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## Tamil Nadu

### ❖ Police Help App

- The app was launched by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin to help citizens seek police help in case of an emergency.
- The app is also connected with the "Dial 100" feature.

### ❖ State Government Awards for 20 Best Craftsmen

- Chief Minister M.K. Stalin presented the awards to the artistes who have made outstanding contributions in handicrafts and handicrafts related works. The function was held at the Secretariat.

### ❖ Mullai Periyar Monitoring Committee

- The name of the Tamil Nadu representative, who will be part of the Mullai Periyar Monitoring Committee has been announced. R Subramanian, chairman of the Cauvery Technical Committee, has been appointed on behalf of Tamil Nadu.

### ❖ State Wildlife Board headed by Chief Minister

- The State Wildlife Board has been constituted under the chairmanship of Chief Minister M K Stalin with 28 members, including forest minister and members of the legislative assembly.
- The State Wildlife Board has been constituted on behalf of the Forest Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu. Chief Minister M K Stalin will be the chairman of the board and Forest Minister Ramachandran will be the vice-chairman.

### ❖ "SamabandhiBhojanam" renamed as equality feast

- Chief Minister M K Stalin has announced that 'SamabandhiBhojanam' will be renamed as an equality feast.

### ❖ Ambedkar's birth anniversary celebrated as 'Equality Day'

- A state level high level monitoring meeting was held on behalf of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department. At the meeting, it was demanded that april 14, the birth anniversary of dr. Ambedkar, be celebrated as equality day, just as periyar's birth anniversary was declared as social justice day.
- In response to this demand, April 14 will now be celebrated as Equality Day. Equality Day pledge will be taken across Tamil Nadu.

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## ❖ Kanchi Kamakoti Children's Hospital selected as India's best hospital

- Kanchi Kamakoti Children's Trust Hospital has been adjudged the best children's hospital in India. The award was presented to ensure that the hospital's services, medical facilities, and treatment infrastructure are of the highest quality.

## ❖ Our Hospital Grand Hospital Project

- Under our hospital grand hospital project, 91,538 kg of biomedical waste was removed in a single day in Tamil Nadu.

## ❖ Vallalar Biodiversity Reserves for Pets

- On the occasion of the 200th birth anniversary of Vallalar, a new scheme called Vallalar Biodiversity Reserves will be launched in Tamil Nadu to help non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that take care of unsupported, abandoned and injured pets in Tamil Nadu, fisheries minister Anitha R Radhakrishnan announced.
- Country Chicken Breeding Farm: A country chicken breeding farm, a poultry hatchery and a fodder plant will be established at Chettinad district livestock farm in Sivagangai district at an estimated cost of Rs.15 crore.
- National Dog Research Centre: A breed protection and research centre for native dogs like Rajapalayam, Kanni, Chippiparai and Kombai in Tamil Nadu will be established in Tenkasi district at a cost of Rs.1 crore.

## ❖ World Heritage Irrigation Infrastructure: Tamil Nadu to be selected for three awards

- The International Commission for Irrigation and Drainage (ICID-International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage) presents the World Heritage Irrigation Structures and Water Conservation Awards every year.
- Kallanai, Veeranam Lake and Kalingarayan Anicut have been selected for the World Heritage Irrigation Structures Award.
- The Indian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (INCID) sends recommendations from various states of the country. Accordingly, in July 2021, the Tamil Nadu Water Resources Department had recommended six reservoir structures namely Kallanai, Kalingarayan Anicut, Veeranam Reservoir, Pechiparai Dam, Maduranthagam Lake and Chembarambakkam Lake.
- Kallanai Dam: The historic kallanai is a historical temple in A.D. It is an ancient dam built across the River Cauvery by the Chola king Karikala Cholan in the 2nd century.



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- Veeranam Lake: Veeranam reservoir in Cuddalore district was created in the 9th century during the reign of Paranthaka Chola I (Parantaka I).
- The "Kalingarayan Anicut" across the Bhavani river is the oldest dam built about 740 years ago by the Kongu king Kalingarayan Gounder.
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu's first commercial cases court**
  - Chennai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated the first commercial cases court in Chennai.
  - Justice L S Sathyamoorthy has been appointed as the first judge of the new court.
  - Chief Justice of India NV Ramana
- ❖ **Chennai Smart City 2020 Awards 2020**
  - The Greater Chennai Corporation has bagged two awards titled 'Smart City 2020' by the Central Government for excellence in water bodies restoration and infrastructure for covid-19 prevention.
- ❖ **Grama Sabha meeting on April 24**
  - On the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day, the state government has directed the district collectors to hold gram sabha meetings across Tamil Nadu on 24<sup>th</sup> April
- ❖ **6 Grama Sabha meetings in a year**
  - Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin has announced that instead of four grama sabha meetings a year, six meetings will be held. He also announced that it would be increased as per the sitting of panchayat representatives.
  - Accordingly, gram sabha meetings will be held on January 26- Republic Day, May-1 Labour Day, August-15 Independence Day, October-2 Gandhiji's birth anniversary, March-22 World Water Day and November-1 Local Body Day.
- ❖ **National Award for Malaria Prevention Measures: Tamil Nadu Wins National Award**
  - Tamil Nadu has been awarded the National Award for excellence in malaria prevention measures.
- ❖ **Art Scholar Award**
  - Information and Publicity Minister M.P. Swaminathan announced that those who excels in the film industry will be honoured with the Kalaignar Award in the name of Karunanidhi.
- ❖ **Principal as Chancellor of Siddha Medical University**
  - A bill to set up a Siddha Medical University in Tamil Nadu was passed in the Assembly. The bill provides for the Chief Minister of the state to act as the chancellor of the university.

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## ❖ Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

- Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Rs 440 crore has been disbursed to Tamil Nadu in 2021-22.

## ❖ Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme: Rs 949.11 crore allocated

- In the financial year 2021-22, the government has increased the manpower days for Tamil Nadu from 27.20 crore to 31.14 crore. The administrative expenses of the Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme are fully borne by the Government of India.
- Moreover, the central government shares 75 per cent of the salaries of the employees and the state government shares 25 per cent.
- The MNREGS was enacted on August 25, 2005.
- In 2009, the word Mahatma Gandhi was added as a prefix to the Act.

## ❖ Puducherry University wins Green Award

- Puducherry University has been honoured with the District Green Champion Award by the Government of India recently.

## ❖ TNSMART Processor

- TnSMART app provides for sending lightning related warning messages. Steps are being taken to monitor the drought situation and provide information on the app. It is scheduled to be implemented from June.

## ❖ 'Internal Audit' program

- A new scheme called "Internal Audit" will be implemented to remove the deficiencies in the highways sector. A committee headed by superintending engineers from the highways department has been directed to conduct an internal audit in the first week of May every year and send the report to the director general of highways department.

## ❖ Books are the key to the quest for knowledge

- Chief Minister M K Stalin has said that books are the key to the quest for knowledge. International Book Day april 23.

## ❖ Nammazhwar Organic Agriculture Research Centre

- A new Horticultural College and Research Institute has been established at Jinur in Krishnagiri District, a new Turmeric Research Centre at Bhavanisagar in Erode District and a New Centre for Research in Organic Agriculture at Coimbatore Agricultural University. They were inaugurated by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

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## ❖ Birthday of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw

- The 108th birth anniversary of the late Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw was observed in Ooty.
- He led the Indian Army in the 1971 Indo-Pak war.

## India

### ❖ April 25 th is 'World Malaria Day'.

- "In order to achieve our goal of eradicating malaria completely from the country by 2030, and in the joint action against malaria, it is equally important to maintain cleanliness as an individual and in the community around us and create social awareness about malaria control, not only in terms of diagnosis and treatment. This was stated by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare.
- The theme of 2022 is" *Innovation to reduce the malaria burden on a global scale and save lives*".

### ❖ Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement between India and Australia

- Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal and Australian Minister Mr. Dan Dehan signed the document..
- The salient features of the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement are as follows:
  - India's first trade agreement with a developed country after more than a decade is the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement.
  - The agreement, which covers the full range of cooperation in bilateral economic and trade relations between the two friendly countries, covers areas such as trade in goods, resource rules, services trade, technical boundaries for trade, health, etc.
  - This includes dispute resolution, telecommunications, customs procedures, pharmaceutical products and cooperation in other areas.
  - 8 different sectoral letters covering various aspects of bilateral economic cooperation were also completed as part of the agreement.
  - India's 6,000 goods, including ready-made garments, leather goods and jewellery, can be exported tax-free.

### ❖ Nepal's Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba arrives in India

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart Sher Bahadur Deuba inaugurated the first broad gauge railway line connecting Bihar's Jainagar with Nepal's Khurda region via video conferencing.



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- Also, the facility for the use of The Power Supply Scheme India's RuPay card in Nepal was also launched.
- Nepal shares a 1850 km border with the states of Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- ❖ **President of India Ram Nath Kovind visits Turkmenistan for the first time**
  - A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Financial Intelligence Unit of India and the Financial Monitoring Service of Turkmenistan.
  - India and Turkmenistan have completed 30 years of diplomatic relations.
  - Turkmenistan President Serdar Berdimuhamitov
- ❖ **27 women judges to be appointed in high courts in a year**
  - The Supreme Court Collegium had recommended the appointment of 39 women as high court judges between January 1, 2021 and March 30, 2021.
  - The post of Judges fixed in the Supreme Court is 34. At present, there are 32 judges in service.
  - The total number of judges under the Supreme Court Act, 1956 is 10.
  - With effect from August 9, 2019, the number of Supreme Court judges (33+CJI) was increased to 34.
  - There are total of 25 High Courts in India.
- ❖ **Assembly passes resolution to shift Chandigarh to Punjab**
  - Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has passed a resolution in a special session of the Punjab Legislative Assembly demanding the merger of Chandigarh with Punjab.
  - In 1966, Haryana was created by bifurcating the Hindi-speaking areas of Punjab. Since then, Chandigarh has been the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana.
- ❖ **Jammu and Kashmir: Delimitation Committee**
  - Jammu and Kashmir was declared a Union Territory in 2019. On May 6, 2020, a committee headed by former Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai was constituted to restructure the parliamentary and assembly constituencies. The team has conducted a field survey in Jammu and Kashmir and published it.
  - Accordingly, the number of assembly constituencies in Jammu has been increased from 83 to 90 , six in Jammu and one in Kashmir.
- ❖ **Parliament passes Auditors Act Amendment Bill**
  - The Bill has been introduced to make certain amendments to the Auditors Act, 1949, the Expenditure and Services Accountants Act, 1959 and the Company Secretaries Act, 1980.



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- The bill has been amended to appoint non-auditors, non-expenditure accountants and non-company secretaries as the head of the disciplinary committees of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (ICAI), The Institute of Expenditure and Services Accountants of India (ICWAI) and the Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), respectively.
- ❖ **Bill to prevent financing of weapons of mass destruction**
  - The Lok Sabha passed an amendment bill that prohibits funding for the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction.
  - The Weapons of Mass Destruction (Unlawful Activities) Act was enacted in 2005. In that law, only the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction is prohibited. Some amendments were made and the bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha.
  - Through the bill, the Central government has been empowered to freeze and confiscate the assets of those funding the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction.
- ❖ **Indian banana, coconut exported to Canada**
  - According to the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, the two countries have shared the necessary information for the export of Indian bananas and young maize (baby corn) to Canada.
- ❖ **Energy and climate ranking list**
  - Gujarat, Kerala and Punjab have topped the overall ranking of states in terms of performance in energy and climate indicators, the NITI Aayog said.
  - Tamil Nadu is placed ninth with 43.4 points. At the same time, Tamil Nadu topped the energy conservation category with a score of 85.4.
- ❖ **India tops the list of milk producers**
  - New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said India is the number one country in the world with milk production worth Rs 8.5 lakh crore per annum.
- ❖ **Assam jackfruit exported to Dubai**
  - Assam has started exporting jackfruit to Dubai. Jackfruit and green chillies grown in the state of Assam are well received in Dubai.
- ❖ **'Shi' Auto**
  - The 'Shi' auto was introduced in Chittoor by the Andhra Pradesh Police department with the aim of providing safe transport to women and girls.

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## Festival

### ❖ Gangaur Festival

- The Gangaur festival is one of the important festivals in the state of Rajasthan. It is also celebrated in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and West Bengal.

### ❖ Sarhul Festival

- Sarhul, which is celebrated in Jharkhand, is the new year's festival. Jharkhand's Munda, Ho and Oraon tribal communities, which follow the Sarna religion, celebrate the festival.

## Economy

### ❖ Russia buys crude oil

- New Delhi: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that India will continue to procure crude oil from Russia.
- It is to be noted that due to Russia's war on Ukraine, the US and European countries have imposed economic sanctions on Russia and severed trade ties.

### ❖ India's unemployment rate

- Centre for Monitoring the Indian Economy (CMIE)
- According to the data, India's overall unemployment rate stands at 7.6 per cent.
- According to these data, Haryana tops the list of states with the highest unemployment rate followed by Rajasthan.

## World

### ❖ State of Emergency declared in Sri Lanka

- Due to the economic crisis in Sri Lanka, the public is protesting. A state of emergency has been declared.

### ❖ Russia removed from UN Human Rights Council

- The move comes in the wake of complaints that Russian soldiers were involved in human rights violations in Ukraine. UN against Russia India boycotted the vote on the resolution, which was brought in the General Assembly, and remained neutral.
- The United Nations was established in 2006. Russia is the second country to be removed from the Human Rights Council. Libya was removed from the organization in 2011.

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## ❖ Pakistan's new Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif

- Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) leader Shahbaz Sharif has been elected as the 23rd Prime Minister of Pakistan.

## Science & Technology

### ❖ "Tata New (TATA NEU)" super processor launched

- The Tata Group launched 'Tata New', India's first super-app. It brings all the services of Tata company into one go.

### ❖ Free online class at ISRO

- ISRO has launched free online classes on DATE processing and its applications for students and experts from the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) disaster management department.
- Isro has also announced that after the launch of the EOS satellite, it will be able to get information on the collection and use of the information provided by it.

### ❖ Successful achievement of SFDR booster missile system

- DRDO officials said, "The Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has successfully test-fired the Solid Fuel Vein Ramjet (SFDR) booster missile system off the coast of Chandipur in Baleswar district of Odisha.

## Persons & Appointments

### ❖ The world's first independent climate change expert

- Dr. Ian Fry is the world's first independent expert on human rights and climate change.
- He was appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council.

### ❖ The first black woman judge of the U.S. Supreme Court

- The Us House of Representatives approved the appointment of Gaydenji Brown Jackson as a judge of the Us Supreme Court. She is the first black woman judge of the US Supreme Court.

### ❖ Obesity Surgery System: President's Choice

- Dr Praveen Raj, a senior medical expert at Gem Hospital, was elected as the president of the Association of Obesity Surgeons of India (Obesity Surgery Society of India).

### ❖ NITI Aayog vice-chairman Rajiv Kumar resigns

- NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar resigned from his post. Following this, Suman K. Sudhakaran became the new vice-president. Periyar has been appointed by the central government.



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## ❖ Haj Committee of India chairman A.P. Abdulla Kutty's choice

- Haj Committee of India chairman A.P. Abdulla Kutty has been selected. For the first time, two women have been elected as vice-presidents of the Haj Committee.

## ❖ Param Shakti Supercomputer

- Developed under the National Supercomputing Mission, the supercomputer helps to advance research and development efforts in various fields of accounting and data science.

## Scheme

### ❖ Vinaya Samarasya Yojana

- On April 14, Vinaya Samarasya Yojana was launched in Karnataka.
- It is a programme to launch a public awareness campaign against caste discrimination in village panchayats.

### ❖ Mukhya Mantri BhagwaniBima Yojana

- A scheme to compensate farmers for damages to crops due to natural calamities was introduced in Haryana.

## Summit

### ❖ India-US 2+2 dialogue

- The 4th 2+2 dialogue between India and the us foreign and defence ministers was held in washington.

## Defence

### ❖ S-400 missile launched for India

- In October 2018, India finalised a \$5 billion (Rs 38,000 crore) deal to buy five sets of S-400 air defence missile devices from Russia.

### ❖ New Army Chief General Manoj Pandey

- Lieutenant General Manoj Pandey has been appointed as the 29th Chief of Staff of the Indian Army.

### ❖ India increases military spending by 0.9%

- India has increased its defense spending to Rs 5.86 lakh crore in 2021. This is an increase of 0.9 per cent over the previous year.
- India ranks third in the world with the highest allocation of funds for the armed forces.

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## Exercise

### ❖ Kanjar 2022

- The joint special forces exercise between India and Kyrgyzstan was held at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh.

## Awards

### ❖ Prime Minister's Award for Public Administration: "UDAN" scheme selected

- The UDAN scheme of the Ministry of Civil Aviation has been selected for the Prime Minister's Award for Outstanding Public Administration.

### ❖ 'Grammy' award for Indians

- The 64th Grammy Awards ceremony was held in Las Vegas, USA. RickyAge, who hails from Bangalore, won the Grammy Award in the 'Best New Album' category for his album 'Divine Tights'.
- Falguni Shah, a Mumbai-born singer, received the Grammy Award for the song 'Economic World' in the category of 'Best Album for Children'.

### ❖ Saraswati Samman 2021: Ramdarash Mishra selected

- The prestigious Saraswati Samman Award - 2021 has been announced for 'Mei Tu Yahan Hun', a collection of poems by Prof Ramdarash Mishra.

## Sports

### ❖ 5 women umpires for the first time in Cricket World Cup

- Cricket World Cup For the first time, five women umpires have been appointed for the final match of the Women's Cricket World Cup.
- G. Lakshmi, an Indian, has also joined the group. It is to be noted that G Lakshmi became the first woman umpire in men's ONE-day international cricket.

### ❖ Garfia wins Miami Open tennis

- Spain's Carlos Alcaraz won the men's singles title at the Miami Open tennis tournament in the United States. This is the first major title that the young tennis player will receive.

### ❖ FIFA 2022 logo release

- The FIFA Football World Cup will be held in Qatar from November 21 to December 18. Fifa has released the logo for this series (Mascot).

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## Books

### ❖ Queen of Fire - Devika Rangachari

- The book deals with the story of Rani Laxmibai.
- It focuses on how Laxmibai became a queen, sepoys and politician and how she rebelled against the East India Company.

### ❖ "Birsa Munda - Janjatia Nayak"

- Professor Alok Chakrawal has written the book "Birsa Munda - Janjatia Nayak".
- The book describes the struggle of Birsa Munda and the contribution of forest dwellers in the freedom struggle.

### ❖ The Maverick Effect

- The book 'The Maverick Effect' was written by Harish Mehta, a founding member of NASSCOM and the first president to be elected.

## Important Days

1. April 1 - Odisha Day
2. April 2 - International Children's Book Day
3. April 2 - World Autism Awareness Day
4. April 3 - Army Medical Corps Foundation Day
5. April 3 - International Day of Conscience
6. April 5 - National Maritime Day
7. April 6 - Sports Day for International Development & Peace
8. April 7 - World Health Day
9. April 10 - World Homoeopathy Day
10. April 11 - National Day for Safe Motherhood
11. April 14 - Firefighters Martyrs' Day
12. April 16 - Elephant Conservation Day
13. April 17 - World Haemophilia Day
14. April 21 - National Civil Service Day
15. April 21 - World Creativity and Innovation Day
16. April 22 - World Earth Day
17. April 24 - National Panchayati Raj Day
18. April 24 - International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mining Activities
19. World Immunization Week from April 24 to 30
20. April 25 - National DNA Day
21. April 25 - World Malaria Day
22. April 26 - World Intellectual Property Day
23. April 30 - World Livestock Day