**

- ✓ Denmark is keen on setting up a Centre of Excellence for Offshore Wind and believes that Tamil Nadu is the best place for it as wind patterns are consistent here.
- ✓ A location has also been identified, Danish Ambassador to India Freddy Svane.

**New higher education panel formed;** The Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education (TANSCHÉ) has been reconstituted by the government with the appointment

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| Name           | Sector                  |
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| Ramasamy.A     | <b>Vice-Chairman .</b>  |
| S. Krishnasamy | <b>Member secretary</b> |

- ✓ Mr. Ramasamy, a former Vice-chancellor of Alagappa University, is a historian. He has written books on the language struggle and Dravidian politics.
  - ✓ He had also served as the Vice-Chairman of TANSCHÉ from 2006 to 2011.
  - ✓ The Council has been functioning without a Vice-Chairman since 2016.
  - ✓ Mr. Krishnasamy was an associate professor of history in Pachaiyappa's College.
  - ✓ While the Higher Education Minister will be the head of the Council, the Additional Chief Secretary from the Finance Department, Secretary to the Governor, Principal Secretary of the Higher Education Department, the Director of Collegiate Education, and the Director of Technical Education will be some of its ex-officio members.
- **Centre grants relief package of 800 crore rupees to Tamil Nadu for Covid-19 management**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Health Minister M. Subramaniam said that the Union Government granted a relief package of 800 crore rupees for management of the second wave and prevention of the third wave in the state.
- **President Ramnath Kovind unveiled Karunanidhi's portrait in Tamil Nadu Assembly**
- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind participated in an event commemorating the centenary year of the Madras Legislative Council and unveil a portrait of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M Karunanidhi inside the Assembly premises.
- **Study finds heavy metals in ambient air in city**
- ✓ The presence of heavy metals, including nickel, manganese and silica, in the ambient air has technically put Chennai in the 'unhealthy' category.
- **Auto Insurance Scheme in Tamil Nadu Post Office**
- ✓ A scheme to provide auto insurance has been launched at the Tamil Nadu Post Office.
  - ✓ Accordingly, insurance is provided for two and four wheelers.
- **Class 9 student made palm sized CPU, Chief Minister Stalin praised**
- ✓ SS Madhav, a Class IX student from Tiruvarur district of Tamil Nadu, has made a palm-sized computer CPU. For this unique construction, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin met
  - ✓ SS Madhav and wished him all the best for this construction. Appreciating Madhav's work, Stalin assured Madhav of the state government's assistance for computer-related studies and research.
- **Stalin launches free COVID-19 vaccination through private hospitals using CSR funds**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched a free COVID-19 vaccination drive through private hospitals, financially supported by their Corporate Social Responsibility Fund.
- **T.N. Open University begins excavation at Porpanaikottai**
  - ✓ Minister for Environment Siva V. Meyyanathan inaugurated the excavation works taken up by the Tamil Nadu Open University at Porpanaikottai village in Tiruvarangulam panchayat union in the district in a bid to unearth possible archaeological remains.

## Recent Excavations -in Tamilnadu

- **Sivagalai Archaeological**
  - ✓ For the first time, a full human skeleton - was discovered in one of urns found at the Sivagalai archaeological site on July.
  - ✓ The second phase of excavation is underway at the site by the Tamil Nadu state department of archaeology
  - ✓ It is being established under the guidance of the principal investigator department of genetics Dr G Kumaresan and eminent immunologist Dr R M Pitchappan.
- **Ra Ra Peruvazhi**
  - ✓ An 800-year-old stone inscription belonging to the reign of Rajaraja Chola I - has been found in Nambuthalai near Thondi in Ramanathapuram district.
  - ✓ Ra Ra Peruvazhi, is the name of the east coast highway laid during the period of Rajaraja Cholan.
- **Archaeologists in Pudukkottai** - have discovered three rare Aasiriyam (declaration) stone tablets, dating back to the period between the 13th and 16th centuries
- **The State Archaeology Department - has discovered the remnants of a large ancient conch industry in Korkai in Tuticorin district**
  - ✓ This is the site in which the Tamil Nadu State Archaeology Department conducted its first excavation, after it was established in 1969.
- **A terracotta container with an intricately designed band running along its outer surface** - has been unearthed at the archaeological site at Keeladi in Sivaganga during the seventh phase of excavation
  - ✓ The ring wells unearthed in Keeladi, have an interlocking system where sand cannot enter the wells, but air and water could percolate through them.
  - ✓ It is believed that these structures helped inhabitants of Keeladi to have more permanent dwellings and as they had water and did not have the need to migrate during droughts.
- **Archaeologists - have discovered a rubble stone well at the Kodumanal site, close to the banks of river Noyyal near Chennimalai in Erode district**
  - ✓ Earlier, ring wells and brick wells have been found in other archaeological sites in Tamil Nadu like Keezhadi in Sivagangai district
  - ✓ Archaeologists have found evidence for existence of iron smelting unit with furnaces in the site, besides urn burials, beads, pot shreds with brahmi inscriptions, aged 2,300 years.
  - ✓ Kodumanal has yielded the highest number of pot sherds with Tamil brahmi inscriptions



Kodumanal site has copper, gold, iron and glass pieces as well as artefacts

- ✓ There were three types of burial methods – cairn circles, urn burials and urn burials with cists - found at Kodumanal site

➤ **Konthagi is burial site of Keeladi**

- ✓ Archaeologists - have identified seven human skeletons in a single quadrant in Konthagai in the Keeladi cluster. Keeladi is considered to have been the industrial hub of a 2,600-year-old civilization
- ✓ Its neighbouring villages of Konthagai, Agaram and Manalur are also treated as part of this civilization.
- ✓ At present, the seventh phase of excavation is taking place in Keeladi cluster
- ✓ The second phase of excavation is being carried out in the three neighbouring villages of Konthagai, Agaram and Manalur by the Tamil Nadu state department of archaeology
- ✓ As per the recent findings, Konthagai was supposed to be the burial site of the Keeladi civilization.

➤ **A punch-marked silver coin - was located at the Keeladi excavation site in Sivaganga**

- ✓ The discovery was announced by Archaeology minister Thangam Thennarasu
- ✓ The coin having the figures of the sun, moon, bull, taurine, an animal figurine, and geometric designs show that Keeladi inhabitants were a trading community.
- ✓ Located at a depth of 1.46 m, the punch-marked coin indicates the existence of trade between north and south, particularly with the Gangetic valley.
- ✓ During the ancient period, such silver punch-marked coins were in circulation from the time of Mahajanpadas of the 6th century BCE.
- ✓ Such coins have been recovered from excavations conducted at Alangulam also.

➤ **Discovery of additional wall at Ariyalur Maligaimedu excavation**

- ✓ The State Department of Archaeology has made some encouraging finds lower than two months into the excavation at Maligaimedu near Gangaikondacholapuram, the capital of King Rajendra Chola I.

➤ **Terracotta container with designs found in Keeladi**

- ✓ A terracotta container, which has intricately designed bands around it, has been unearthed at the Keeladi archaeological site in TamilNadu.

➤ **Megalithic full-length sword unearthed**

- ✓ The excavations at Mayiladumparai in Krishnagiri district have yielded a full-length iron sword broken at places.
- ✓ This is the first time the Department of Archaeology has unearthed a full-length sword with a handle in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The length is 60 cm.

➤ **Chola era temple in Velachery grabs government's attention**

- ✓ Work to clean the precincts of Sri Vasudevaperumal temple at Ram Nagar in Velachery will be expedited.
- ✓ A large part of the temple is covered with thick layer of dirt.
- ✓ Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments P. Sekarbabu said that officials had been asked to dig out documents and any information relating to the temple.

➤ **Perforated terracotta distillation pipes unearthed in Korkai**

Nine perforated terracotta pipes, stacked one above the other, have been found during archaeological excavation at Korkai, an ancient site, in Thoothukudi district.

# AUGUST

## TAMIL NADU

- **T.N.'s Seroprevalence at 66.2%**
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu has an overall **seroprevalence** of 66.2%, according to the Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine's phase-III cross-sectional survey conducted during July.
  - ✓ Among the 38 districts, **Virudhunagar** had the highest seropositivity at 84% while Erode had the lowest at 37%.
- **T.N. legislature turns 100**
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu witnessed elections in **November 1920** when electors (only men), accounting for **just 3% of the population**, were enrolled, as a result of the **Montagu-Chelmsford Report** and the Government of India Act of 1919.
- **Highlights in 100 years of legislation :TN Legislative Assembly**
  - ✓ In its first session in April 1921, resolved to provide **voting rights to women**.
  - ✓ **Muthulakshmi Reddy**, the well-known medical practitioner and social activist, became the first woman member of the Council and, in no time, became the **Deputy President of the Council**.
  - ✓ **C. Subramaniam**, as Finance Minister, was the first to make a budget speech in Tamil in 1957-58.
  - ✓ "**Tamil Thai Vazhthu**" was rendered in July 1991 for the first time at the beginning of the Governor's address.
  - ✓ During the two-year rule of the DMK founder **C.N. Annadurai**, the Assembly, in July 1967, adopted a motion renaming **Madras State as Tamil Nadu**
  - ✓ Several landmark laws for the welfare of women, such as **Devadasi abolition, equal rights to women in property** and constitution of the **State Commission for Women**.
- **Key milestones- TN Assembly**
  - ✓ **January 1921-:** The Madras Legislative council, the biggest body of its kind in India, constituted with 127 members, including 98 elected representatives, and a fixed term of three years.
  - ✓ **April 1921:** Council adopts removal of **sex disqualification** on women for franchise.
  - ✓ **July 1937: Bi- Cameral Legislature** formed with the Legislative Assembly having 215 members and the Legislative council having 56.
  - ✓ **March 1952:** The **first Assembly after Independence** is constituted with 375 seats 243 single - member constituencies and 66 double- member constituencies.
  - ✓ **April 1957:** Subsequent to reorganisation of **states on linguistic lines**, the legislative Assembly strength went down to 205.
  - ✓ **April 20 to May 9, 1957:** The only occasion when the Assembly and the council met outside **Chennai- Aranmore palace, Udhagamandalam**.
  - ✓ **November 1986:** Legislative council Was abolished..
- **Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam – TN Govt .**
  - ✓ '**Makkalai thedi maruthuvam**', an initiative to take healthcare services to the doorstep of the people, in **Samanapalli, Krishnagiri district**, said Health Minister Ma. Subramanian.

- ✓ **This is the first-of-its-kind scheme in the country, which will include physiotherapy-related therapies, testing and providing medicines to the poor and for non-communicable diseases at their doorsteps.**
- ✓ **The CM also inaugurated the scheme in Madurai, Coimbatore, Salem, Thanjavur, Trichy, Tirunelveli and Chennai districts through video-conferencing.**
- **T.N. to provide 7.5% quota to government school students in professional courses, this Move follows the recommendations made by Justice Murugesan Commission.**
- **Dr. Radha Krishnan award to 385 Teachers**
- **To exceed hydro power generation target for 2021-22**
  - ✓ **Tamil Nadu hopes to exceed the hydro power generation target fixed by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for 2021-22. The CEA has fixed 3,853 million units.**
- **Tamil Nadu weavers - received more loans under the Mudra scheme than all other states put together in the last three years**
  - ✓ **This was announced by the Union textile minister Piyush Goyal in a statement made in Rajya Sabha on August 5**
  - ✓ **According to the Minister, 41,568 Tamil Nadu weavers were provided loans under the Mudra scheme in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21.**
- **White paper on the state's finances, four days ahead of his first budget, at Secretariat in Chennai**
  - ✓ **The white paper highlighted the state's fall from a revenue surplus of Rs.1,760 crore in 2012-13 to a deficit of Rs.61,320 crore (or 3.16% of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) in 2020-21.**
  - ✓ **As per the white paper, Tamil Nadu's agricultural sector registered growth in the past 15 years, even though employment in the sector reduced by 10% – from 54% to 44% between 1981 and 2010.**
- **R. Velraj New V.C of Anna University**
  - ✓ **Governor Banwarilal Purohit - appointed R Velraj as new vice-chancellor of Anna University.**
- **Paperless budget after Himachal Pradesh and Odisha**
  - ✓ **This year, Tamil Nadu government will present a paperless budget after Himachal Pradesh and Odisha.**
- **The Tamil Nadu tourism, culture and religious endowments department - announced that the birth anniversary of Rajendra Chola I will be celebrated as a government event.**
- **The state government - has appointed former IAS officer P W C Davidar -as Adviser (digital and simplified governance) to Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency.**
- **The Chennai Corporation - has launched 30-minute free wi-fi facility at 49 locations in Chennai from August**
  - ✓ **The locations include Anna Tower Park, CDH, Tondiarpet, Gemini Junction, Marina Beach, Ashok Pillar, T Nagar and CMBT.**

- **100 Days of Government of Tamilnadu-Achivements**
  - ✓ Saving people from Corona pandemic
  - ✓ Rs.4,000 and 14 grocery items to 2.07 crore family rice cardholders.
  - ✓ Petrol price reduced by Rs. 3 per litre.
  - ✓ Aavin milk price reduced by Rs. 3 per litre.
  - ✓ Free bus travel for women, differently-abled and transgenders.
  - ✓ A Multi-Speciality Hospital at a cost of Rs.250 crore in the campus of King Institute, Chennai.
  - ✓ **"Kalaigñar Memorial Library"** with modern facilities at a cost of Rs.70 crore in Madurai.
  - ✓ 49 Industrial Projects through **"Investors First Destination - Tamilnadu."**
  - ✓ Rs. 28,508 crore investment.83,482 employment oppurtunities.
  - ✓ **"Health at the Doorsteps Scheme" - First in the Country.**
  - ✓ Appointment of Archagars from all castes.
  - ✓ Poojas in **"Annai Thamizh" in Temples**
  - ✓ **10.5% Special Reservation for Vanniars, Seermarabinar Tribes and other MBCs.**
  - ✓ **"Separate Annual Budget for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare" - First in the State.**
  - ✓ Fixed Deposit of Rs.5 lakh and Rs.3 lakh to Children who lost their parents due to Corona disease.
  - ✓ Journalists announced as frontline workers. Rs.10 lakh compensation to the families of those who die of Covid-19.
  - ✓ Financial allocation of Rs. 4,508.23 crore to Free Electricity Scheme.
  - ✓ Re-introduction of **"Anna Marumalarchi" and "Namakku Naame"** Schemes.
  - ✓ **Kalaigñarin Anai thu Grama Orunginaintha Velaan Valarchi Thittam"** at a cost of Rs. 1,245.45 crore.
  - ✓ Financial allocation of Rs. 1,149.79 crore for the **"Welfare of Fisherman."**
  - ✓ **"Kalaigñar Urban Development Scheme"** at a cost of Rs. 1,000 crores.
  - ✓ Rs. 2,750 crore loans to Women Self Help Groups waived. Rs. 20,000 crore loan assistance.
  - ✓ **"Thagaisal Thamizhar Award"** constituted for eminent persons who contribute to Tamilnadu and Tamils.
  - ✓ **"Economic Advisory Council"** with World renowned Economists.
  - ✓ **"Singara Chennai 2.0"** to improve Chennai to the international standards
- **The Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR) - is all set to get an indigenous coal-fired locomotive on August**
  - ✓ The X-class steam locomotive was made at Golden Rock Railway Workshop in Trichy
  - ✓ This is the first such meter gauge coal-fired loco being manufactured in the Workshop.
- **E - Paarvai**
  - ✓ **Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency's (TNeGA)** award-winning mobile app, **E-Paarvai** - is helping government hospitals identify people with cataracts.
  - ✓ The **Artificial Intelligence-based** app named 'E-Paarvai' allows healthcare workers to identify cataracts on-the-spot with 91% accuracy.
  - ✓ Untreated cataracts are one of the primary reasons for blindness in Tamil Nadu.
- **Veteran BJP leader and the party's former Rajya Sabha MP L Ganesan - has been appointed as the governor of Manipur**
- **IN TAMIL NADU, Six airports in the state including Chennai, 491 km of national highway and the Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR) - are among the infrastructure assets identified by the Centre under the National Monetisation Plan.**

- ✓ Solar power capacities of NLC India, gas pipelines in the Cauvery basin, some port assets of **VOC Port in Tuticorin**, railway stations of **Puducherry and Chennai**, **Hotel Ashok in Puducherry** are among the chosen assets to witness joint leasing by the Union government
- ✓ Trichy airport has been identified for monetisation through brownfield PPP models in FY22.
- ✓ This will be followed by **Madurai and Coimbatore airports** in FY23, and Chennai airport in FY24
- ✓ The national highway stretches identified for monetization over FY 2022-2025 in the State include listed below.

| From                | To                                | Distance |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Ulundurpet          | Padalur                           | 94 km    |
| Ulundurpet          | Tindivanam                        | 73 km    |
| Trichy              | Padalur                           | 38 km    |
| Krishnagiri         | Thopurghat                        | 63 km    |
| six laning of Hosur | Krishnagiri                       | 60 km    |
| Tambaram            | Tindivanam                        | 46.5 km  |
| Trichy              | Karaikudi including Trichy bypass | 117 km   |

- **T.N. launches 100 cr. Urban Employment Scheme**
  - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government will implement an urban employment scheme on the lines of the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)** at a cost of 100 crore to improve the livelihood of urban poor, Minister for **Municipal Administration, Urban and Water Supply K.N. Nehru** said in the Assembly on Tuesday.
  - ✓ The objective of the programme was to provide employment to urban poor, who had lost their jobs because of the COVID-19 pandemic as recommended by the committee headed by former **RBI Governor C Rangarajan**.
- **IIT Madras develops India's first indigenous motorised wheelchair 'NeoBolt'**
  - ✓ IIT Madras has developed India's first indigenous **motorized wheelchair** vehicle named 'NeoBolt', which can be used not only on roads but even on uneven terrains. It has a maximum speed of 25 kmph
- **Six municipalities in Tamil Nadu – Tambaram, Kancheepuram, Kumbakonam, Karur, Cuddalore and Sivakasi – would soon be upgraded into corporations** by merging adjoining areas with them.
- **On August, the Tamil Nadu legislative assembly - unanimously passed a bill to provide 7.5% horizontal quota to government school students for admissions to undergraduate professional courses**
  - ✓ The Bill was framed on the basis of the recommendations provided by retired Judge, Justice **D Murugesan committee**.
- **T.N. renames Development policy council**
  - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government on Wednesday renamed the **State Development Policy Council as the State Planning Commission**.
  - ✓ The government issued an order making the change with immediate effect.

- ✓ In 2020, consequent to the abolition of plan, non-plan distinction, orders were issued replacing the State Planning Commission, which was constituted in 1971, with the **State Development Policy Council (SDPC)**.
- ✓ The SDPC was tasked with preparing **short, medium and long-term plans and strategy documents, monitoring, evaluation and policy advocacy**, creating policy coherence and implementation of special programmes.
- **The Tamil Nadu government - has announced "Chief Minister Road Improvement Scheme" to widen the roads connecting taluk headquarters and the district headquarters in the next ten years.**
- **The state government - announced cancellation of the "performance-based maintenance contract (PBMC)" scheme of the previous AIADMK government, which encouraged "monopoly of contractors".**
- **Tamil Nadu assembly - passed a resolution urging the Union government to repeal the three contentious farm laws that are not suitable for the country's agricultural growth and the farmers' welfare.**
- **Singara Chennai 2.0**
  - ✓ Tamilnadu CM revives the '**Singara Chennai**' project. After the DMK won in the 1996 Local Body elections, M K Stalin, who was then the mayor of the capital city, rolled out a slew of projects to keep the city clear of garbage and spruce it up with road infrastructure like flyovers under the '**Singara Chennai**' umbrella.
- **Naatukozhi hatchery in Tirunelveli**
  - ✓ As there is an increasing demand for **naatukozhi** (country chicken) meat and eggs, the government will set up an exclusive naatukozhi hatchery unit in Abishekapatti, Tirunelveli,
  - ✓ **Minister for Fisheries, Fishermen Welfare and Animal Husbandry Anitha R. Radhakrishnan** said in the Assembly on Saturday.
  - ✓ **Siruvidai chicken breed**, at a cost of 1.52 crore, will be set up in Madhavaram, Chennai.
- **Sugar-free milk kova unit in Salem**
  - ✓ Milk and Dairy Development Minister S.M. Nasar on Saturday announced a cattle fodder manufacturing unit in **Pudukudi, Thanjavur** district, at a cost of 25 crore.
  - ✓ He said a **sugar-free milk kova** unit would be set up at the **Salem District Co-operative Milk Producers' Union** to increase the revenue of milk producers and meet the increasing demand for sugar-free milk kova. The total allocation for the unit is 8 crore.
- **Tamil Nadu - ranked fifth in fines collected through e-challans for traffic offences since September 2019, collecting Rs.140.9 crore as penalty**
- **On August, V O Chidambaranar (VOC) Port - set the new record of handling a ship with the largest parcel size of 93,719 tonnes.**
- **On August 15, Chief Minister MK Stalin - hoisted the Tricolour for the first time at the ramparts of Fort St George on the occasion of 75th Independence day and received a guard of honour provided by Tamil Nadu police**
  - ✓ During his speech, the CM also recalled his father and former **CM Dr. Kalaingar M Karunanidhi's** letter to former PM Indira Gandhi that has started the tradition of CMs unfurling the tricolour on August 15 from the year 1974

- ✓ Till 1973, state Governors used to unfurl the national flag on both Independence Day and Republic Day.
- ✓ CM Stalin also unveiled a 'commemorative pillar' to mark the Diamond Jubilee (75<sup>th</sup> year) celebrations of India's Independence
- ✓ The Chief Minister announced that the monthly pension for freedom fighters would be increased from Rs.17,000 to Rs.18,000 while their family pension would be hiked from Rs.8,500 to Rs.9,000
- ✓ He also said the Mahatma Gandhi Museum in Madurai will be upgraded at a cost of Rs.6 crore so as to attract even youngsters towards Gandhian principles
- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin** - presented various awards on the occasion of the Independence Day on August 15, 2021
  - ✓ **Kalpna Chawla award for Courage and Daring Enterprise was presented posthumously to Dr P Shanmugapriya (late) Medical Officer, Anuppanadi, Primary Health Centre, Madurai, which was accepted by her Husband.**
  - ✓ **APJ Abdul Kalam award** was presented to **Dr M Lakshmanan**, Professor of Eminence, Bharathidasan University
  - ✓ **Dr M Lakshmanan** is a specialist in the field of non-linear dynamics in Theoretical Physics and has been named in the top 2% of World Scientists as per California Stanford University' recent list.
  - ✓ **Avvaiyar award** was given to **Dr D Santhi Duraisamy** who is in the business of pure spice and masala powder manufacturing in recognition of her service to the disabled and other social service activities
  - ✓ **Best Third Gender award was conferred on Grace Banu, Thoothukudi, for services rendered towards the welfare of society.**
  - ✓ **Thanjavur received the best municipal corporation award**
  - ✓ **Udhagamandalam, Tiruchengode and Chinnamanur** received first, second and third prizes for the best municipalities in the State
  - ✓ **Best Town Panchayat awards were given to Kallakudi (Trichy), Melapattampakkam (Cuddalore) and Kottaiyur (Sivagangai) respectively**
  - ✓ **The Chief Minister's State Youth Award was presented to Aravind Jayabal, Chennai district, N Bazurudeen, Thiruvarur district, S Ranjith Kumar, Nilgiris district, G Maheswari, Dindigul district, J Amala Jenifer Jayarani, Cuddalore district and S Meena, Chennai district.**
  - ✓ **The Chief Minister's Best Practices Award for taking personal efforts was conferred to K. Narayanasamy, Director, Government Corona Hospital, Guindy for restructuring the National Institute of Ageing building at the King Institute Campus into a dedicated hospital for Covid-19 patients.**
  - ✓ **J. Partheeban, District Reveue Officer, Vellore district, was presented the award, for simplifying land acquisition process using e-modules and ensuring transparency in fixation of compensation.**
  - ✓ **The Holy Cross Service Society, Tiruchirapalli, P. Padmapriya, Medical Officer, Salem, social worker Maria Aloysius Novamoney, Nagercoil, We are Your Voice, Chennai, and Erode Central Co-operative Bank were awarded for Exemplary Service for the Welfare of the Differently Abled.**
  - ✓ **The Chief Minister also gave away Chief Minister's State Youth Award, awards for police and fire personnel.**
- **On August 14, the Chief Minister had presented the first Thagaisal Thamizhar Award to veteran Communist leader and centenarian, N. Sankaraiah alongwith a cheque of Rs. 10 lakh.**
- **The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board - has been adjudged the second best board in the country.**
- **The state government - has appointed former IAS officer P W C Davidar as adviser (digital and simplified governance) to Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency.**
- **Tamil Nadu - is ranked as the best performing state in the progress of Smart Cities Mission**
  - ✓ **Chennai and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, Indore, Bhopal and Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh, and Surat and Rajkot in Gujarat figure among the best performers on different criteria**
  - ✓ **The Smart Cities Mission was launched in 2015 to redevelop 100 cities across the country**
- **9 New Supreme Court judges, including 3 women, takes oath**
  - ✓ **Nine new judges, including three women, have been administered the oath of office as judges of the Supreme Court by Chief Justice of India (CJI) NV Ramana**
  - ✓ **Justice Vikram Nath**
  - ✓ **Justice BV Nagarathna**
  - ✓ **Justice PS Narasimha:**

- ✓ Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka
- ✓ Justice Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari
- ✓ Justice Hima Kohli
- ✓ Justice CT Ravikumar
- ✓ Justice MM Sundresh
- ✓ Justice Bela M Trivedi





# SEPTEMBER

## TAMIL NADU

- **Dr J Jayalalithaa University merged with Annamalai University**
  - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government - passed a Bill in the assembly to merge Dr J Jayalalithaa University with Annamalai University.
  - ✓ The DMK's new bill seeks to repeal the Dr J Jayalalithaa University Act 2021.
- **T.N. announces parks for future mobility, apparels**
  - ✓ An integrated apparel park in Virudhunagar district at a cost of 400 crore, a future mobility park in Krishnagiri district at a cost of 300 crore and a SIPCOT Industrial Park in Tiruvallur district, costing 250 crore, were among the major announcements made by the Tamil Nadu government in the Assembly on Tuesday
- **Electoral rolls released for Nine new districts**
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu **State Election Commission** on Tuesday released the electoral roll in nine newly carved districts in the State, ahead of the rural local body polls in those districts.
  - ✓ As per the data provided, the nine districts of **Chengalpattu, Kallakurichi, Kancheepuram, Ranipet, Tenkasi, Tirunelveli, Tirupattur, Vellore** and Villupuram have a total of 76,59,720 voters
- **Chief Minister M K Stalin - announced that Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board will henceforth be known as Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board**
  - ✓ 'Housing for All' scheme for the urban slum/poor families before 2030
- **Sponge Park**
  - ✓ Greater Chennai Corporation - has proposed to set up a 'sponge park' with artificial pond and rain gardens at the **Kargil Nagar flood water pumping station in Manali zone.**
- **Unique Health ID**
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu government - is planning to provide a unique health ID (UHID) to everyone in the state.
  - ✓ The registry will have the name, age, gender, mobile number, smart (ration) card number, health ID, street details, health sub-centre of the beneficiaries.
  - ✓ The state has already commenced the pilot run of UHID projects in two blocks of Krishnagiri district.
- **The Tamil Nadu Small Industries Corporation Limited (TANSIDCO) - is planning to establish four industrial estates at a cost of Rs. 218.22 crore for MSME units in Tiruvallur, Chengalpet, Trichy and Madurai district**
  - ✓ Through the Tamil Nadu Startup Seed Grant Fund (TANSEED), the state is also planning to provide a grant of Rs.10 lakh each to 50 startups this year.
- **The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board - to launch a 'web-based GeoSpatial Services (GSS)' portal to geo-tag industrial polluters in state.**

- **The State government - to set up common effluent treatment plants (CETPs) in 10 locations in Erode and Namakkal districts to prevent discharge of effluents from industries into water bodies.**
- **Blue flag certification**
  - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government - plans to spend Rs.100 crore over the next five years to get the prestigious **Blue Flag certification for the Marina** and nine other beaches in the state.
- **Chief minister of Tamil Nadu - announced a 'manimandapam' (memorial) for the renowned 19th century Tamil scholar Iyothee Thass Pandithar in North Chennai on the sidelines of his 175th birth anniversary**
  - ✓ **Iyothee Thass Pandithar was born as Kathavarayan** in Royapettah in Chennai on May 20, 1845
  - ✓ Out of reverence and affection for his guru, he took the name of Iyothee Thass after his teacher, Iyothee Thaasa Kaviraja Pandithar
  - ✓ His grandfather, Kanthappan handed over palm leaf manuscripts of '**Thirukkural**' and '**Naaladiyar**' to British civil servant Francis Whyte Ellis and helped towards their publication
  - ✓ Iyothee Thass Pandithar. founded the **Advaita Sabha in 1870** with the objective of fighting caste system and '**Dravida Mahajana Sabhai**' in 1891.
- **Celebrations for V.O.C.'s birth anniversary**
  - ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Friday made 14 announcements in the Assembly in line with his Independence Day speech that the 150th birth anniversary of freedom fighter **V.O. Chidambaranar** would be celebrated as a government function
  - ✓ The freedom fighter's death anniversary on November 18 would be observed as a '**Day of Sacrifice.**'
- **On September, Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin - announced cancellation of 1% market cess levied on cotton and cotton waste**
- **Chief Minister M K Stalin - presented the Dr Radhakrishnan award to 15 selected teachers out of 389 awardees on September 5**
  - ✓ This year, **Dr Radhakrishnan Award** was conferred to 389 teachers who have excelled in teaching innovation, design for education, environmental improvement, and student enrolment.
- **On September 6, state-run power utility, Tangedco - signed a memorandum of understanding with Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency, a government of India enterprise for mutual collaboration**
  - ✓ Accordingly, TANGEDCO is planning for 20,000 MW of Solar Power Project, 3,000 MW of Pumped Storage Hydro Electric Project, and 2,000 MW of Gas Based Power Plant for efficient **Renewable integration.**
  - ✓ The state government is keen on investing in renewable energy as its own generation from thermal power stations is only 4,320MW, in comparison with the average demand of 15,000MW.

- **Tamil Nadu makes it official: it's workers' right to sit**
  - ✓ It introduces a Bill that makes it mandatory for establishments to provide seating to employees.
  - ✓ It might not have all the connotations of a **Rosa Parks'** protest, but the Bill that the Tamil Nadu government introduced in the Assembly on Monday is revolutionary enough by recognising workers' "**right to sit**".
- **On September, the state government - announced solar power parks across the state to generate 4,000MW of solar energy with battery storage system of 2,000MW in areas excluding corporations and municipalities.**
- **Chief Minister M K Stalin - to discuss with a business delegation from Denmark on September 8 to explore the possibility of establishing offshore wind mills on the Tamil Nadu coast**
  - ✓ The CoE for off-shore wind energy is most likely to come up in Chennai.
  - ✓ State Industries minister **Thangam Thennarasu** addressed the Danish delegation at a meeting organized by Guidance Tamil Nadu in Chennai on September
  - ✓ Offering Denmark's support to Tamil Nadu, Danish minister for climate, energy and utilities, **Dan Jannik Jorgensen** said Denmark has established itself in green energy, especially wind energy.
- **Tamil Nadu-Denmark plan energy island in Gulf of Mannar**
  - ✓ State of Tamil Nadu and Denmark have planned to create an energy island in **Gulf of Mannar** that lies between the west coast of Sri Lanka and south-eastern tip of India.
  - ✓ This plan was made as Tamil Nadu is looking to expand its footprint in the **green energy sector**.
- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin - announced in the state Assembly that a civilization flourished on the banks of Thamirabarani river 3,200 years ago**
  - ✓ Carbon dating showed paddy found in **burial urn at sivakalai** in Thoothukudi district belonged to 1155 BCE
  - ✓ Thamirabarani river starts in pothigai hills of Western Ghats, flows through Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi districts and empties at korkai (Tirunelveli district into Gulf of Mannar)
  - ✓ The paddy in the urn belonged to 1,155 BCE that is 600 years older than the samples found **in Keeladi in Sivaganga** district where the excavation is ongoing .
  - ✓ According to the historians, the graffiti found in the Indus Valley civilization and in south India are about 80% identical
  - ✓ The state archaeological department is now excavating sites at **Adichanallur, Sivagalai, Korkai, Kodumanal, Mayiladumparai and Gangaikonda Cholapuram**, the CM said.
    - **The Tamil Nadu government - has proposed to start excavation at three new sites – Vembakottai in Virudhunagar, Thulukarpatti in Tirunelveli and Perumpalai in Dharmapuri district.**
- **'Porunai civilisation is 3,200 years old'**
  - ✓ "The finding has established that the **Porunai river [Thamirabarani] civilisation dates back to 3,200 years**
- **TN Govt. to introduce new cement brand 'Valimai'**
- **TN Govt. to introduce new salt brand 'Neidhal'**

- **Freedom fighter Subramania Bharati's 100th death anniversary**
  - ✓ The CM declared September 11 as "**Mahakavi Day**", recalling the contributions of the freedom fighter who also advocated equal social rights to all.
- **"Ola Electric" - announced an "all-women" 10,000-strong workforce at its upcoming two-wheeler factory in Pochampalli village of Krishnagiri district in TN**
  - ✓ The Foxconn group company has a 25,000 all-women team manufacturing devices and appliances.
  - ✓ Under a specialised '**Project Tejaswini**' initiative, **Hero Motors** has also increased the number of women employees on the shopfloor to more than 1,000
- **Tamil Nadu declares encroachment of temple land as cognizable, non-bailable offence**
  - ✓ The Tamil Nadu Assembly on September 13, 2021, passed a bill that makes the encroachment of properties belonging to religious institutions a cognizable and non-bailable offence.
  - ✓ The bill seeking the amendment of the **Tamil Nadu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959** was tabled in the assembly on September 13 and was passed unanimously.
  - ✓ The Government of Tamil Nadu has launched a massive drive to retrieve the temple lands that have been encroached in various areas of the State
- **Tamil Nadu Government - to celebrate the birth anniversary of social reformer Periyar E V Ramasamy, September 17, as 'Day of Social Justice' every year**
  - ✓ **Thanthai Periyar**, as he is popularly known, founded the **Dravidar Kazhagam**, a precursor to the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK).
  - ✓ The chief minister recalled former chief minister and DMK founder **CN Annaduarai's** 1967 statement in the Assembly that the first DMK government was "**a tribute to Periyar**".  
He also said the **first amendment to the Indian Constitution** came about because of Periyar, who "never went to Parliament
- **95 - Foot - tall statue of social reformer**
  - ✓ The status will stand on a 40-feet pedestal, altogether making a height of 135 feet from the surface at Trichy (siruganur).
  - ✓
- **KNMT \_ Kalaingar Nagarpura Membattu Thittam**
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu government - has launched the Rs.1,000-crore **Kalaingar Nagarpura Membattu Thittam (KNMT)** to fill infrastructure gaps in urban local bodies, especially municipalities and town panchayats.
- **Tamil Nadu and Kerala governments - agreed to set up technical sub-committees to assess the Nirar-Nallar multipurpose straight-cut scheme**
  - ✓ The panel will discuss ways and means to avoid a long circuitous route and convey water from **Upper Nirar to river Nallar**
  - ✓ The discussions included building a new dam under **Pandiyar-Punnampuzha** project to divert water to **Noyyal** and **Bhavani** basin in Tamil Nadu.
- **Ravindra Narayan Ravi - was sworn in as the 26th governor of Tamil Nadu on September**
  - ✓ Chief Justice of the Madras HC, **Sanjib Banerjee**, administered the oath of office to him at a ceremony at the Raj Bhavan, Chennai
  - ✓ During the swearing-in event that lasted for 10 minutes, **chief secretary V Irai Anbu** read out '**Warrant of Appointment**' signed by President Ram Nath Kovind on September.

- **Sahitya Akademy Awards**
  - ✓ Two Tamil writers – **TES Raghavan and K Chellappan** – have been chosen for the **Sahitya Akademi prize** for translation for the year 2020.
- **CM lauds winners of Sahitya Akademi**
  - ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Saturday commended the winners of the **Sahitya Akademi Prize for Translation**, who has translated Tamil works in other languages and vice versa.
  - ✓ He extended his greetings to **K. Chellappan**, who translated Rabindranath Tagore’s Bengali novel **Gora in Tamil**;
  - ✓ **T.E.S. Raghavan**, who translated saint-poet **Thiruvalluvar’s Tirukkural in Hindi**
  - ✓ **Sonali Navangul**, who translated Tamil novel **Irاندam Jaamankalin Kathai** by Salma in Marathi.
- **‘Silambam recognised by Centre’**
  - ✓ Silambam, an Indian martial art developed by Tamils, has been recognised under the ‘Promotion of inclusiveness through sports’ initiative of the ‘**Khelo India**’ programme of the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Tamil Nadu Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development **Siva V. Meyyanathan** said on Saturday.
  - **The state government has decided to make “Silambam”**, a prehistoric martial art developed in the state, as one of the sporting disciplines eligible for recruitment **under 3% sports quota**
- **The Southern Zone Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT)** - suspends approval to expand Ennore Thermal Power Plant and ordered a public hearing on the proposal.
- **Two private engineering colleges in Tamil Nadu - have proposed to offer mechanical engineering and computer science engineering courses in Tamil from 2021-22.**
  - ✓ This is the first time since College of Engineering (CEG) in Anna University launched engineering in Tamil 11 years ago.
- **Grantha Script**
  - ✓ A stone inscription with Grantha script and a sculpture - have been discovered near Karuvelampatti in Thiruparankundram union in Madurai district
- **Honour for a Tamil writer after 25 years**
  - ✓ **Indira Parthasarathy**, commonly known as **Ee. Paa**, is **Sahitya Akademi fellow**.
  - ✓ After a gap of 25 years, the Sahitya Akademi has chosen a Tamil littérateur – **Indira Parthasarathy**, commonly known as **Ee. Paa** – for its highest honour of Fellowship.
  - ✓ In 1996, **D. Jayakanthan**, aged 62, was the youngest to become a Fellow of the Akademi. Before him, only two from the Tamil literary world – **Rajaji or C. Rajagopalachari (1969) and T.P. Meenakshisundaram (1975)**.
  - ✓ Talking of the three previous recipients, he pointed out that Rajaji was known for his elegant Tamil prose. **Meenakshi sundaram was a “great Tamil scholar and proficient in many languages”**.
  - ✓ Jayakanthan was the “first full-fledged creative writer” who was made a Fellow.
- **The Tamil Nadu government - to bear the entire education cost of all government school students joining professional courses under the 7.5% quota**

- **Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF), India - has established a dedicated facility to cater exclusively to the needs of people with dementia in Chennai.**
- **The Kovalam beach in Chennai and Eden beach in Puducherry - have been awarded the prestigious “Blue Flag” certification**
  - ✓ India have 10 beaches with the coveted international eco-level tag that is given to clean and well-managed beaches as per globally recognised standards
  - ✓ Eden Beach of Puducherry becomes the first beach in the Union Territory to get the coveted eco label
- **The Tamil Nadu government - has constituted a four-member special task force (STF) to expedite identification and distribution of land to beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) scheme**
- **Tamil Nadu export promotion policy 2021 in Chennai on September**
  - ✓ The CM urged industries to focus on exports of wide range of GI-tagged products of the state, including Kancheepuram and Arani silk sarees, Thanjavur art works, **Pathamadai** mats, Mahabalipuram stone sculptures, Madurai **jasmine**, Sirumalai **plantains** and Dindigul **locks**, which have demand across the globe.
- **On September, the State Government - approved one lakh power connections to farmers - most of which would be free -- at a cost of Rs. 3,025 crore to the exchequer**
  - ✓ The one lakh farm electricity connection scheme was recently announced in the State Assembly during the demand for grants (2021-22) for Energy Department.
  - ✓ The state government has entered into an agreement **with Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)** to provide technical expertise in developing renewable energy projects and raise funds to the tune of Rs.1.32 lakh crore
- **Tamil Nadu government - has identified six champion sectors to focus for the State’s exports thrust**
  - ✓ The champion sectors identified for achieving the \$100 billion target include **automobile and auto components, textiles, food processing, leather and footwear, electronic and communication** as well as machinery.
- **The school education department - is planning to launch a statewide campaign to prevent the learning loss and to ensure basic literacy among children of Classes I to VIII**
  - ✓ Under the campaign, the government plans to take schools to places near students with the assistance of local volunteers to ensure everyone has foundational numeracy and literacy skills.
  - ✓ It will be modelled on the ‘**Veethi Vagupparai**’ (Classes on the Streets) method followed by a NGO.
  - ✓ The campaign is likely to be linked with the government’s ‘**Ennum Ezhuthum**’ mission to ensure children are able to comprehend and possess basic arithmetic skills by the time they reach eight years old.
- **MGR Railway Station of Chennai has become a Green railway fully powered by solar energy.**
  - ✓ **Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. MG Ramachandran Central (DRM)** or Chennai Central railway station will get 100 percent energy through Solar Energy. The Chennai Central railway station comes under the South Central Railway (SCR) zone and which is going to become the world’s largest green railway network.

- **Tamil Nadu finance minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan** – has been nominated by the GST Council in the Group of Ministers (GoM) formed to usher in GST System Reforms
- **Tamil Nadu-based MSME bags contract from Boeing**
  - ✓ For the first time, a Tamil Nadu-based MSME has clinched a deal with the largest aerospace firm Boeing.
  - ✓ Aerospace Engineers Private Limited, located in Salem, won a long-term contract from Boeing to manufacture and supply critical aviation components and parts for the global aerospace company's products.
  - ✓ It will be setting a new manufacturing plant in Hosur.
- **Trans Kitchen**
  - ✓ Trans Kitchen, a hotel run by a group of **transgender people**, was inaugurated near Goripalayam junction, Madurai.
  - ✓ It is a first-of-its-kind initiative in the city.
  - ✓ Swasti organization funded the initiative, in association with organizations like **Aroghyam, Virutti, and Sri Lakshmi Pengal Munnetra Sangam**
- **Defence corridor: T.N. seeks Centre's support**
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu urged the Defence Ministry to sanction six major proposals.
  - ✓ Under the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme, the State sought sanction for five proposals – **communication systems & RF antenna in Chennai;**
  - ✓ testing infrastructure for **unmanned aircraft systems in Ulundurpet/Sholavaram;**
  - ✓ a mechanical and material testing facility in Tiruchi;
  - ✓ **electromagnetic interference** and electromagnetic compatibility tests in Chennai; and testing infrastructure for ammunitions in Tiruchi.
- **Chief Minister, M K Stalin - inaugurated the Tamil Nadu police museum at Egmore in Chennai on September**
- **Medical Devices Park will attract 3,500 cr. in investments'**
  - ✓ The Medical Devices Park that will come up at Oragadam will attract investments to the tune of 3,500 crore and is expected provide direct and indirect employment to about 10,000 people, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said on Tuesday
- **Chief Minister M K Stalin - relaunched the 'Varumun Kappom' (preventive healthcare) scheme as 'Kalaigharin Varumun Kappom' at a function at Vazhapadi in Salem on September**
- **The State government - is planning to setup a turmeric research centre in Erode**
  - ✓ This was announced by the commissioner and secretary of Tamil Nadu agriculture and farmers' welfare department C Samayamoorthy.
  - ✓ **Mr.C Samayamoorthy** participated in the third edition of 'PonManjal – CII turmeric conclave 2021' that was organised online by the confederation of India Industry (CII) – Erode zone
- **On September, Chief Minister M K Stalin - introduced a bill in the state assembly to constitute a state commission for scheduled castes (SCs) and scheduled tribes (STs).**  
The bill is to be called "The Tamil Nadu State Commission for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act, 2021"

- **The Tamil Nadu government - has increased the quota for women in government jobs from 30% to 40 %**

