

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 08, 2024

TAMIL NADU

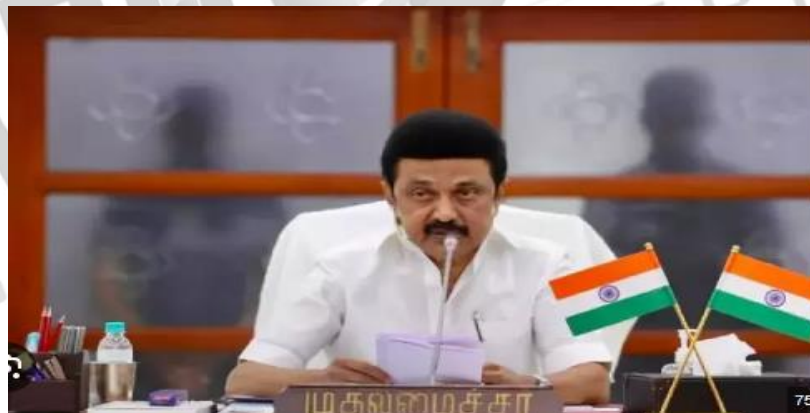
- **T.N. releases draft Tamil Nadu Space Industrial Policy 2024**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government released the draft Tamil Nadu Space Industrial Policy 2024, which aims to create direct and indirect employment prospects for nearly 10,000 persons in 10 years and also promises a slew of incentives to the players in the sector.



- ✓ The policy would be applicable for all enterprises engaged in manufacturing and services pertaining to the space sector, the draft policy uploaded on the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited's (TIDCO) website.
- **State-aided Schools should be treated on a Par with Government Schools**
- ✓ The State Education Policy (SEP) drafted by the Justice D. Murugesan Committee is learnt to have observed that formal schooling must begin only at Class I in all institutions on “completion of five years” as on July 31 of an academic year.



- ✓ The committee has recommended that no centralised examination should be held until students take the board examinations in Class X.
- ✓ The stages of schooling are to be understood as 5+3+2+2, forming respectively, the primary stage, the upper primary stage, secondary stage, and higher secondary stage.”
- **CM invites MPs, MLAs to Launch Expansion of Two Govt. Schemes**
- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin is scheduled to take part in a function in Dharmapuri on July 11 to launch the expansion of the ‘Makkaludan Mudhalvar’ initiative.

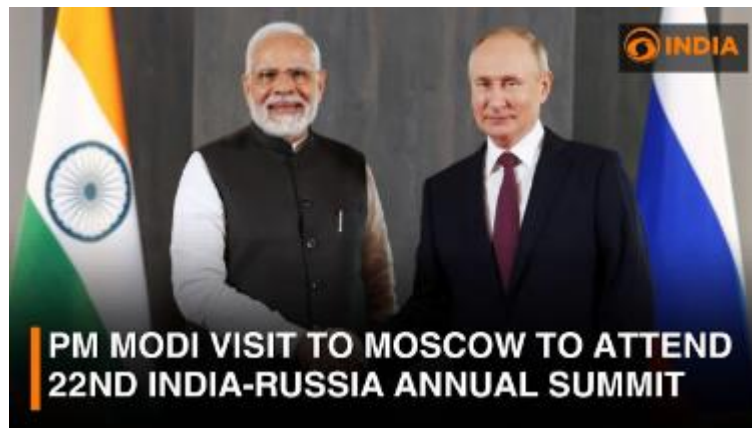


- ✓ He is also scheduled to take part in another function in Tiruvallur on July 15 to expand the Chief Minister’s Breakfast Scheme.
- ✓ The Chief Minister’s Breakfast Scheme was launched in September 2022 to benefit students of Classes I to V in State-run schools. About 14.40 lakh students have benefited from the scheme, which has helped improve nutrition.
- ✓ It is set to be expanded to State-aided schools in rural areas from July 15.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **India-Russia Annual Summit**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on a three day official visit to Russia and Austria. In the first leg of his visit, Mr. Modi will be in Moscow for the 22nd Annual Summit between India and Russia.



- ✓ The annual summit would provide an opportunity for Prime Minister Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin to review the whole range of bilateral issues, including defence, trade linkages, investment ties, energy cooperation, education, culture, and people-to-people exchanges.
- ✓ Both leaders will also assess the status of bilateral engagements in groupings such as BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, the G20, the East Asia Summit, and the UN.

DEFENCE

- **DRDO Unveils Country's Indigenous Light Tank Zorawar**
- ✓ The prototype of the country's indigenous light tank Zorawar is ready and will soon be subjected to extensive trials.



- ✓ The tank, unveiled on Saturday, was jointly developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) along with Larsen & Toubro as the lead integrator.
 - ✓ The tank is currently powered by a Cummins engine, and the DRDO has taken up a project to develop a new engine domestically, officials said.
- **Defence Ministry Signs MoU to Set Up Three Testing Facilities in T.N.**



- ✓ The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish three state-of-the-art testing facilities in Chennai under the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor — one each in Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), Electronic Warfare (EW) and Electro Optics (EO) domains.
- ✓ With an outlay of 400 crore, the DTIS was launched by Union Minister for Defence Rajnath Singh in May 2020 to set up state-of-the-art testing facilities.

AWARDS

- **Maharashtra Wins Best Agriculture State Award for 2024**
- ✓ The 15th Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee has announced that Maharashtra has won the Best Agriculture State Award for 2024.



- ✓ The announcement was made by the committee headed by Justice P Sathasivam, former Chief Justice of India and Governor of Kerala.
- **Tamil writer Sivashankari selected for Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award**
- ✓ Tamil literature, renowned author Sivashankari has been selected as the recipient of the highly esteemed Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award.



- ✓ This prestigious accolade celebrates her immense contributions to the rich tapestry of Tamil literary culture and her role in shaping contemporary Indian literature.

