



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 17, 2024

TAMIL NADU

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SC/ST startups have gone up to 8.4K from 2K in 3 years, says TN

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 THE government on Monday said up to various agencies, youth belonging to SC/ST communities have started forming their startup entrepreneurs. So far, the government has allocated 80 crore for this purpose and 80 start-ups for SC/ST groups have been established as shared enterprises of 20-30 crore each. All start-ups will have the government has been encouraging other entrepreneurs. More than 100 SC/ST entrepreneurs have been established since May 2021. The number of startups in the state stood at 2,000 before May 2021 and it has gone up to 8,416. The number of SC/ST startups has also increased from 966 in 2021 to 3,163 in 2023. The SC/ST startup fund was introduced during 2021 to assist the poor and financial health of SC/ST entrepreneurs from Chennai, Salem, Kanyakumari, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Tirupur, Coimbatore, Erode and Nilgiris have benefited from the fund. These startups have been set up in various fields including agriculture, engineering, artificial intelligence, which are led by women. The Tamil Nadu Startup Fund, managed by the tribal commissioner, provided support to many in the Thiruvallur district.



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THE HINDU

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The Hindu Bureau CHENNAI

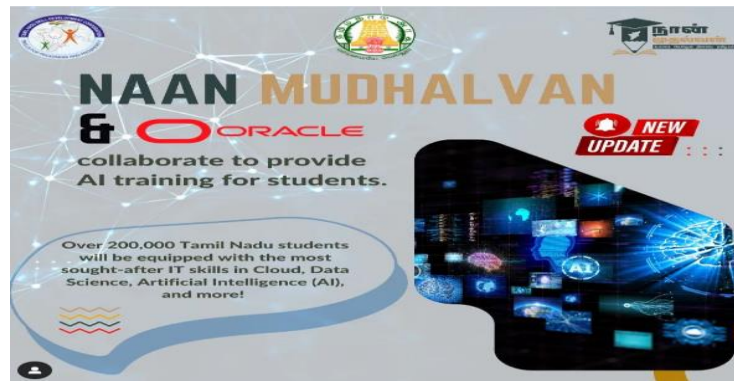
A total of 6,384 start-ups have come up since the DMK government assumed office under Chief Minister M.K. Stalin in 2021, the State government said on Monday. Several entrepreneurs have benefited from the initiative, it said. Until 2021, the total number of start-ups across the State was 2,032. The DMK government released the Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Policy in September 2022. As of today, the total number of start-ups in the State stands at 8,416, it said. As for women-led startups, the number rose

The State govt. has announced that a Global Startup Summit will be held in January 2025

from 966 in 2021 to 3,163 start-ups now. "The Union government released a list of States that have created conducive set up for start-ups. The fact that Tamil Nadu stood first in the list would help understand the achievement of the government", it said. The Tamil Nadu Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Startup Fund has allocated 80 crore. The shares to the tune of ₹55.2 crore have been invested in a total of 38 startups under this initiative.

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- ✓ Several entrepreneurs from the Adi Dravidar and tribal communities have benefited from the initiative.
- ✓ As of today, the total number of start-ups in the State stands at 8,416.
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- **Oracle Partners With Tamil Nadu To Empower Youth With IT Skills**



- ✓ Oracle has teamed up with the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation to enhance IT skills among the state's youth through the Naan Mudhalvan program.
- ✓ This initiative aims to provide training and certification in cutting-edge technologies like cloud computing, data science, AI, ML, and blockchain, offering employment-linked opportunities to over 200,000 students.

NATIONAL

➤ Deep Sea Mission

- ✓ India is set to join an elite group of nations with the launch of its ambitious Deep Sea Mission, making it the 6th country to embark on such a groundbreaking endeavor.



- ✓ Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, PMO, Atomic Energy, Space, Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions, expressed pride and happiness over the progress of this mission.

DEFENCE

➤ India Advances in Drone Warfare with Nagastra-1 Deployment

- ✓ India has achieved a significant milestone in its defense capabilities with the induction of the indigenous Nagastra-1 kamikaze drones developed by Solar Industries, based in Nagpur.



- ✓ This deployment addresses the critical need for advanced indigenous drone technologies in combat applications.
- ✓ Nagastra-1 is an indigenous kamikaze drone developed by Solar Industries for the Indian Army. It features a 9 kg weight, 30-minute endurance, and a range of up to 30 km in autonomous mode.

APPOINTMENT

- **Mohan Charan Majhi**
- ✓ Mohan Charan Majhi, four-time MLA and tribal leader, will take the oath of office as Chief Minister of Odisha on Wednesday.

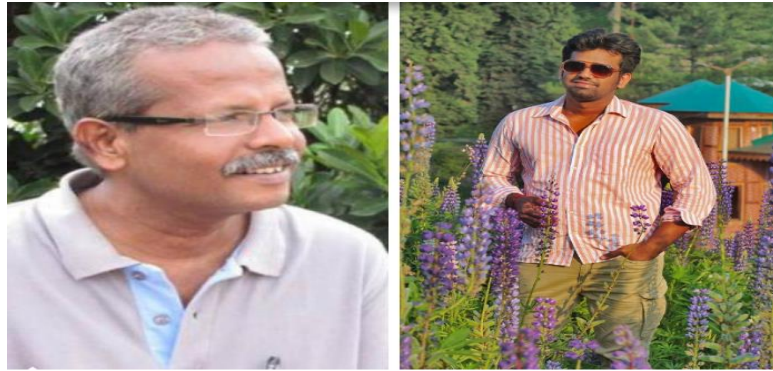


- ✓ The BJP on Tuesday staked claim to form a government in the State after the party's MLAs-elect unanimously elected Mr. Majhi the BJP Legislature Party leader.

AWARDS

- **Sahitya Akademi Awards**
- ✓ **Yuma Vasuki**, who has been awarded Bal Sahitya Puraskar for his book 'Thanviyin Piranthanal' (The Birthday of Thanvi), hails from Pattukkottai taluk in Thanjavur district.

- ✓ Yuma Vasuki has carved a unique identity in Tamil literature across various forms such as novels, poems, and short stories.



- ✓ **Lokesh Raghuraman** from Tamil Nadu has won the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar for his debut Tamil short story collection Vishnu Vandhar.
- ✓ Every year, the Yuva Puraskar is awarded to young writers for their exceptional works in 24 languages.
- ✓ Mr. Raghuraman is among seven authors of short story collections who have received the award in 2024.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ Aditya-L1



- ✓ Two of the remote sensing payloads aboard India's maiden solar mission, Aditya-L1, have captured images of the sun and its dynamic activities during the solar storm, which occurred in May. Between May 8 and 15, several X-class and M-class flares erupted in the active region AR13664 on the sun.
- ✓ This was associated with coronal mass ejections (CMEs) during May 8 and 9.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought – June 17**
- ✓ On June 17th, the world celebrates the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought.



- ✓ This important day aims to raise awareness about the pressing issue of land degradation and its devastating effects on the environment and communities around the globe.
- ✓ This year's theme, "United for Land. Our Legacy. Our Future," emphasizes the critical importance of land stewardship as a shared responsibility for all.

