

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 16, 2024

TAMIL NADU

➤ Renaming of TANGEDCO

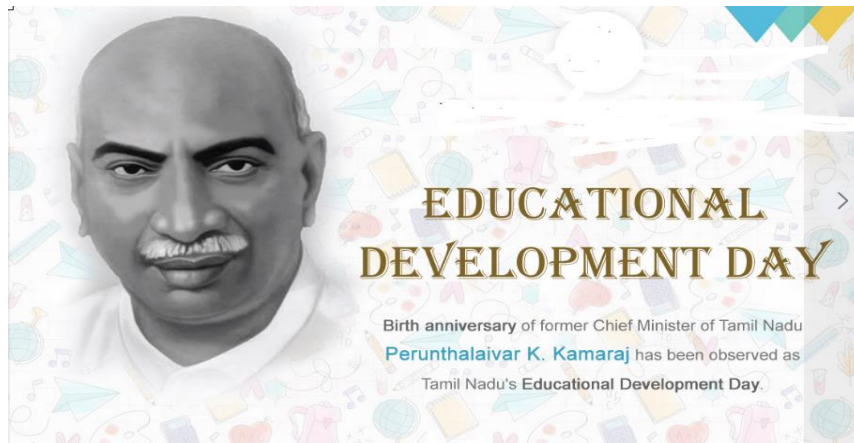
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) was renamed as the Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (TNPDC).



- ✓ There are about 3.37 crore consumers of various categories.
- ✓ As many as 8.11 lakh new service connections were provided during 2023-24.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Power Generation Corporation Limited (TNPGL) to take over fossil fuel-related (coal, naphtha and gas) production.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation Limited (TNGECL) to handle hydro, wind and solar generation.

➤ Educational Development Day in Schools

- ✓ The 122nd birth anniversary of Perunthalaivar Kamaraj is being celebrated today. On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, Chief Minister and Ministers pay respects to Kamaraj.



- ✓ Kamaraj's birthday is celebrated as Educational Development Day in schools.
- ✓ Perundhalaivar Kamarajar was born on 15.07.1903.
- ✓ Karmaveer Kamarasar, who reached the pinnacle of government due to his tireless work, created a renaissance in education by starting primary schools in every village during his 9-year rule.

NATIONAL

- **India Launches First National Toll-Free Anti-Narcotics Helpline**
- ✓ India is set to launch its first national toll-free anti-narcotics helpline, '1933', alongside an email service under the name MANAS (Madak Padarth Nisedh Asuchna Kendra).
- ✓ Scheduled for launch by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the seventh Narco-Coordination Centre meeting on July 18, the helpline aims to provide a user-friendly platform for citizens to report drug-related crimes and seek assistance 24x7.

SCHEMES

- **'One Scientist, One Product' Scheme**
- ✓ The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is set to unveil a groundbreaking initiative that promises to revolutionize the landscape of agricultural and animal husbandry research in India.



- ✓ The 'One Scientist-One Product' programme, scheduled for launch on July 16, marks a significant milestone in the organization's commitment to advancing agricultural science and technology.

COMMITTEES

- **World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2024**
- ✓ India is hosting the UNESCO World Heritage Committee meeting for the first time, alongside the 2024 World Heritage Young Professionals Forum in New Delhi.



- ✓ From July 14 to 23, young professionals from around the world will gather to enhance their skills in heritage preservation and sustainable development.
- ✓ The forum, organized by the Ministry of Culture and the Archaeological Survey of India, focuses on integrating global heritage concepts with local Indian heritage management.

ECONOMY

- **India's Exports Exceeded USD 200 Billion**
- ✓ India's exports exceeded USD 200 billion in the first quarter (April–June) of 2024–25.



- ✓ The government has said that it is optimistic about reaching its USD 800 billion annual target.
- ✓ India's total exports, which include both merchandise and services reached \$65.47 billion in June, up 5.4% from the previous year, according to data from the commerce ministry. From \$34.32 billion to \$35.20 billion, merchandise exports increased.
- ✓ There has been a substantial rise in exports to nations including Singapore, China, Russia, Iraq, and the United Arab Emirates.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Snake Day – July 16**
- ✓ World Snake Day is celebrated every year on 16 July.



- ✓ It is dedicated to raising awareness about the diverse and often misunderstood reptiles. The day aims to educate the public about the role snakes play in ecosystems, dispel myths, and promote conservation efforts.
- ✓ India is home to around 300 snake species, and World Snake Day is a great time to promote the importance of snake conservation and dispels misconceptions.

