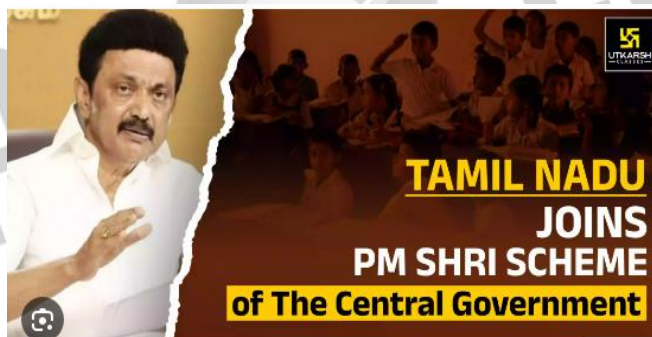


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 18, 2024

TAMIL NADU

- **PM SHRI School Scheme**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Signs MoU To Implement PM SHRI School Scheme.



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has agreed to implement the PM SHRI Schools (PM Schools for Rising India) scheme by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- ✓ This initiative aims to enhance the quality of education in the state and align with the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020.

NATIONAL

- **India's First Integrated Oil Palm Processing Unit**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated India's first integrated oil palm processing unit, operated by 3F Oil Palm, marking a significant stride in the nation's journey towards self-reliance in edible oils.



- ✓ Situated in Arunachal Pradesh's Roing, this project aligns with Mission Palm Oil under the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP).

AWARDS

- **Diana Memorial Award**
- ✓ Indian Youth Uday Bhatia and Manasi Gupta Receive 'Diana Memorial Award'.



- ✓ Uday Bhatia and Manasi Gupta from India were honored with the prestigious 'Diana Memorial Award' on 14 March 2024.
- ✓ This award is given every two years in memory of Princess Diana.
- ✓ It recognizes exceptional youth for their social work or humanitarian services.
- ✓ The Diana Award charity, established in memory of the late Princess of Wales, is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

PERSONALITIES

- **National Person with Disability (PwD) Icon**
- ✓ Sheetal Devi has been announced by Election Commission as its National Person with Disability (PwD) Icon.



- ✓ Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu graced the event.
- ✓ Sheetal Devi is a Para Archer and Arjuna Awardee.
- ✓ She got Arjuna Award 2023 on 9 January 2024.
- ✓ She is the first and only international para-archery champion without upper limbs.

SPORTS

- **India's First Indoor Athletics and Aquatic Centres**
- ✓ Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik Inaugurates India's First Indoor Athletics and Aquatic Centres.



- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated India's first indoor athletics stadium and indoor aquatic centre at the Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar.
- ✓ The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for a new indoor diving centre in the stadium complex. According to Patnaik, the new indoor facilities will help athletes train throughout the year without fear of weather-related disturbances.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Ordnance Factories Day: March 18**
- ✓ Ordnance Factories Day is observed every year on March 18th. This year, it falls on a Monday.



- ✓ Ordnance Factories Day is a special day celebrated in India to honour the Indian Ordnance Factories that provide arms and ammunition to the Indian Armed Forces.
- ✓ These factories play a vital role in keeping our country and its people safe.

