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TAMIL NADU

- **On September 5, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin - launched the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance scheme titled 'Pudhumai Penn' at a function in Chennai**
- ✓ **Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal was present during the event**



- ✓ **During the occasion, Arvind Kejriwal also unveiled 26 schools of excellence and 15 model schools set up by the Tamil Nadu government**
- ✓ **'Thagaisal Palligal' and 'Mathiri Palligal' are the official Tamil names for the schools of excellence and Model Schools.**
- ✓ **Under the 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme, all girl students, who studied from Classes 6 to 12 in government schools, will get Rs. 1,000 per month to pursue higher education**
- ✓ **The assistance will be directly credited into the bank account of the students till the completion of their undergraduate degree, diploma and ITI courses.**

- ✓ The scheme aims to benefit six lakh girls every year and Rs 698 crore has been allocated in the budget for its implementation
 - ✓ Higher education minister K Ponmudi, health minister Ma Subramanian, HR&CE minister P K Sekar Babu, school education minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, Chennai Mayor R Priya and senior officers were present during the event.
 - ✓ In the Budget 2022-23, the state government had announced that the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Marriage Assistance scheme will be converted into Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance scheme
 - ✓ The scheme is aimed at benefitting economically-weaker families who are not able to send their girl children to colleges due to financial constraints.
 - ✓ In April, along with Kejriwal, CM Stalin had visited government schools in Delhi and had praised the infrastructure in such institutions
- **Justice M Duraiswamy, the seniormost judge of Madras high court - has been appointed acting chief justice of the court from September 13.**



- ✓ The present Chief Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari demits office on September 12.
 - ✓ The Union ministry of law and justice notified the appointment on September 5.
 - ✓ Justice Duraiswamy will hold the post until a new Chief Justice is appointed for the court or till his superannuation on September 22.
 - ✓ Born in 1960, Justice Duraiswamy, after completion of his B.Com degree, did B.L., degree in Madras Law College and got enrolled as an Advocate in the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry in 1987.
 - ✓ He was appointed as Central Government Standing Counsel for the period 1997-2000
 - ✓ Justice Duraiswamy was elevated as Additional Judge of the High Court of Madras in 2009 and appointed as the Judge of the High Court of Madras in 2011.
 - ✓ Justice Duraiswamy had delivered several notable judgments that included striking down the 10.5% special reservation for the Vanniyar community in the MBC category.
- **Ford India - has announced its final severance pay offer to its agitating employees at the Chennai plant.**

- ✓ The package will provide a pay out at an average of around Rs.41 lakh per employee ranging from a minimum amount of Rs. 33 lakh and a maximum cap of Rs. 85 lakh.
- ✓ The package works out for an average equivalent of 130 days of gross wages per completed year of service.

FINAL PAYOUT

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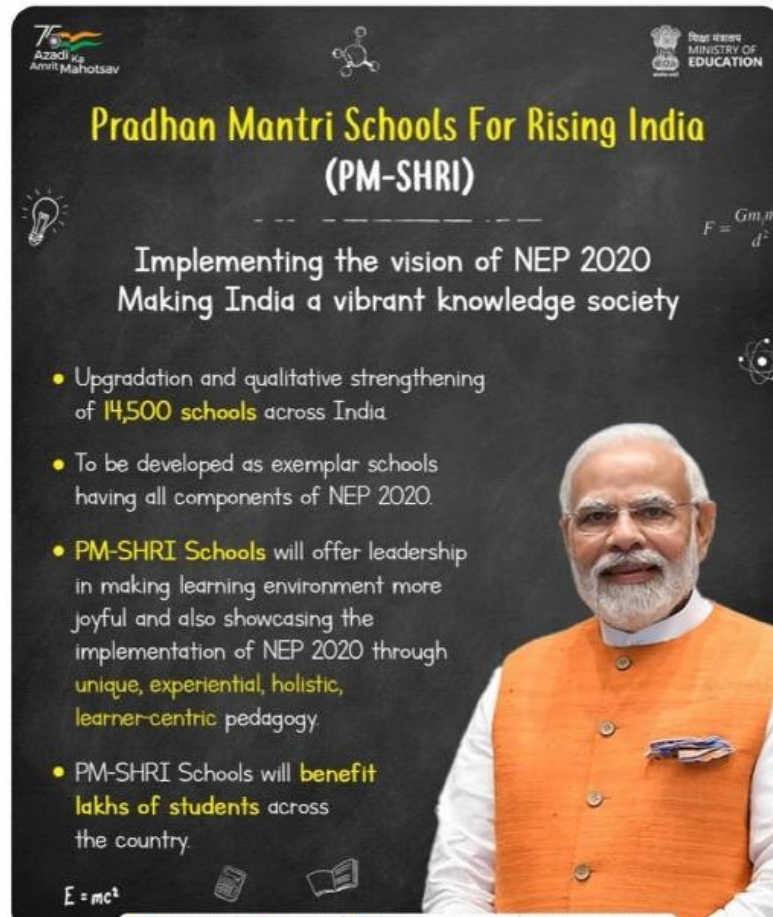
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- ✓ The final severance settlement offer translates to an average of about 4.6 years / 56-month salary for each employee
- ✓ It ranges from a minimum of 3.5 years to a maximum of 8 years.
- ✓ The final offer is open for a period from September 5 till September 23.
- ✓ However, Ford employees union has rejected the offer saying that the union was not consulted while working out the package
- ✓ The final package is substantially lower than the union's demand of an average of 215 equivalent days of wages per completed year of service.
- ✓ Around 2,500 employees at Ford India's Maraimalainagar plant have been agitating since June.
- ✓ The negotiations spanned 68 meetings, including meetings with labour authorities/ senior government officials.
- ✓ American carmaker Ford Motor Company announced its plan to stop manufacturing operations in India on September 9 last year
- ✓ Ford India has wound up all manufacturing operations in the country with the last car – an EcoSport – being produced at its Maraimalainagar plant in Chennai on July 21, 2022.

NATIONAL

- **On September 5, PM Narendra Modi - announced that 14,500 schools across the country will be upgraded and developed as Pradhan Mantri Schools For Rising India (PM-SHRI).**
- ✓ PM Modi made the announcement on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

- ✓ These centrally-sponsored schools will showcase all components of the National Education Policy 2020 and act as exemplar schools and also offer mentorship to other nearby institutions
- ✓ The pedagogy to be adopted in the PM-SHRI schools will be more experiential, holistic, integrated, play/toy based, inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, learner-centred, discussion-based, flexible and enjoyable.
- ✓ They will be equipped with modern infrastructure including labs, smart classrooms, libraries, sports equipment and art room, which is inclusive and accessible.



- ✓ The PM-SHRI schools shall also be developed as 'green' schools with water conservation, waste recycling, energy-efficient infrastructure and integration of organic lifestyle in curriculum.
- ✓ According to the union education ministry, these 14,500 schools will be selected from existing schools managed by the central government and state/union territories government
- ✓ Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had first announced the plan in June during the National Conference of School Education Ministers with the states and Union Territories in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

➤ **The government - is set to rename Rajpath and Central Vista lawns as Kartavya Path.**



- ✓ The New Delhi Municipal Council has convened a special meeting on September 7 to adopt the new name
- ✓ PM Modi is scheduled to inaugurate the revamped Rajpath and Central Vista lawns on September 8.
- ✓ The entire road and area from the Netaji statue to Rashtrapati Bhavan will be known as Kartavya Path.
- ✓ Earlier, the name of the road on which PM's residence is located was changed from Race Course Road to Lok Kalyan Marg, while Aurangzeb Road was renamed as Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Road
- ✓ The name of Teen Murti Chowk was changed to Teen Murti Haifa Chowk, after the Israeli city, when the then Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited India in 2018.
- ✓ The Central Vista Avenue -- the nation's power corridor -- comprises the Rajpath and the India Gate lawns, as per the central government's dedicated website on the Central Vista.
- ✓ The redevelopment project of the Central Vista includes a new triangular Parliament building, a common central secretariat, revamping the three-km Rajpath, a new prime minister's residence and office, and a new vice-president's enclave.
- ✓ Rajpath, formerly known as Kingsway, is the celebrated venue of the Republic Day parade every year and stretches through Vijay Chowk to India Gate.

INTERNATIONAL

- **UK Foreign Minister and Conservative Party leader Liz Truss - was elected as the next UK Prime Minister on September 5**
- ✓ Liz Truss defeated her rival, former finance minister Rishi Sunak, to win the Tory leadership contest.
- ✓ She defeated Indian-origin Rishi Sunak after getting 81,326 votes from party members as against 60,399 for Sunak
- ✓ Truss got 57.4% share of the members' vote against Sunak's 42.6%

- ✓ In comparison Boris Johnson got a 66.4% share of the members' vote in 2019, David Cameron got 67.6% in 2005 and Iain Duncan Smith 60.7% in 2001.
- ✓ Both contenders went through bouts of 12 nationwide events with the first bout in Leeds, Northern England.

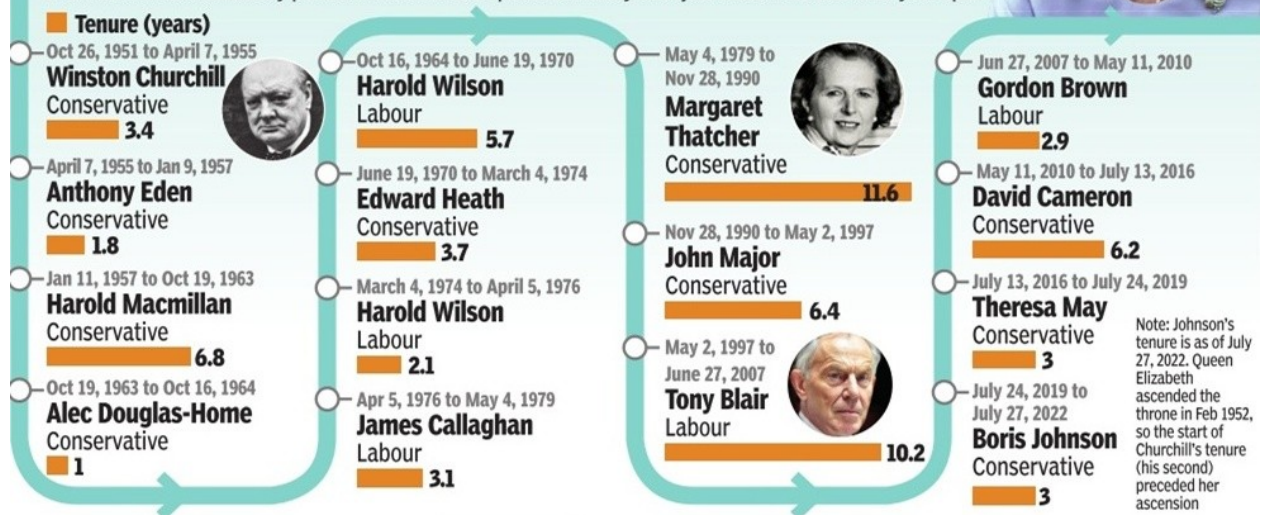
UK'S 3rd FEMALE PRIME MINISTER



- > Liz Truss, 47, is UK's 3rd female PM after Theresa May & Maggie Thatcher; will be Tories' 4th PM since 2015 election
- > Was born in Oxford to a maths professor father and nurse teacher mother
- > Graduated in philosophy, politics and economics from Oxford University, was president of its Liberal Democrat branch
- > Is married to accountant Hugh O'Leary, has 2 teenage daughters
- > Had voted for the UK to remain in the European Union in the 2016 referendum
- > As foreign secretary, was at the forefront of UK response to Russia's war on Ukraine, imposing tough sanctions
- > Signed off on India-UK Enhanced Trade Partnership as international trade secretary last year, marking the starting point of FTA negotiations

The next PM will be the 16th under Queen Elizabeth II

Since Margaret Thatcher, tenures of Conservative PMs have been on the decline. The years from 1979 to 2007 were an extraordinary period in recent British political history with just three PMs over a 28-year span



- ✓ Liz Truss will succeed Boris Johnson, who was forced to resign in July this year, as the 56th Prime Minister of Britain
- ✓ Truss, aged 47, will become the third female PM in British political history after travelling to meet the Queen at Balmoral in Scotland on September 6
- ✓ Liz Truss is the third female Prime Minister in Britain, after Margaret Thatcher and Theresa May
- ✓ Truss will also become the Conservatives' fourth prime minister since a 2015 election
- ✓ Born in Oxford, Truss is a graduate in philosophy, politics and economics from Oxford
- ✓ She has served in various Cabinet positions under Prime Ministers David Cameron, Theresa May and Boris Johnson

- ✓ Under Theresa May, Liz Truss served as justice secretary before becoming the chief secretary to the Treasury
- ✓ Under Boris Johnson, Liz Truss was the international trade secretary in 2019 and took over as foreign secretary in 2021

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **On September 5, Isro chairman S. Somanath - inaugurated the 7th edition of Bengaluru Space Expo 2022 (BSX-2022)**



- ✓ The three-day exhibition will have participants from over 100 companies and organisations from around ten countries
- ✓ During his speech, Somanath said that Isro will build its next rocket in collaboration with industry — from design to launch and operation.
- ✓ The next-generation launch vehicle (LV) should be cost-conscious, production-friendly, built in India and operated globally in the next few years
- ✓ Further, Australia signed six space industry-to-industry memoranda of understanding during the day.
- ✓ Australia is the main partner-country for the third year in a row at the Bengaluru Space Expo 2022
- ✓ The Indian companies to be covered under the agreement include Ananth Technologies, Skyroot Aerospace, GalaxEye, DCube, and SatSure
- ✓ Further, Space PSU NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) signed a Rs. 860-crore agreement with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and L&T consortium for manufacturing five polar satellite launch vehicle (PSLV) rockets.
- ✓ Under the agreement, the consortium is expected to supply the first PSLV in 24 months, followed by one each every six months.
- ✓ BSX is organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with ISRO, the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-

SPACE), and NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) from September 5–7 at BIEC in Bengaluru.

- ✓ The conference, attended by over 1000 delegates, has been organised with “Nurturing New Space in India” as its main theme

SPORTS

- **Global payments and technology company, Mastercard – has been named as BCCI's title sponsors for all international and domestic tournaments to be held in India.**



- ✓ Mastercard replaced Paytm after the digital payments company backed out of its deal with the Indian cricket board earlier this year
- ✓ Accordingly, Mastercard will be the title sponsor for all international matches (both women and men) held on home grounds, domestic cricket matches like Irani Trophy, Duleep Trophy, and Ranji Trophy organized by the BCCI as also all junior cricket (Under 19 and Under 23) matches for the 2022-23 season
- ✓ Former Indian Test Captain MS Dhoni has been Mastercard's ambassador for over four years
- ✓ Mastercard has also invested in sponsorships worldwide in top events like the UEFA Champions league, the Grammys, the Cannes Film Festival and the Australian and French Open tennis tournaments.

