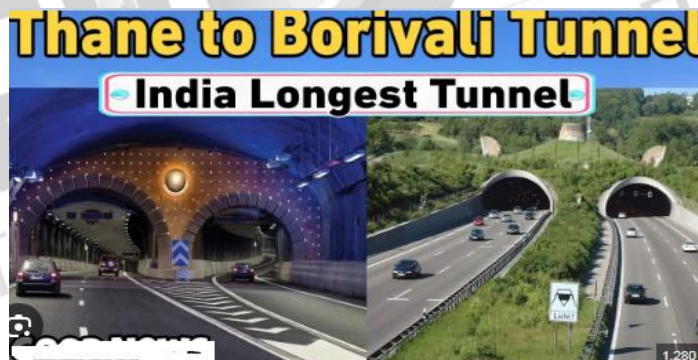


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 18, 2024

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- **India's Longest and Largest Urban Tunnel**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's longest and largest urban tunnel project, the Thane Borivali Twin Tunnel, developed by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA).



- ✓ This Rs. 16,600 crore project will reduce travel time between Thane and Borivali from over an hour to just 12 minutes, cutting the travel distance by 12 km.
- ✓ This initiative is part of broader infrastructure projects worth Rs. 29,000 crore aimed at enhancing connectivity in Mumbai.

AWARDS

- **Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity**
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh's Wins Gulbenkian Prize for Natural Farming Model.



- ✓ In a significant recognition of innovative agricultural practices, the Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) initiative has been awarded the prestigious 2024 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity.
- ✓ This accolade not only highlights India's progress in sustainable farming but also places Andhra Pradesh on the global map for its pioneering efforts in eco-friendly agriculture.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ Tamil Nadu Day – July 18

JULY 18 TAMIL NADU DAY

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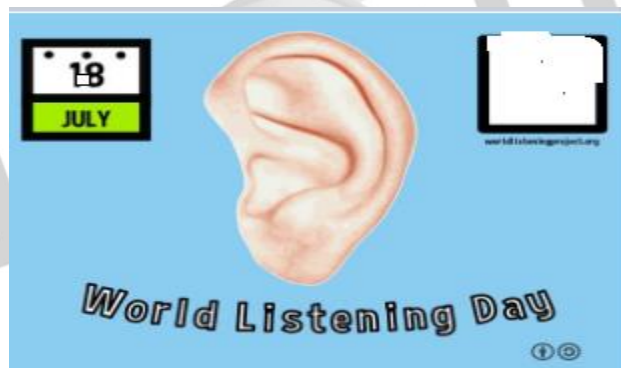
- ✓ A resolution was passed unanimously in the Madras State Legislative Assembly by the government led by the then chief minister of Tamil Nadu C. N. Annadurai seeking to rename the state as Tamil Nadu. On 18 July 1967, the state was officially renamed from Madras State to Tamil Nadu.
 - ✓ CM Stalin, announced that 18 July of every year will be celebrated as Tamil Nadu Day from 2022 to mark the formation of the state.
- **Nelson Mandela International Day – July 18**
- ✓ Every year on July 18th, the world unites to celebrate Nelson Mandela International Day, honouring the life and enduring legacy of one of history's most inspiring figures.



- ✓ This day serves not only as a commemoration but as a global call to action, encouraging individuals and communities worldwide to embody Mandela's spirit of service and dedication to social justice.

➤ **World Listening Day – July 18**

- ✓ World Listening Day is observed on every year on 18 July.



- ✓ The purpose of celebrating World Hearing Day is to feel connected to the environment around us, society and culture through listening.
- ✓ Theme 2024 – Listening to the Weave of Sound.

