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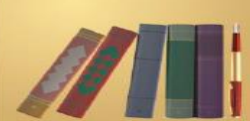
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TAMIL NADU

➤ **Chennai's Second Greenfield Airport**

- ✓ Chennai's second Greenfield airport - will come up in Parandur of Kancheepuram district near Sriperumbudur at an estimated expense of Rs 20,000 crore.
- ✓ The plan is to build an airport that will have two parallel runways and terminals to handle around 20 million passengers a year.
- ✓ The site is to be developed as a huge aero city with facilities for maintenance and repairs, aviation ancillary units, and commercial establishments.

➤ **T.N. to host Indian History Congress Session**

- ✓ After a gap of 25 years, an educational institution in Tamil Nadu is set to host the annual session of the Indian History Congress (IHC).
- ✓ The 81st session of the IHC would be hosted by Madras Christian College (MCC) in Chennai in December.

➤ **Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (QCC)**

- ✓ The 'Longwood Shola' forest in Kotagiri in the Nilgiris - has been awarded the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (QCC) accreditation.
- ✓ This is a first of its kind honour for Tamil Nadu and second in the entire country. Tillari Conservation Reserve (TCR) in Maharashtra was the first in the country to get this accreditation in March 2021.

➤ **Thandora**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu government - has banned the age-old practice of traditional 'thandora' to communicate information by the district administrators.
- ✓ The revenue authorities engage staff to beat the drum-like instrument to evacuate people immediately ahead of natural disasters and other purposes.
- ✓ In a letter to district collectors, chief secretary V Irai Anbu said that with the advent of science and technology, there is no necessity for a 'thandora' to be used.

➤ **Ramsar Recognition**

- ✓ Six More Wetlands in T.N. get Ramsar Recognition.
- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Wednesday announced that six more wetlands in the State have become Ramsar sites.
 1. Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary.
 2. Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve.
 3. Vembannur Wetland Complex.
 4. Vellode Bird Sanctuary.

5. Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary.
6. Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary, got the Ramsar site recognition.

➤ **Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project (TNRSP)**

- ✓ Chennai-based Indian Road Survey & Management – to use Australian data-collection vehicles to survey city roads and highway stretches constructed and maintained by Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project (TNRSP).
- ✓ TNRSP, an entity under the state highways department, selected IRSM through a tender process two years ago to assess roads covering 40,000 km.

➤ **Konthagai Excavation Site**

- ✓ Carnelian beads unearthed in Konthagai excavation site.
- ✓ A cluster of 74 carnelian beads was unearthed on Monday at Konthagai in Sivaganga district, which is part of the Keeladi cluster.
- ✓ This is the first time that carnelian beads have been found at this burial site. The beads were found inside an urn.

➤ **Enforcement Bureau - Crime Investigation Department**

- ✓ On August 11, Chief minister M K Stalin - announced creation of a new wing of Police 'Enforcement Bureau - Crime Investigation Department' to strengthen the fight against drugs.
- ✓ The new department is formed after merging the prohibition enforcement wing and the narcotics intelligence bureau CID to attain the target of "Drug Free Tamil Nadu".

➤ **Folk Art, Music and Theatre - T.N. Govt. Schools**

- ✓ Following an announcement made earlier this year on a focussed effort to introduce extra-curricular and co-curricular activities in government schools, the Tamil Nadu School Education Department is working on rolling out initiatives including folk art, music, and theatre in the coming months.
- ✓ The Education Department had said that two periods a week would be allotted for students of Classes VI to IX for extra and co-curricular activities.
- ✓ Whatever they are good at – be it painting, performing arts, folk arts or theatre, they will be encouraged to learn and perform," said R. Sudhan, State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha.

➤ **Elephant Reserve at Agasthiyamalai**

- ✓ On August 12, the Centre - has announced the establishment of another elephant reserve at Agasthiyamalai in Tirunelveli District, on the occasion of World Elephant Day.

- ✓ It will be the 32nd elephant reserve in the country and the fifth in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ This takes the number of elephant reserves in the country to 32 including at Nilgiris, Nilambur, Srivilliputhur and Anamalai in Tamil Nadu.
- **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)**
 - ✓ The Union government - has allotted Rs.5,990 crore as Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) for Tamil Nadu for reducing post-harvest losses.
 - ✓ The AIF is a medium-to long-term debt financing facility for investment in post-harvest management infrastructure and projects for community agricultural assets.
- **Ramsar Site**
 - ✓ On August 13, Tamil Nadu - got the prestigious Ramsar site tag for four more wetlands.
 - ✓ This takes the number of wetlands in the state with the tag of international importance under the Ramsar Convention to 14.
 - ✓ This is the highest in the country followed by Uttar Pradesh with 10. Vadavoor bird sanctuary in Tiruvarur district, Kanjirankulam and Chitragudi bird sanctuaries in Ramanathapuram district and Suchindram Theroor in Kanniyakumari district are the latest additions from the state to the prestigious list.
- **Neidhal Salt**
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister launched 'Neidhal' salt.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu produces about 8% (24 lakh MT) of the 300 lakh MT of salt produced in the country.
 - ✓ This state is the second-largest salt-producer in the country after Gujarat.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation was established in 1974. It is the only State government-owned establishment that manufactures salt and salt-based products in the country.
- **National Common Mobility Card (NCMC)**
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu - has joined the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) programme.
 - ✓ Under the initiative, bus commuters in Chennai, Coimbatore and Madurai can travel cashless soon.
 - ✓ The National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) is an interoperable transportation card created by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). The user can use the single transit card to pay for travel, toll duties, retail purchases, and cash withdrawals.

➤ **USNS Charles Drew**

- ✓ US navy's dry cargo ship USNS Charles Drew - completed its repairs at Kattupalli shipyard on August 17.
- ✓ The routine maintenance conducted aboard the vessel included repairs and crew habitability systems and equipment.
- ✓ The maintenance work began on August 7 at the L&T's Kattupalli shipyard. Charles Drew is one of the many ships that are part of the US Navy's MSC's Combat Logistics Force (CLF), which refers to the supply lines to US navy ships while at sea.

➤ **Footwear and Leather Products Policy**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu - has become the first state to unveil an exclusive footwear and leather products policy.
- ✓ The policy includes non-leather footwear which has a growing global demand.
- ✓ The policy was unveiled by chief minister M K Stalin at the Tamil Nadu Footwear and Leather Sector Conclave 2022 on August 23.
- ✓ It seeks to attract Rs.20,000 crore in fresh investments and generate employment for two lakh people by 2025.
- ✓ The policy aims to transform Tamil Nadu into a favoured destination for footwear and leather products manufacturing in Asia.
- ✓ Foundation stone for a mega footwear manufacturing park at Panapakkam, Ranipet was laid.

➤ **Tamil terms to address LGBTQIA+ Community**

- ✓ In a first for the country, Tamil Nadu - has issued a government order (GO) publishing glossary of Tamil terms to address LGBTQIA+ community members. The glossary includes terms such as Thirunangai (transgender woman), Thirunambi (transgender man), Paal Puthumaiyar (queer), Oodupal (intersex), among others.
- ✓ The glossary, notified in English and Tamil, was published in the gazette of the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment department on August 20.
- ✓ Last year, the Madras High Court had directed the government to come up with a list of terms to address the community in a dignified manner.

➤ **Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs**

- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Thursday launched Tamil Nadu Credit Guarantee Scheme (TNCGS) and Tamil Nadu Trade Receivables Discounting System (TN TReDS) for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

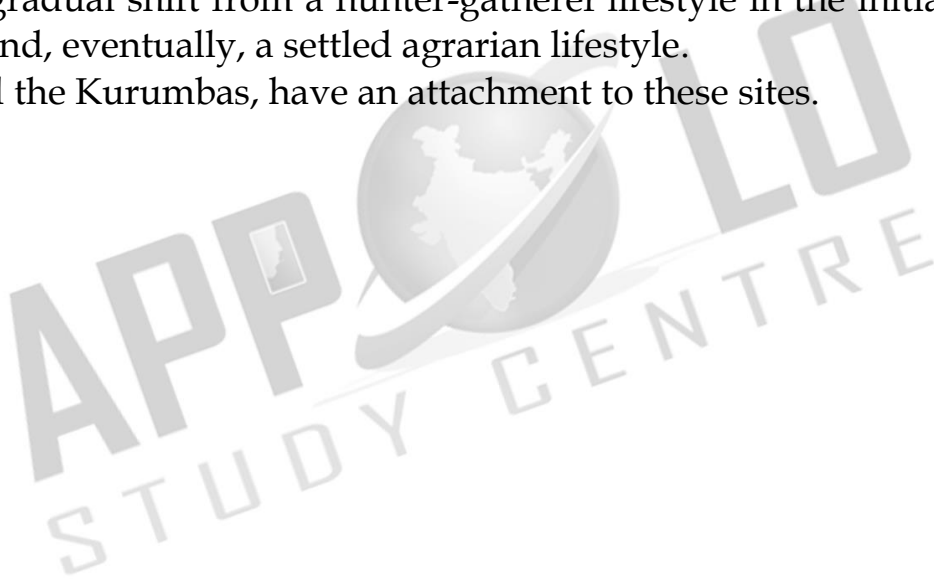
- ✓ The TNCGS will operate with the Credit Guarantee Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) of the Union government and extend 90% guarantee for eligible loans up to 40 lakh. For loans above 40 lakh and less than 2 crore, eligible loans will get 80% guarantee. The State government has made an allocation of 100 crore for this scheme.
- **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)**
 - ✓ T.N. has third largest number of vendors registered with GeM.
 - ✓ The State is placed behind Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
 - ✓ There are 4,06,961 vendors from Tamil Nadu who have registered themselves on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), placing the State third behind Maharashtra (8,83,907 vendors) and Uttar Pradesh (4,08,946 vendors).
- **Five PHCs in T.N. get NABL Certification**
 - ✓ Five Primary Health Centres in Tamil Nadu have obtained the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) certification.
 - ✓ Health Minister Ma. Subramanian said this was the first time in the country that PHCs have obtained the certification.
 - ✓ The Additional PHC at Thalavaipattinam, Tiruppur district; the PHCs at Venkittankurichi in Ramanathapuram district, Mappilaiurani in Thoothukudi and Thoivalai in Kanniyakumari district; and the PHC at Patchur in Tirupattur district have obtained the certification for medical testing labs (entry-level).
- **App for Urban E-services and Tax Payments**
 - ✓ Minister for Municipal Administration K.N. Nehru on Tuesday launched a mobile app 'TN urban e-sevai' for strengthening the grievance redress mechanism and paying taxes.
 - ✓ He also launched a monthly magazine Ezhilmigu Nagaram in the presence of Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department (MAWS) Secretary Shiv Das Meena.
- **Tamil Nadu Trade Receivables Discounting System (TN TReDS)**
 - ✓ TN TReDS is an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) platform that will tackle issues with la payments for supplies made to larger enterprises.
 - ✓ This platform will be accessible to all state-owned enterprises, statutory boards, corporations, and apex cooperatives.
 - ✓ If the state entity does not pay the MSMEs that are on the TReDS platform by the end of the 179th day, TAICO Bank will settle the dues for the bills that were uploaded to TN TReD! on the 180th day.

➤ **FaMe-TN (Facilitating MSMEs of Tamil Nadu)**

- ✓ Mr. Stalin renamed the MSME Trade and Investment Promotion Bureau (M-TIPB) as "FaMe TN" during the event.
- ✓ FaMe TN has signed Memorandums of Understanding (Molls) with the World Resources Institute (WRI), the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), and the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

➤ **Karikiyoor Rock Paintings**

- ✓ It is located in the Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ It is a series of over 300 images etched on the side of the cliff-face in Kothagiri.
- ✓ It is believed to be more than 5,000 years old as no scientific dating has been done on the site.
- ✓ Depict a gradual shift from a hunter-gatherer lifestyle in the initial drawings to a pastoral and, eventually, a settled agrarian lifestyle.
- ✓ Irulas and the Kurumbas, have an attachment to these sites.



STATE

➤ **Medicine From The Sky'- Arunachal Pradesh**

- ✓ 'Medicine from the sky' pilot project drone service launched by the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu. 'Medicine from the sky' is also a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ The first successful flight was conducted from Seppa to Chaoyang Tajo in the East Kameng district.

➤ **North East Olympics**

- ✓ Meghalaya is all set to host the upcoming 2nd edition of the North East Olympics from 30th October.
- ✓ Meghalaya Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, and the North East Olympic Association were held last evening to finalize the list of sports disciplines. The first edition of the Games was held in Manipur in 2018, with 12 disciplines.

➤ **India's First Fully 'Functionally Literate' District**

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated Mandla region has become the first fully "functionally literate" district in the country.
- ✓ Tribals frequently complained to the authorities about money being taken from their bank accounts by fraudsters and the root cause of this was that they were not functionally literate.

➤ **Chandigarh Airport to be named after Bhagat Singh**

- ✓ Punjab & Haryana agree to name Chandigarh airport after Bhagat Singh.
- ✓ The Punjab and Haryana governments have agreed to name the Chandigarh International Airport in Mohali after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.
- ✓ The decision was taken during a meeting between Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann & Haryana deputy CM Dushyant Chautala.

➤ **Parivar Kalyan Card**

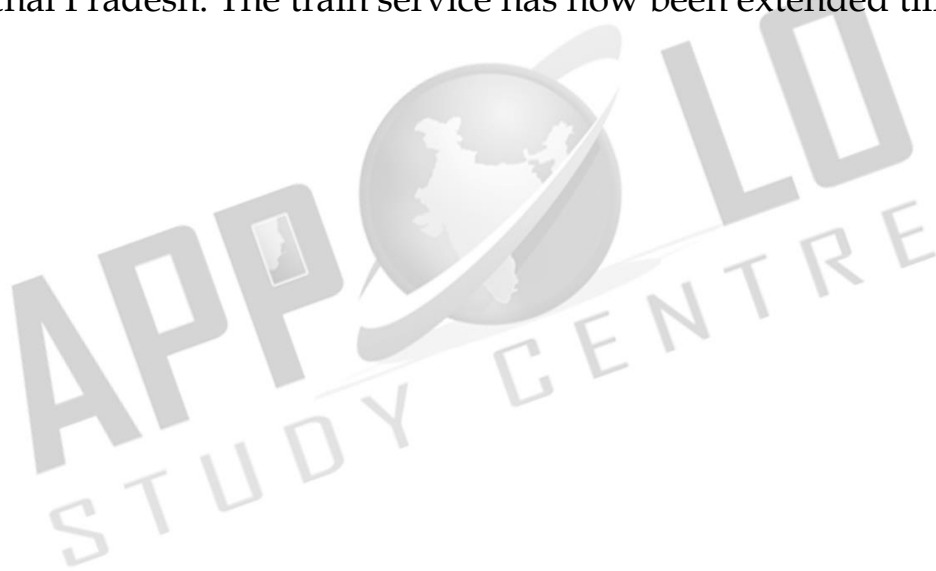
- ✓ The central government - has given its nod to the Uttar Pradesh government's Family ID plan – the Parivar Kalyan Card (PKC).
- ✓ The new scheme has been added to the list of state-specific unique ID schemes in the country.
- ✓ It seeks to establish a comprehensive database of the state's family units and identify beneficiaries for its various schemes including employment, pensions, and housing benefits.

➤ **Anang Tal Lake**

- ✓ The Anang Tal lake in South Delhi - has been declared a monument of national importance through a gazette notification by the Ministry of Culture recently.
- ✓ Located near the Qutub Minar complex and Sanjay Van, the protected area would be 42,894 square metres.
- ✓ The mini lake was created in 1060 AD by Raja Anang Pal Tomar, the founder of Delhi.

➤ **Nagaland - 2nd Railway Station in 119 Years**

- ✓ North-east state, Nagaland got its second railway station after a gap of more than 119 years with the commissioning of a new facility at Shokhuvi.
- ✓ Dimapur Railway Station was inaugurated in 1903.
The Donyi Polo Express ran daily between Guwahati in Assam and Naharlagun in Arunachal Pradesh. The train service has now been extended till Shokhuvi.



NATIONAL

➤ **Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)**

- ✓ On August 3, the Union Cabinet - approved the country's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement.
- ✓ The NDC refers to voluntary climate action targets that aim to achieve long-term goal of reaching 'net zero' emission by 2070.
- ✓ According to the updated NDC, India now stands committed to reducing emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030 from 2005 level, and achieving about 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030.

➤ **World's Largest Floating Solar Power**

- ✓ World's largest floating solar power plant to be built in MP.
- ✓ A floating solar power plant is going to be built in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa, said to be the world's largest floating solar plant, it will generate 600 Megawatt power by 2022-23.
- ✓ The project is estimated to be worth over 3000 crores. Recently, India's largest floating solar power project had become operational in Telangana.

➤ **The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022**

- ✓ The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022 - has come into effect from August 4, replacing the Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920. The new act authorises taking measurements of convicts and other persons for the purposes of identification and investigation in criminal matters and to preserve records.

➤ **Jagdeep Dhankhar**

- ✓ National Democratic Alliance candidate and former West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar will be the 14th Vice-President of the country.
- ✓ He secured 528 votes out of the 710 valid votes in the 16th Vice-Presidential election held in Parliament on Saturday.

➤ **Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0**

- ✓ The scheme has been approved by the government for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- ✓ Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 is an Integrated Nutrition Support Programme.

- ✓ It seeks to address the challenges of malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- **Kala-azar**
 - ✓ India has set the target to eliminate Kala-azar from country by 2023.
 - ✓ India's target is way ahead than WHO's target of eliminating the disease by 2030.
 - ✓ Kala Azar is also called as Leishmaniasis. The disease is caused due to parasite called Leishmania.
 - ✓ This parasite is transmitted via bite of sand flies.
- **India ki Udaan**
 - ✓ Tech giant, Google - has launched a new project 'India ki Udaan' to capture important milestones achieved by India in its journey of 75 years since Independence.
 - ✓ The project executed by Google Arts & Culture is themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years.
 - ✓ The vibrant online project 'India ki Udaan' showcases the contributions of Indians and the evolution of India since 1947 through its rich archives featuring artistic illustrations.
- **Badhe Chalo**
 - ✓ The Ministry of Culture - has launched the 'Badhe Chalo' Campaign to instil a deeper sense of patriotism and to connect the youth of India.
 - ✓ It has been launched to celebrate 75 years of India's independence with youthful fervor under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiative.
 - ✓ Badhe Chalo will connect the youth and people together from across the country on one platform.
- **India House at Paris Olympics 2024**
 - ✓ Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) - have announced a long-term partnership, which includes setting up the first-ever India House at Paris Olympics 2024.
 - ✓ The tie-up will help elevate the performances of Indian athletes, support the national sports federations and build the credentials of India as a global sporting nation.
- **Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2022**
 - ✓ The Government of India tabled the Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2022 during the ongoing Monsoon Session of the Parliament.

- ✓ After its introduction, the Bill was referred to the parliamentary standing committee on energy for wider consultation with stakeholders.
The latest bill proposes multiple amendments to the Electricity Act 2003 and also lays the groundwork for the privatization of electricity.

➤ **2G Ethanol Plant**

- ✓ On August 10, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - inaugurated a Rs.900 crore plant in Haryana for producing ethanol from farm waste using indigenously developed 2G (second generation) technology.
- ✓ According to the PM who addressed the gathering through video-conferencing, this technology would help Delhi and its neighbourhood to reduce air pollution due to burning of farm stubble.
- ✓ The plant, first of its kind in the country, was built by state-run Indian Oil Corporation Limited at its Panipat refinery complex.

➤ **Transgender Pilots**

- ✓ Aviation safety regulator opens door for transgender pilots.
- ✓ In a big win for aspiring pilot Adam Harry and the entire transgender community, the aviation safety regulator has for the first time framed new medical guidelines that allow transgender persons who have completed gender transition therapy or surgery to be declared fit to fly.

➤ **Govt. Extends PMAY-Urban Scheme**

- ✓ The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved an extension to the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban up to December 31, 2024 so that the houses sanctioned under the scheme can be completed, officials said.
- ✓ It was launched in 2015 with the aim of constructing over 112 crore homes by August 15, 2022. The Cabinet approved an extension till December 31, 2024, so that the houses already sanctioned are completed, a statement said.

➤ **SMILE-75**

- ✓ On August 12, the Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry - launched the 'SMILE-75' initiative for comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in begging in 75 identified municipalities.
- ✓ This initiative has been launched as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, celebrating 75 years of Independence.
The initiative is part of the Ministry's ongoing SMILE project (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) for which Rs.100 crore has been allocated till 2025-2026.

- **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**
 - ✓ Tech giant, Microsoft - has partnered with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), and Capacity Building Commission (CBC) to impart future-ready skills to the country's civil servants.
 - ✓ The partnership aims to enhance the functional computer literacy of nearly 2.5 million civil servants of Government of India.
 - ✓ The association was launched under the project 'Capacity Building by MSDE in Microsoft Digital Productivity Skills'.

- **Niraksharta Se Azadi Abhiyaan**
 - ✓ Mandla district in Madhya Pradesh - has become the first tribal district in India to achieve 100% literacy.
 - ✓ The surveys conducted in 2011 stated that the literacy rate of Mandla district was 68%.
 - ✓ The literacy rate achievement was an example of great teamwork through a campaign, 'Niraksharta Se Azadi Abhiyaan', launched from Independence Day in 2020.

- **State University Research Excellence (SERB-SURE)**
 - ✓ The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) - has launched a new scheme titled "State University Research Excellence (SERB-SURE)" recently.
 - ✓ The scheme provides research support to active researchers in frontier areas of science, engineering, and quantitative social science, belonging to state and private universities and colleges.

- **Panch Pran**
 - ✓ Addressing the country from the ramparts of the Red Fort in New Delhi on the 76th Independence Day, the Prime Minister gave a call for setting big resolutions and spelled out "Panch Pran" (five resolves) to fulfil the dreams of freedom fighters for the country by 2047, the centenary of Independence.
 - ✓ The Prime Minister said Indians should focus on the five pledges – a resolve for a developed India, removing any trace of the colonial mindset, taking pride in our legacy, our strength of unity, and fulfilling the duties of citizens with honesty, which should be done by the Prime Minister and the Chief Ministers as well.

- **Har Ghar Jal**
 - ✓ Goa and Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (D&NH and D&D) - have become the country's first 'Har Ghar Jal' (water to every household) certified state and UT respectively.

- ✓ In Goa and the UT, people from all the villages declared their households as 'Har Ghar Jal' through a resolution passed by gram sabhas.
The resolution certified that all households in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps, ensuring that 'No One is Left Out', under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).
- **ODF Plus Villages**
 - ✓ India has achieved the milestone of more than one lakh (1,01,462) ODF Plus villages. The top five performing states are Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, and Himachal Pradesh.
 - ✓ Maximum number of villages has been declared as ODF (Open Defecation Free) plus in these states.
 - ✓ In 2014, PM Modi launched the Swachh Bharat Mission to make the country open defecation free.
On 2 October 2019, rural India became open defecation free (ODF).
- **Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus**
 - ✓ On August 21, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh - unveiled India's first indigenous Hydrogen fuel cell bus in Pune, Maharashtra.
 - ✓ The Hydrogen fuel cell bus is developed by the CSIR - Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and a private firm, KPIT Limited.
 - ✓ The hydrogen fuel cell uses hydrogen and air to generate electricity, producing only heat and water in the process.
 - ✓ This electricity is then used by electric motors to propel the vehicle forward.
- **AIIMS to Take Names of 'Heroes'**
 - ✓ Over 20 All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) centres spread across India, now known based on their location, are set to get individual names.
 - ✓ The majority of the 23 AIIMS has submitted a list of names after the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
 - ✓ The AIIMS, New Delhi, the forerunner institute, was established in 1956. Since then, 24 more institutes have been announced. As of January 2022, 19 institutes are operating and five more are expected to become operational by 2025.
- **Rashtriya Puruskar Portal**
 - ✓ The Government of India has launched Rashtriya Puruskar Portal to bring together all the awards of the various Ministries, Departments, and agencies of the government under one platform.

✓ The Ministry of Home Affairs in a statement said that this common portal facilitates every citizen or organization to nominate individuals or organizations for various awards instituted by the Government of India.

➤ **Garba**

- ✓ India - has nominated the dance form 'Garba' to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list.
- ✓ If approved, Garba dance will become the first intangible cultural heritage of Gujarat to be listed by UNESCO.
- ✓ Garba is a form of dance, as well as a religious and social event.

➤ **National Health Authority (NHA)**

- ✓ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment - had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Health Authority (NHA) for providing a comprehensive medical package to transgender persons.
- ✓ This is done by linking the SMILE (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) scheme with the "Ayushman Bharat Scheme" of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ✓ With this, India will be the first country in the world to provide free-of-cost facilities like cosmetic surgery to the transgender community under a government scheme.

➤ **One Nation, One Fertiliser' (ONOF)**

- ✓ On August 27, Union Minister for Chemical and Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya - said that 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' (ONOF) scheme will be implemented across the country from October 2, 2022.
- ✓ As part of the initiative, crop nutrients will be sold under a single brand name, 'Bharat' irrespective of the manufacturing companies under the Centre's fertilizer subsidy scheme, 'Pradhanmantri Bharatiya Janurvarak Pariyojana' (PM-BJP).

➤ **Azadi Quest**

- ✓ Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur - launched 'Azadi Quest', a series of online educational mobile games based on India's freedom struggle, on August 24.
- ✓ Azadi Quest is a set of online games designed for players of all ages for interactive learning with fun gameplay.

➤ **Best Aspirational District**

- ✓ The NITI Aayog - has declared holy city of Haridwar in Uttarakhand as the best aspirational district in the country.
 - ✓ The district has secured first rank in basic infrastructure theme and has been entitled to receive additional allocation of Rs. 3 crore for further development on five parameters under the aspirational districts programme.
 - ✓ The aspirational district programme was launched in January 2018 to quickly and effectively transform some of most underdeveloped districts of the country.
- **Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022**
- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - released the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022 to ensure environmentally sound management of waste batteries.
 - ✓ The new rules, published on August 24, seek to replace Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001.
 - ✓ The rules are based on the concept of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) where the producers (including importers) of batteries are responsible for collection and recycling/refurbishment of waste batteries and use of recovered materials from wastes into new batteries.
- **Telangana Tops Inflation Charts at 8.32%**
- ✓ India's retail inflation has been a bugbear for the economy since it surged past 6% in January.
 - ✓ While headline inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index has averaged 6.8% in the first seven months of 2022, well above the 6% upper tolerance threshold set by policy makers, consumers in Telangana, West Bengal and Sikkim faced the steepest spike in prices, with their combined retail inflation for rural and urban areas averaging 8.32%, 8.06%, and 8.01%, respectively.
- **Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021**
- ✓ Provide for the implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
 - ✓ Empowers central government to regulate and stop the import, trade, possession, or proliferation of invasive alien species.
 - ✓ Management authority to provide export, and import permits for species, and a scientific authority to advise the government on it.
- **National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders (NIDAAN)**
- ✓ Narcotics Control Bureau has developed India's first database of arrested narcotics offenders
 - ✓ It is a part of the narcotics coordination mechanism (NCORD) portal.

- ✓ This platform sources its data from the ICJS (inter-operable criminal justice system) and the e-Prisons (a cloud-based application) repository.
- **National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS)**
- ✓ National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) was inaugurated on August 16, 2022 by Amit Shah.
- ✓ NAFIS has been developed by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). This System will help in disposal of cases in easy and quick manner by using centralized fingerprint database.

SCHEMES

- **NAMASTE Scheme**
- ✓ The Government - has rolled out a 'National Action Plan for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem - NAMASTE scheme' for cleaning of sewers and septic tank from August 17.
- ✓ The scheme is a joint venture of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- ✓ It aims to achieve outcomes like zero fatalities in sanitation work, no sanitation workers (SafaiMitras) come in direct contact with human faecal matter and all Sewer and Septic tank sanitation workers have access to alternative livelihoods.
- **One Nation, One Fertiliser**
- ✓ Central Government has ordered the implementation of the 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme.
- ✓ The new scheme is aimed at bringing about uniformity in fertilizer brands across the country under the single brand name of 'Bharat'.
The scheme mandates all manufacturers and businesses to sell fertiliser products under a single brand name of 'Bharat'.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ **Mack Rutherford**

- ✓ A Belgian-British teenager, Mack Rutherford - became the youngest person to fly around the world solo in a small aircraft after landing on August 24.
- ✓ Mack Rutherford, who turned 17 during the trip, landed near Bulgaria's capital, Sofia, to complete his task and to claim two Guinness World Records.

➤ **World's Lowest Fertility Rate**

- ✓ South Korea - broke its own record for the world's lowest total fertility rate last year, as per the census data released.
- ✓ The fertility rate – the average number of children born to a woman during her reproductive years – declined for the sixth straight year to 0.81 in 2021, down from 0.84 a year earlier, according to Statistics Korea.
- ✓ South Korea's birth rate has been dropping since 2015, and in 2020 the country recorded more deaths than births for the first time.

➤ **Hydrogen Trains**

- ✓ Germany becomes the first nation to launch hydrogen trains.
- ✓ Germany inaugurated the world's first hydrogen-powered train, Coradia iLint, on 24 August 2022.
- ✓ A total of 14 hydrogen power trains will operate on a regional route in Germany. Manufactured by Alstom, these trains will only emit steam and condensed water while operating with a low level of noise.

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

- **4th India-Bangladesh Annual Defence Dialogue (ADD)**
 - ✓ On August 11, India and Bangladesh - agreed to further step up their bilateral defence ties, with greater military-to-military engagements, capacity-building and defence-industrial cooperation.
 - ✓ This was decided during the 4th India-Bangladesh annual defence dialogue (ADD) held in New Delhi.

- **Japan- IMD Partnership on Climate Change**
 - ✓ The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has partnered with Government of Japan, and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Climate Change. They have launched an initiative to hasten climate action across 10 states and Union Territories in India.
 - ✓ This initiative will extend support to Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs), in a bid to achieve net-zero emissions. It will also ensure climate-resilient development.

- **Commemorative Postage Stamp**
 - ✓ In a unique move, Egypt Post - released a commemorative postage stamp to celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations between Egypt and India.
 - ✓ The diplomatic relations between Egypt and India started when Egypt recognized India's independence on August 18, 1947.
 - ✓ The two nations became closer in the 1950s and concluded a historic Friendship Treaty in 1955.

- **India-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission (JRC)**
 - ✓ India and Bangladesh - have finalised the text of a Memorandum of Understanding on interim sharing of the water of the Koshiyara river.
 - ✓ The text of the agreement was finalised at the 38th ministerial-level meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) held in Delhi on August 25 after a gap of 12 years.
 - ✓ Under the agreement, both sides finalised the design and location of water intake point on the Feni river in accordance with an October 2019 India-Bangladesh MoU on the subject, to meet the drinking water needs of Sabroom town in Tripura.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ **Asian Regional Forum Meeting**

- ✓ Election Commission will host a virtual Asian Regional Forum meeting on 11 August. This Regional Forum meeting will be held on the theme of 'Making our Elections Inclusive, Accessible, and Participative'.
- ✓ The Global Summit and Regional Forum meetings encourage intellectual and institutional mobilisation to strengthen global electoral democracy.

➤ **Moscow Conference on International Security-2022**

- ✓ The Moscow Conference on International Security-2022 was held from August 15 to August 17, 2022.
- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the plenary session conference virtually on August 16.
- ✓ In his address, Defence Minister stressed on bringing comprehensive reform in structure of United Nations.

➤ **India-Thailand Joint Commission Meeting**

- ✓ India-Thailand Joint Commission Meeting held in Bangkok on 17 August 2022. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar attended the meeting.
- ✓ India and Thailand are celebrating 75 years of establishment of diplomatic relations.
The 8 India-Thailand Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) was held on 10 October 2019 in New Delhi.

➤ **Defence Ministerial Conclave**

- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh - will travel to the Uzbekistan capital, Tashkent, on August 23 on a three-day visit to attend a defence ministerial conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).
- ✓ Chinese defence minister General Wei Fenghe and Russian defence minister Sergei Shoigu are also expected to attend the SCO meet.
- ✓ He is scheduled to deliver his address at the SCO meeting on August 24.

➤ **India Clean Air Summit' (ICAS)**

- ✓ The fourth edition of the 'India Clean Air Summit' (ICAS) began on 23 August 2022 in Bengaluru.
- ✓ It has been organised by Centre for Air Pollution Studies and the Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy.
Theme: "The Right to Life: Citizens at the Centre of Science".

➤ **India-Brazil Joint Commission Meeting**

- ✓ External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar cochaired the 8th India-Brazil Joint Commission Meeting with his Brazilian counterpart Carlos França in Brasilia on 24 August 2022.
- ✓ The comprehensive discussions covered trade and investments, petroleum, biofuels, edible oils and minerals, health, pharma, etc.

➤ **National Security Strategies Conference 2022**

- ✓ Home Minister Amit Shah recently inaugurated and addressed the “National Security Strategies Conference 2022.
- ✓ Discussions on different subjects of national security including counter-terrorism, radicalisation, counter rogue drone technology, issues related to crypto currencies, challenges of Maoist outfits.



DEFENCE

➤ **Ex VINBAX 2022**

- ✓ The 3rd edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise “Ex VINBAX 2022” is conducted at Chandimandir, Haryana from August 1 to 20, 2022.
- ✓ The theme of Ex VINBAX 2022 is the “Employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations”. The exercise will further strengthen the bilateral relations between India and Vietnam.

➤ **AL NAJAH-IV**

- ✓ The 4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise ‘AL NAJAH-IV’ begins in Rajasthan at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges.
- ✓ The exercise takes place between contingents of the Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman from August 01 to 13, 2022. The 3rd edition of Ex AL NAJAH IV was held at Muscat from 12 to 25 March 2019.

➤ **Pitch Black**

- ✓ India - will dispatch four Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jets, a C-17 Globemaster-III strategic airlifter and an IL-78mid-air refuelling aircraft for the major ‘Pitch Black’ air combat exercise.
- ✓ The exercise to be hosted by Australia this month will feature around 100 aircraft and 2,500 military personnel from 17 nations.
- ✓ Apart from Australia and India, this year’s Pitch Black exercise will see the US, UK, Canada, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and the UAE.

➤ **Navy’s Women Pilots Chart a New Course**

- ✓ This first-of-its-kind independent maritime mission showcased Nari Shakti.
- ✓ Five officers of the Indian Navy created history by completing the first all-woman independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the Arabian Sea, onboard a Dornier-228 aircraft.
- ✓ “The women officers received months of ground training and comprehensive mission briefings in the run-up to this historic sortie,” the Navy said. The aircraft was captained by the Mission Commander, Lt. Cdr. Aanchal Sharma, with pilots Lt. Shivangi and Lt. Apurva Gite, and Tactical and Sensor Officers Lt. Pooja Panda and Sub Lt. Pooja Shekhawat.

➤ **Skylight**

- ✓ The Army - has conducted a major pan-India exercise codenamed 'Skylight' recently.
- ✓ The exercise was launched to test the operational readiness and robustness of its hi-tech satellite communication systems in the event of an attack by an adversary. The Army activated all its satellite communication assets from Ladakh to Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the Skylight exercise from July 25 to 29.

- **Vajra Prahar**
- ✓ On August 8, India and the US - kicked off the 'Vajra Prahar' combat exercise between their elite Special Forces in Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The exercise is being held at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh from August 8 to 28. This is the 13th edition of the Vajra Prahar exercise.

- **'Him Drone-a-thon' Programme**
- ✓ The Indian Army has launched the Him Drone-a-thon programme in collaboration with the Drone Federation of India. The initiative is in line with self-reliance in defence manufacturing.
- ✓ It is aimed at providing opportunities to the Indian drone ecosystem to develop path-breaking drone capabilities for meeting the requirements of frontline troops.

- **First Repair of a US Navy Ship**
- ✓ US Navy Ship arrived to Katupalli Shipyard of L&T at Ennore, Chennai to undertake repairs and maintenance.
- ✓ This adds a new strategic dimension to India-US military partnership.
- ✓ A US Navy Ship is being repaired for the first time in an Indian shipyard. India had proposed during India-US 2+2 dialogue in April 2022 for US Navy to avail services and expertise of Indian Shipyards.

- **Udarashakti**
- On August 12, Indian Air Force - left for Malaysia to participate in a bilateral air combat exercise named 'Udarashakti' to be held at Kuantan airbase.
- ✓ This is the first bilateral exercise being conducted between Indian Air Force and Royal Malaysian Air Force RMAF.
- ✓ Indian Air Force is participating in the air exercise with four Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jets, a C-17 Globemaster-III strategic-lift aircraft and an IL-78 mid-air refueller while the RMAF will be flying Russian-origin Sukhoi-30MKM aircraft.

- **F-INSAS**

- ✓ Defence Minister of India, Rajnath Singh handed over to the Indian Army the much-awaited Future Infantry Soldier as a System (F-INSAS) at the unveiling ceremony of various defence and strategic systems held in Delhi.
- ✓ The full gear of the F-INSAS includes an AK-203 assault rifle, which is a Russian-origin gas-operated, magazine-fed, select-fire assault rifle.

- **VL-SRSAM Missile**
- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Navy successfully flight-tested the indigenously designed and developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- ✓ The flight test was carried out from a naval ship against a high-speed unmanned aerial target for demonstration of vertical launch capability.

- **Project Zorawar**
- ✓ The Indian Army - has launched the induction of indigenous light tanks for quicker deployment and movement in high altitude areas under 'Project Zorawar'.
- ✓ These tanks will be used to counter Chinese deployment of a large number of similar armoured tanks along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- ✓ The project has been named 'Zorawar' after the legendary Zorawar Singh Kahluria – a military general who served under Jammu's Dogra king Raja Gulab Singh – known as the 'Conquerer of Ladakh'.

- **SAREX-2022**
- ✓ The 10th National Maritime Search & Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2022) -was inaugurated by defence secretary Ajay Kumar on August 27.
- ✓ The two-day exercise which is conducted under the banner of National Maritime Search and Rescue Board is hosted by the Indian Coast Guard.
- ✓ The exercise is being attended by 24 observers from 16 friendly foreign countries.

The theme of this edition of biennial exercise is "Capacity Building Towards Marine Passenger Safety".

ECONOMY

➤ **GST Collections - July**

- ✓ The GST collections for the month of July - stood at Rs.1.48 lakh crore, making it the second highest monthly collection since the introduction of new tax regime.
- ✓ The collection for July is 28% higher than the GST revenues recorded in the same month last year of Rs 1,16,393 crore.
- ✓ Prior to this, GST collections had recorded the highest-ever level of Rs 1.68 lakh crore in April 2022 for year-end sales in March.

➤ **Monetary Policy Committee**

- ✓ On August 5, the Reserve Bank of India Monetary Policy Committee - increased the repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) from 4.9% to 5.4%, the highest since 2019.
- ✓ With this increase, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das has rolled back all the rate cuts announced during the pandemic and crossing the pre-pandemic level of 5.15% This is the third straight hike in the repo rate in the current fiscal.

➤ **TIN 2.0 Platform**

- ✓ Kerala-based Federal Bank - has become India's first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the income tax department's TIN 2.0 platform.
- ✓ The TIN 2.0 platform went live on July 1 this year and the "Payment Gateway" has been enabled for transactions.
- ✓ The payment gateway provides one more payment option to taxpayers, who can now make their payments with ease, using modes such as credit/ debit card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS and internet banking.

APPOINTMENT

➤ **Sanjay Arora**

- ✓ On July 31, the Union home ministry - appointed 1988-batch Tamil Nadu cadre IPS officer Sanjay Arora as the new police commissioner of Delhi.
- ✓ Arora, who is currently serving as the chief of India Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), will take charge on August 1.
- ✓ Considered an upright officer with impeccable integrity, Arora had received the CM's Gallantry Medal for Bravery and Heroic Action for his crackdown on forest bandit Veerappan's syndicate.

➤ **Viswanathan Anand**

- ✓ Viswanathan Anand, the legendary Indian chess player and five-time world champion - has been elected as the deputy president of International Chess Federation (FIDE).
- ✓ The elections to the world chess body, FIDE were held during the FIDE Congress, which is being conducted in Chennai alongside the 44th Chess Olympiad.

➤ **N. Kalaiselvi**

- ✓ The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has, for the first time in its 80-year history, appointed a woman Director-General.
- ✓ N. Kalaiselvi, currently Director of the CSIR-Central Electro Chemical Research Institute (CSIR-CECRI), Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu, will now lead the network of 38 laboratories and nearly 4,500 scientists, and has been appointed for two years, said a note from the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet.

➤ **Nitish Kumar**

- ✓ Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Bihar for the 8th time on August 10, 2022, at the Rajendra Mandapam inside Raj Bhavan.
- ✓ RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav also took an oath as the Deputy Chief Minister of the state.

➤ **Justice Lalit Appointed 49th CJI**

- ✓ Justice Uday Umesh Lalit was appointed the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI) on Wednesday after President Droupadi Murmu signed his warrant of appointment.
- ✓ Justice Lalit will assume charge on August 27, a day after Justice N.V. Ramana demits office as the CJI. Justice Lalit will have a brief tenure of less than three months as he will demit office on November 8.

AWARDS

➤ **Thagaisal Thamizhar**

- ✓ The state government - has announced its annual 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' award to the veteran Communist leader and freedom fighter R Nallakannu.
- ✓ The award is presented to distinguished people, who contributed significantly for the welfare of the state of Tamil Nadu and Tamils.
- ✓ The award carries a cash prize of Rs.10 lakh and a citation explaining the awardee's role in the freedom struggle.

➤ **dPal rNgam Duston**

- ✓ Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama has been honoured with the 'dPal rNgam Duston' award - the highest civilian honour of Ladakh. He has been honoured for his immense contribution to humanity.

➤ **US Heritage Wall of Fame**

- ✓ Ramadhar Singh: 1st Indian psychologist on US Heritage Wall of Fame.
- ✓ Ahmedabad University professor Ramadhar Singh has been marked on the 'Heritage Wall of Fame' of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the US. With this, he has become the only social psychologist from India to receive this honour. He has been honoured by the SPSP for his extraordinary contributions to social psychology and management.

➤ **Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur**

- ✓ The Government of France has decided to bestow the highest French civilian honor - Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur to Senior Congress leader and Thiruvananthapuram MP **Shashi Tharoor**.
- ✓ As per media reports, the French Government has decided to award Congress leaders for his writings and speeches.

➤ **Tamil Nadu Awards on the 75th Anniversary of Independence Day.**

➤ **Thagaisal Thamizhar**

- ✓ On August 15, Chief Minister M K Stalin - presented the 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' (distinguished Tamil) award to veteran Communist leader R Nallakannu for his outstanding contribution to the development of Tamil Nadu and Tamils.

➤ **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam award**

- ✓ The annual Dr APJ Abdul Kalam award was presented to S Ignacimuthu, the former vice-chancellor of University of Madras and Bharathiar University.

➤ **Kalpana Chawla Award**

- ✓ B Ezhilarasi of Kilvelur village in Nagapattinam district was honoured with this year's Kalpana Chawla Award for her bravery in rescuing two children from drowning in a pond despite not knowing to swim.

➤ **CM in Your Constituency Award**

- ✓ S Lakshmipriya, Supervisory Public Grievance Redressal Officer in Mudhalvarin Mugavari Department, received CM in Your Constituency award.
- ✓ The award was conferred in appreciation of her excellent work in coordinating the technical-related work in the department.

➤ **CM's Best Practices award**

- ✓ The CM's Best Practices award - was conferred on two departments and five districts this year during the 75th anniversary of Independence day.
- ✓ The State Agricultural Engineering Department received the award for developing the e-Vaadagai Online Agricultural Machinery Hiring Mobile app,
- ✓ Further, Greater Chennai Police received the award for its special initiative, Kaaval Karangal, to rescue abandoned, aged and mentally ill people.
- ✓ From Chengalpattu, District Social Welfare Officer Sangeetha Veera Santhanam received the award for excellent work in transforming lives of transpersons.
- ✓ For Sivanganga, former Collector J Jayankantham received the award for the rejuvenating water bodies.
- ✓ Among other districts, Dindigul district bagged the award for rooftop rainwater harvesting, Tirunelveli district for 'Thaicare Nellai' project and Tiruvallur district for 'Siragugal Bricks' initiative.
- ✓ For awards for services rendered towards the welfare of women, "Vanavil Trust" established by R Revathi in Nagapattinam was chosen as the best institution.
- ✓ Dr G Pankajam won the award for 'Best social worker' in recognition of her services rendered towards welfare of women.

➤ **State Youth Award**

- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin - conferred the Chief Minister's State Youth Award on M Mohamad Ashick for social work during the 75th anniversary of Independence in Chennai on August 15.
- ✓ The award carries a prize money of Rs.1 lakh, a medal and a citation.
- ✓ A 29-year-old Nilgiris native, Ashick, has dedicated his life to ensure dignified funeral of unclaimed bodies.

➤ **Chief Minister's Good Governance Award**

- ✓ Tirunelveli district – won the Chief Minister’s Good Governance Award for managing to bring maternal mortality rate (MMR) under control.
 - ✓ The district, once notorious for its high MMR, had a MMR of 100 against the state average of 65, few years ago.
 - ✓ The secret to the success is the implementation of ‘thai care’ system, which integrates technology and public healthcare expertise.
- **Corporate My Stamp**
- ✓ A stamp to mark the 160th year of the stately Indo-Saracenic building complex of Madras high court - was released by Chief Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari on August 15.
 - ✓ The chief justice released the stamp under ‘Corporate My Stamp’ scheme of India Post after hoisting the National Flag.
- **Unesco Peace Prize 2022**
- ✓ Former German chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the Unesco Peace Prize 2022 for “her efforts to welcome refugees”.
 - ✓ In the summer of 2015, as refugees were streaming into Europe, Merkel opened her country’s borders and famously declared to Germans “Wir schaffen das”, “We can do this.”
- **Pulitzer Prize 2022**
- ✓ Bangladesh-born Fahmida Azim working for the Insider online magazine of the US has been selected for the Pulitzer Prize 2022.
 - ✓ She will be awarded under the category of Illustrated Reporting and Commentary.
- **Liberty Medal 2022**
- ✓ The Liberty Medal 2022 will be awarded this fall to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.
 - ✓ The National Constitution Center has announced that Zelenskyy will be honoured in a ceremony in October for what it called “his heroic defence of liberty in the face of Russian tyranny.”
- **K Ramachandran**
- ✓ K Ramachandran from Sembankudi in Ramanathapuram district is the only teacher selected from Tamil Nadu for the National Best Teacher award.
 - ✓ Ramachandran, 40, is a second-grade teacher at the panchayat union primary school at Keezhambal village.

- ✓ He will receive the best teacher award for his integrated village development model of education which guides children from kindergarten to college.
- **Fahmida Azim**
- ✓ Bangladesh born illustrator and author Fahmida Azim - has been selected for the 2022 Pulitzer prize under the category of "Illustrated Reporting and Commentary."
- ✓ She is one among the four journalists who have been selected for the prestigious award alongwith Anthony Del Col, Josh Adams and Walt Hickey. They have been given the honour for their work on the Chinese oppression of the Uyghurs for Insider Online magazine.
- **Divita Rai**
- ✓ On August 28, Divita Rai - was crowned LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2022 at the Miss Diva Universe pageant held at the Famous Studios, Mahalaxmi, in Mumbai.
- ✓ With the win, Rai will represent India at the global pageant of Miss Universe. The model, who hails from Karnataka, was crowned by Miss Universe 2021 Harnaaz Kaur Sandhu.
- **Sahitya Akademi's Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2022**
- ✓ Bal Sahitya Puraskar given to writers of 23 languages and Yuva Sahitya Puraskar for writers in 24 languages.
- ✓ In the category of Bal Sahitya Puraskar, the award in Punjabi language is not being given this year.
- ✓ In Tamil, Bal Sahitya Puraskar will be given to G. Meenakshi for Mallikavin Veedu.
- ✓ In Tamil, Yuva Puraskar will be given to Paa. Kalimuthu for Thaniththirukkum aralikalin mathiyam.

PERSONALITIES

➤ **Dr Poola Anthony**

- ✓ Archbishop of Hyderabad Diocese Dr Poola Anthony - officially became the first dalit to be appointed a cardinal on August 27.
- ✓ Anthony, 60, was ordained as a priest in 1992 and was appointed bishop of Kurnool in 2008.

➤ **Gautam Adani**

- ✓ On August 30, Industrialist Gautam Adani - became the third richest person in the world, behind Teslas Elon Musk and Amazon's Jeff Bezos.
- ✓ Chairman of the Adani group, Adani is the first Asian to break into the top three of the Bloomberg billionaire index, which ranks the richest people on earth.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **AzaadiSAT**

- ✓ ISRO to launch a satellite built by 750 school girls on 7th August.
- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), with India's Independence Day approaching, will be launching a unique Satellite called AzaadiSAT on 7th August 2022.
- ✓ The launch of AzaadiSAT has come at a time as part of the ongoing Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, which also mark the 75th anniversary of Independence.

➤ **Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE)**

- ✓ Aurangabad in Maharashtra - has become the first city in the country to witness the official release of the Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google.
- ✓ The EIE dashboard for Aurangabad was launched by Google in New Delhi recently.
- ✓ Google has developed a feature called EIE, which helps cities measure the carbon emission sources, conduct analysis and identify strategies to reduce emissions that help counter air pollution.

➤ **Russia Launches Iranian Satellite**

- ✓ A Russian rocket on Tuesday successfully launched an Iranian satellite into orbit. The Soyuz rocket lifted off as scheduled at 8.52 a.m. Moscow time (0552 GMT) on Tuesday from the Russia-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan. About nine minutes after the launch, it placed the Iranian satellite called Khayyam into orbit. It's named after Omar Khayyam, a Persian scientist.

➤ **Low Altitude Escape Motor (LEM)**

- ✓ On August 10, the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) - said it had successfully test-fired the Low Altitude Escape Motor (LEM) of the crew escape system, from Sriharikota.
- ✓ The Crew Escape System (CES) takes away the Crew module of Gaganyaan mission in case of any eventuality and rescues the astronauts. In case of mission-abort during the initial phase of flight, LEM provides required thrust to CES, to take away Crew Module from the launch vehicle.

➤ **Thylacine or Tasmanian Tiger**

- ✓ Scientists in the US and Australia have embarked on a \$15-million project to resurrect the thylacine or Tasmanian Tiger, a marsupial that went extinct in the 1930s, using gene-editing technology.
- ✓ The ambitious project aims to reintroduce the animal to its native place Tasmania to revive the region's lost ecological balance.

➤ **Xylitol**

- ✓ Sugar substitute "Xylitol".
- ✓ IIT Guwahati have created a fermentation process that uses ultrasound to safely generate Xylitol from sugarcane bagasse. It is the by-product of crushing sugar cane.
- ✓ This approach gets over the operational constraints of chemical synthesis and the time lags of traditional fermentation.



SPORTS

➤ **Jeremy Lalrinnunga**

- ✓ On July 31, Jeremy Lalrinnunga - clinched the second gold medal for India at National Exhibition Center in the Commonwealth Games 2022, Birmingham.
- ✓ Jeremy lifted a total of 300 kg, with 140 kg in snatch, and 160 kg in clean and jerk round.
- ✓ By winning the gold, Jeremy Lalrinnunga smashed two Games records.
- ✓ The 19-year-old from Aizawl bettered the Games snatch (140kg) and overall lift (300kg) record.

➤ **Achinta Sheuli**

- ✓ India's weightlifter, Achinta Sheuli (73 Kg representative) bagged the gold medal in The Commonwealth Games 2022. The 20-year-old claimed the yellow metal with a combined effort of 313 Kilograms (143kg in snatch and 170kg in clean & jerk).
- ✓ India has been performing exceptionally well in weightlifting as the contingent has already bagged 6 medals in this edition.

➤ **Women's Euro 2022**

- ✓ The European Championship final saw England defeat Germany 2-1 to claim its first significant women's soccer championship.
- ✓ After Germany failed to successfully clear a corner, Chloe Kelly scored the game-winning goal on a rebound in the second period of extra time.

➤ **Anahat Singh**

- ✓ India's youngest athlete at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ 14 years old Squash player Anahat Singh is India's youngest athlete to participate in the ongoing 2022 Commonwealth Games (CWG) in Birmingham. She hails from Delhi & is currently studying in Class 9.

➤ **Women's Lawn Bowl Event - CWG 2022**

- ✓ India clinch Historic Gold in Women's Lawn Bowl event at CWG 2022.
- ✓ The Indian Lawn Bowls team has created history by defeating South Africa by 17-10 in the women's fours final.
- ✓ The Indian lawn bowls team that included Lovely Choubey, Pinki Chaudhary, Nayanmoni Saikia and Rupa Rani Tirkey won India's first-ever gold medal in the event.

➤ **Indian Women Lawn Bowls Team**

- ✓ The Indian women Lawn Bowls team - has won a historic gold medal at the ongoing Commonwealth Games in Birmingham on August 2, 2022.
- ✓ Nayanmoni Saikia, Pinki, Lovely Choubey and Rupa Rani Tirkey created history after defeating 2018 silver medalists South Africa in the women's four lawn bowls final to win the gold medal.

➤ **Table Tennis**

- ✓ Defending champions in Table Tennis - Team India - won the Gold after defeating Singapore in the men's team event finals on August 2, at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.
- ✓ The Indian men's team consisting of Sharath Kamal, G. Sathiyam and Harmeet Desai had entered into the final after remaining unbeaten through the tournament.

Commonwealth Games 2022

➤ **Sudhir**

- ✓ Sudhir claimed the gold medal in the men's heavyweight para powerlifting event at the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- ✓ Sudhir, an Asian Para Games bronze medallist, lifted 208kg in his first attempt before increasing it to 212kg in his second effort to gather 134.5 points and break the Games record.

➤ **Tejaswin Shankar**

- ✓ India's Tejaswin Shankar - won the bronze medal in the men's high jump final at the Commonwealth Games 2022 on August 3.
- ✓ The 23-year-old won the country's first athletics medal in the men's high jump event with the mark of 2.22m.

➤ **Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Deepak Punia**

- ✓ Three Indian wrestlers won gold medals on the opening day of the wrestling events at the Commonwealth Games 2022 on August 5.
- ✓ Olympic medalists Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik along with Deepak Punia won Gold medals during the day.

➤ **Rupal Chaudhary**

- ✓ Rupal Chaudhary - became the first Indian athlete to win two medals in a single edition of the World U-20 Athletics Championships.
- ✓ On August 4, the 19-year-old Rupal won bronze in the 400m race and silver in 4X400m relay at the World U-20 Athletics Championships in Columbia, USA.

- **Vinesh Phogat, Ravi Dahiya and Naveen Kumar**
- Vinesh Phogat, Ravi Dahiya and Naveen Kumar - won gold medals in wrestling at the Commonwealth Games 2022 on August 6, 2022
- ✓ Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian female wrestler to win a hat-trick of golds at the Commonwealth Games

- **Bhavina Hasmukhbhai Patel**
- ✓ Bhavina Hasmukhbhai Patel won gold women's singles classes 3-5 in the para table tennis event after defeating Nigeria's Christiana Ikpeoyi.

- **Commonwealth Games 2022 - 5 Gold, on the Penultimate Day**
- ✓ India achieved a historic one-two in the men's triple jump with Eldhose Paul and Abdulla Aboobacker winning the gold and silver medals with a jump of 17.03 meters and 17.02 metres respectively.
- ✓ Three boxers - Nikhat Zareen (women's light flyweight), Amit Panghal (men's flyweight) and Nitu Ganghas (women's minimumweight) - won their respective finals to bag the gold medals.
Achanta Sharath Kamal and Sreeja Akula won the gold medal in the table tennis mixed doubles category.

COMMON WEALTH GAMES 2022 -REPORT

FINAL TOP-10 MEDALS TALLY AT THE CWG 2022

The Commonwealth Games 2022 were held from July 28 to August 8, 2022, Birmingham, England in which India has been ranked at the 4th place. In terms of medals, India bagged a total of 61 medals, comprising of 22 Gold, 16 Silver, and 23 Bronze.

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S.NO	COUNTRY				TOTAL
1	AUSTRALIA	67	57	54	178
2	ENGLAND	57	66	53	176
3	CANADA	26	32	34	92
4	INDIA	22	16	23	61
5	NEW ZEALAND	20	12	17	49
6	SCOTLAND	13	11	27	51
7	NIGERIA	12	9	14	35
8	WALES	8	6	14	28
9	SOUTH AFRICA	7	9	11	27
10	MALAYSIA	7	8	8	23

SPORT-WISE SPLIT OF INDIA'S CWG 22 MEDALS

SPORT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
WRESTLING	6	1	5	12
TABLE TENNIS	4	1	2	7
WEIGHTLIFTING	3	3	4	10
BOXING	3	1	3	7
BADMINTON	3	1	2	6
ATHLETICS	1	4	3	8
LAWN BOWLS	1	1	0	2
PARA POWERLIFTING	1	0	0	1
JUDO	0	2	1	3
HOCKEY	0	1	1	2
CRICKET	0	1	0	1
SQUASH	0	0	2	2
	22	16	23	61

CWG 2022: List of Medal winners for India

Gold medal winners for India in Commonwealth Games 2022

1. Gold - PV Sindhu - Badminton Women's Singles

2. Gold - Lakshya Sen - Badminton Men's Singles
3. Gold - Nikhat Zareen - Boxing Women's Light Flyweight
4. Gold - Vinesh Phogat - Wrestling Women's Freestyle 53kg
5. Gold - Ravi Kumar Dahiya - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 57kg
6. Gold - Naveen - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 74kg
7. Gold - Sharath Kamal - Table Tennis men's singles
8. Gold - Nitu - Boxing Minimumweight
9. Gold - Amit Panghal - Boxing Flyweight
10. Gold - Bajrang Punia - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 65kg
11. Gold - Sakshi Malik - Wrestling Women's Freestyle 62kg
12. Gold - Deepak Punia - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 86kg
13. Gold - Mirabai Chanu - Weightlifting Women's 49kg
14. Gold - Jeremy Lalrinnunga - Weightlifting Men's 67kg
15. Gold - Achinta Sheuli - Weightlifting Men's 73kg
16. Gold - Lovely Choubey, Pinki, Nayanmoni Saikia, Rupa Rani Tirkey - Lawn Bowls Women's Fours
17. Gold - Sharath Kamal, Sathiyam Gnanasekaran, Harmeet Desai, Sanil Shetty - Table Tennis Men's Team
18. Gold - Sudhir - Para Powerlifting Men's Heavyweight
19. Gold - Bhavina Patel - Table Tennis Women's Singles Classes 3-5
20. Gold - Eldhose Paul - Men's Triple Jump
21. Gold - Sharath Kamal, Sreeja Akula - Table Tennis Mixed Team
22. Gold - Satwik Sairaj Rankireddi and Chirag Shetty - Badminton men's doubles

Silver medal winners for India in Commonwealth Games 2022

1. Silver - Indian Women's Cricket Team
2. Silver - Anshu Malik - Wrestling Women's Freestyle 57kg
3. Silver - Murali Sreeshankar - Men's Long Jump
4. Silver - Kidambi Srikanth, Satwik Sairaj, Sumeeth Reddy, Lakshya Sen, Chirag Shetty, Treesa Jolly, Aakarshi Kashyap, Ashwini Ponappa, Gayatri Gopichand, PV Sindhu - Mixed Group - Badminton
5. Silver - Sharath Kamal, G Sathiyam - Table Tennis Men's Doubles
6. Silver - Vikas Thakur - Weightlifting Men's 96kg
7. Silver - Shushila Devi Likmabam - Judo Women's 48kg
8. Silver - Bindyarani Devi - Weightlifting Women's 55kg
9. Silver - Tulika Maan - Judo Women's +78kg
10. Silver - Sanket Sargar - Weightlifting Men's 55kg
11. Silver - Avinash Sable - Men's 3000m Steeplechase
12. Silver - Priyanka Goswami - Women's 10km Race Walk

13. Silver - Dinesh Kumar, Chandan Kumar Singh, Sunil Bahadur, Navaneeth Singh - Lawn Bowls Men's Fours
14. Silver - Abdullah Aboobacker - Men's Triple Jump
15. Silver - Sagar Ahlawat - Boxing Men's Super Heavyweight
16. Silver - Indian men's hockey team

Bronze medal winners for India in Commonwealth Games 2022

1. Bronze - Gururaja Poojary - Weightlifting Men's 61kg
2. Bronze - Vijay Kumar Yadav - Judo Men's 60kg
3. Bronze - Harjinder Kaur - Weightlifting Women's 71kg
4. Bronze - Lovepreet Singh - Weightlifting Men's 109kg
5. Bronze - Saurav Ghosal - Squash Men's Singles
6. Bronze - Gurdeep Singh - Weightlifting Men's 109kg+
7. Bronze - Tejaswin Shankar - Men's High Jump
8. Bronze - Divya Kakran - Wrestling Women's 68kg
9. Bronze - Mohit Grewal - Wrestling Men's 125kg
10. Bronze - Jaismine - Boxing Women's Lightweight 60kg
11. Bronze - Pooja Gehlot - Wrestling Freestyle Women's 57=0kg
12. Bronze - Pooja Sihag - Wrestling Freestyle Women's 76kg
13. Bronze - Hussamuddin - Men's Boxing Featherweight
14. Bronze - Deepak Nehra - Wrestling Freestyle Men's 97kg
15. Bronze - Sonalben Patel - Para Table Tennis Women's Singles Classes 3-5
16. Bronze - Rohit Tokas - Boxing Men's Welterweight 67kg
17. Bronze - Indian Women's Hockey Team
18. Bronze - Sandeep Kumar - Men's 10,000m Race Walk
19. Bronze - Annu Rani - Women's Javelin Throw
20. Bronze - Saurav Ghosal and Dipika Palikkal - Squash Mixed Doubles
21. Bronze - Kidambi Srikanth - Badminton Men's Singles
22. Bronze - Gayathri Gopichand, Treasa Jolly - Badminton Women's Doubles
23. Bronze - G. Sathiyar - Table Tennis Men's Singles

➤ **75th Grandmaster of India**

- ✓ V Pranav became India's 75th Grandmaster by winning a tournament in Romania.
- ✓ The 15-year-old had obtained his maiden GM norm at the Serbia Open in 2021. Pranav is the 27th Grandmaster from Tamil Nadu.

➤ **The 44th Chess Olympiad**

- ✓ India's men & women team win bronze medal.

- ✓ The 44th Chess Olympiad, which was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in Chennai on 28 July concluded on 9 August 2022.
- ✓ India 'B' team settled for a bronze medal in the Open section while India 'A' women's team finished third.
- ✓ The next edition of the Chess Olympiad will be held in Budapest in Hungary in 2024.

➤ **Bhavani Devi**

- ✓ Bhavani Devi bags gold at Commonwealth Fencing Championship.
- ✓ India's Bhavani Devi on 10 August 2022 won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2022 in the Senior Women's Sabre Individual category. She defeated Veronika Vasileva of Australia 15-10 to win the title in London.

➤ **Avinash's Sable**

Avinash's Sable silver show in the 3,000m steeplechase was perhaps the most precious, one worth its weight in gold as he shocked two-time World champion and 2016 Rio Olympic gold medallist Conseslus Kipruto.

➤ **Incentives to Sportspersons**

- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday handed over incentives to sportspersons from Tamil Nadu who excelled in the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and the Commonwealth Fencing Championship in London.
- ✓ Mr. Stalin handed over a cheque for 1.80 crore to table tennis player A. Sharath Kamal, who won three gold medals.
- ✓ He handed over a cheque for 1 crore to table tennis player G. Sathiyar, who won a gold medal in men's team, a silver in men's doubles and a bronze medal.
- ✓ He gave a cheque for 40 lakh to squash player Sauvar Ghosal, who won a bronze medal in men's singles and mixed doubles events.
- ✓ He handed over a cheque for 20 lakh to squash player Dipika Pallikal, who won a bronze medal in mixed doubles event.

➤ **Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian**

- ✓ Chennai-based badminton star Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian - became the new World No. 1 in the boys singles category on August 16, according to the latest rankings released by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- ✓ The 18-year old Sankar is the first shuttler from Tamil Nadu to achieve this feat and fourth Indian after Aditya Joshi (Madhya Pradesh) in 2014, Siril Verma of Telangana in 2016 and Lakshya Sen of Uttarakhand in 2017.

➤ **Manisha Kalyan**

- ✓ Haryana's Manisha Kalyan - became the first Indian footballer to play in the UEFA Champions League.
- ✓ The 20-year old striker made her debut for Apollon Ladies FC.
- ✓ With this, Manisha became the first Indian footballer – among both men and women – to play in the topmost European club competition, the UEFA Champions League.

➤ **Antim Panghal**

- ✓ Antim Panghal - became the first-ever Indian woman wrestler to win gold at the U-20 world championships.
- ✓ On August 19, Antim defeated Kazakhstan's Atlyn Shagayeva 8-0 in the 53kg category final in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- ✓ It was for the first time in the competition's 34-year long history that an Indian girl has finished on top of the podium.

➤ **R Praggnanandhaa**

- ✓ On August 21, Indian GM R Praggnanandhaa - beat World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen in the seventh and final round of Miami's FTX Crypto Cup, an online event part of the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour.
- ✓ With the win against the world champion in the tiebreaks, Praggnanandhaa finished second in the eight-player rapid event held in Miami, USA.

➤ **Diamond League Meet**

- ✓ Olympic javelin champion Neeraj Chopra - became the first Indian to win a Diamond League meet with an 89.08m throw in Lausanne on August 26.
- ✓ His result also helped him qualify for the 2023 World Athletics Championships.

➤ **BWF World championships**

- ✓ Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty - bagged a historic bronze at the BWF World championships in Tokyo on August 27.
- ✓ The Men's doubles bronze is a first for India.

➤ **Smartboxer**

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has partnered with Karnataka based Inspire Institute of Sports (IIS) to develop a boxing analytics platform 'Smartboxer'.
- ✓ Smartboxer will use wearable sensors & video cameras to provide assessments of boxers on the four key traits for scoring in boxing.
It is one among the many initiatives of IIT Madras aimed at winning more medals in the Olympics.

OBITUARY

➤ **Fidel Valdez Ramos**

- ✓ Former Philippine President Fidel Valdez Ramos, has passed away due to the complications of COVID-19. He was 94.
- ✓ Ramos served as the 12th president of the Philippines from 1992 to 1998. He was a military officer by profession.

➤ **Rakesh Jhunjhunwala**

- ✓ Ace stock market investor and philanthropist, Rakesh Jhunjhunwala - passed away at age 62 on August 14 in Mumbai due to cardiac arrest after fighting several health-related issues for the last few years.
- ✓ He was also the co-founder of Akasa Air, India's newest airline which began commercial operations from Mumbai to Ahmedabad on August 7
He was the 36th richest billionaire in India, according to Forbes' 2021 listing.

➤ **Mikhail Gorbachev**

- ✓ The former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev passed away in August 2022.
- ✓ Mr. Gorbachev became general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party and de facto leader of the country in 1985.
- ✓ At the time, he was the youngest member of the ruling council known as the Politburo.
He won the Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating a historic nuclear arms pact with US leader Ronald Reagan.

REPORT

➤ World's Indigenous Peoples

- ✓ On this International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, few people are aware that nearly 11 crore tribal people (enumerated as Scheduled Tribes (ST) in the Census of India (2011) live in India.
- ✓ They constitute 8.6% of India's population, the second largest number of tribal people in any country in the world.

➤ Child Mortality

- ✓ Child mortality has dipped to 35 per 1,000 births.
- ✓ Govt. launches new app, Paalan 1000, to guide parents.
- ✓ India has taken rapid strides in reducing child mortality since 2014 from 45 per 1,000 live births to 35 per 1,000 live births in 2019.
- ✓ 'Paalan 1000' focuses on the cognitive development of children in the first two years of their life. The app will provide practical advice to caregivers on what they can do in their everyday routine and will help clear doubts.

RANKING

➤ 2022 Fortune Global 500

- ✓ Nine Indian public and private companies - five of them state-owned, and four from the private sector - have made it to the prestigious 2022 Fortune Global 500 list released recently.
- ✓ State-owned insurance major, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India ranked 98th on the list with revenue worth \$97.2 billion, up 2.6% YoY, in 2021-22
- ✓ This is the highest spot for an Indian firm on the global index.
- ✓ India's largest private business conglomerate Reliance Industries Ltd. has been ranked 104th, with \$93,982 million (\$93.9 billion) in revenue in 2021-22, up 49.4% from the year 2020-21.
- ✓ RIL's rank in Fortune's Global 500 jumped 51 spots in one year.
- ✓ Government-owned oil and gas explorer Indian Oil Corporation rose 28 places to 142nd rank on the list, while the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation climbed 16 places and secured 190th rank.
- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) climbed 17 places to rank 236th and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd rose 19 places to 295.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
August 1	World Lung Cancer Day	Every year, World Lung Cancer Day is observed on 01st August to raise awareness about the causes and treatment of lung cancer
August 1	Muslim Women's Rights Day	Muslim Women's Rights Day is observed every year on the 01st of August to celebrate the enforcement of the law against the 'Triple Talaq' rule
August 1-7	World Breastfeeding Week	The theme for World Breastfeeding Week 2022 is 'Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support'
August 6	Hiroshima Day	Hiroshima Day is observed on August 6 to commemorate the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945, at the end of World War II
August 7	National Handloom Day	The National Handloom Day is observed annually to honour the handloom-weaving community and to recognise the contribution of the handloom sector
August 7	Friendship Day	Friendship Day is celebrated every year as a special one dedicated to the friends in our life and how they form one of the most important parts of our existence
August 7	Javelin Throw Day	The day was first observed in 2021 in honour of Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who won India's first Olympic gold medal in athletics at Tokyo

August 8	Quit India Movement Day	The Quit India movement was started on August 8, 1942. It was during this time that the famous slogan 'Do or die' was given by MK Gandhi.
August 9	International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples	Theme 2022 - 'The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge'
August 9	Nagasaki Day	The Nagasaki Day is observed every year to commemorate the day when the US military dropped an atomic bomb named 'Fat Man' from US B-29 bomber on the city of Nagasaki
August 10	World Biofuel Day	World Biofuel Day is commemorated on 10 August every year to raise awareness about the use of non-fossil fuels
August 10	World Lion Day	The day aims to spread awareness of lions and the urgent need to strive toward their conservation
August 12	World Elephant Day	The main objective of World Elephant Day is to create awareness on elephant conservation
August 12	International Youth Day	The theme for 2022's edition of International Youth Day is "Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages."
August 13	World Organ Donation Day	This year's theme for World Organ Donation Day 2022 is "let's pledge to donate organs and save lives"
August 13	International Lefthanders Day	The day is observed to raise awareness about the lefty

		people's experience with living in a right-hand dominant world
August 14	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day	The partition of India into India and Pakistan led to grave violence and communal riots, loss of property, and extreme upheaval
August 15	Independence Day of India	On 15 August 1947, India gained its independence from British Rule and became a free and democratic nation
August 19	World Photography Day	Theme 2022 - "Pandemic Lockdown through the lens"
August 19	World Humanitarian Day	Theme 2022 - 'It takes a village', based on the famous saying, "It takes a village to raise a child."
August 20	World Mosquito Day	2022 Theme: "Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives."
August 21	World Senior Citizen Day	The day is observed with the intent to highlight the contributions of elderly people in human society
August 21	International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism	The theme for 2022's International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is "memories," as mentioned in a United Nations (UN)
August 22	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief	On this day, the international community honours the survivors and victims of religious-based violence

August 23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition	Theme 2022 - 'Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism'
August 26	International Dog Day	International Dog Day is celebrated annually on August 26 to promote the adoption of dogs instead of buying them from pet shops
August 26	Women's Equality Day	Women's Equality Day 2022 theme is "Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow"
August 29	National Sports Day (NSD)	The NSD is observed annually marking the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, the hockey wizard of India
August 29	International Day against Nuclear Tests	The Day aims to raise awareness about the devastating effects of nuclear weapons testing and achieve a nuclear-weapons-free world
August 30	National Small Industry Day	The day is observed every year to celebrate the rise and development of small-scale businesses for the economic development of the country
August 31	International Day for People of African Descent	The day is observed every year to highlight the exceptional contributions of Africans and people of African descent around the world