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TAMIL NADU

Green Hydrogen Hub Port

1. India's first indigenously **built hydrogen fuel cell ferry boat**, named **'Suchetha'**, was inaugurated **in Kochi**.
2. The **V.O. Chidambaranar Port** is also the **first Green Hydrogen Hub Port** of the country.

Statues of Various People

1. The CM virtually unveiled statue of **late Tamil scholar Mu. Varadarasan** in **Ranipet**.
2. The statues of late Tamil scholar and freedom fighter **Annal Thango** was unveiled **at Gudiyatham in Vellore district** and late anti-caste activist **Rettaimalai Srinivasan** unveiled at **Acharapakkam in Chengalpattu district**.

Kulasekarapattinam spaceport



1. The Kulasekarapattinam spaceport will be **ready in two years** to launch small satellites.

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2. This upcoming facility would have the capacity to **launch 24 satellites per year**.
3. When a satellite is launched into space from **ISRO's Sriharikota facility**, the rocket **first heads east, and then turn south**.
4. But the satellite **launch from Kulasekaranpattinam** spaceport **doesn't have to take this diversion** and the **rockets can now head straight** in the southern direction.
5. Also, Kulasekaranpattinam is **closer to the equator** than Sriharikota.
6. **SSLVs can be used to launch satellites** that weigh **less than 500 kg** into the lower earth orbit.

First-ever herpetofaunal survey

1. The first-ever herpetofaunal survey was conducted in the **Core Area of the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR)**.
2. The diversity of the region's amphibians and reptiles led to the recording of **82 different species**.



New e-governance initiative of the state

1. **Tamil Nadu** state has launched the **Tamil Nadu Public Fund Tracking System (TNPFTS)**.

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2. It is aimed at ensuring **procedure simplification**, **complete tracking** of funds from the **treasury to end-users** and expenditure rationalisation, among other aspects.
3. It also launched the **‘Kalanjiyam’ portal** and a **mobile application to facilitate selfservice requirements** of State government employees and pensioners.

Kazhuveli watershed region

1. The **Eri (tank) network** in the Kazhuveli watershed region in **Villupuram district** is to be proposed for nomination to the **World Monuments Fund Watch 2025 programme**.
2. The watershed area stretches from **Gingee to Marakkanam** all the way up to the **Auroville plateau**, and covers an **area of 740 sq. km**.
3. The Watch 2025 is a **nomination-based programme** that connects **local heritage preservation to global awareness and action**.



Nammazhvar Award 2024

1. TN CM MK Stalin presented the Nammazhvar awards for 2023-24 for **three farmers for practising and promoting organic farming**.



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2. **K. Siddhar from Thanjavur** has bagged the top award which carries a cash prize of 2.50 lakh and citation.
3. He was followed by **K.V.Pazhanisamy from Tirupur district** and **K.Ezhilan of Kancheepuram district**.

HPV vaccination programme

1. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin recently inaugurated the **HPV vaccination programme** at the **Adyar Cancer Institute's screening centre** in the **Villupuram government hospital** complex.
2. The free vaccination against cervical cancer will cover girls aged **9-14 in Villupuram district**.
3. Cervical cancer is mainly caused by **human papillomavirus (HPV)**.

Pudhumai Penn Scheme

49K More Girl Students In TN To Get Rs 1K Every Month

Over 49,000 more girl students studying in Tamil-Medium in government aided colleges across Tamil Nadu will get a monthly stipend of Rs.1000 in their bank accounts under the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme- Pudhumai Penn Scheme. The state government yesterday issued orders expanding the scheme to the students of aided colleges.

1. The government order issued by the Social Welfare Department has expanded the scope of the Pudhurnai Penn Scheme to **students studying through Tamil medium** at aided schools.
2. This would benefit over **49,600 more girl students studying** through Tamil medium in aided schools across Tamil Nadu.

Marine Elite Force

1. The **Tamil Nadu Forest Department** has launched a specialised unit called the Marine Elite Force.



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2. The unit aims to **preserve and protect marine resources** such as coral reefs, sea grass, and other marine flora and fauna in the eco- sensitive island against exploitation in the **Gulf of Mannar of the Palk Bay**.

Second World Classical Tamil Conference

1. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced that the **second World Classical Tamil Conference** would be **held in Chennai** in June 2025 for five days.
2. The **First World Classical Tamil Conference** was held in **June 2010 in Coimbatore** under the leadership of then Chief Minister M.Karunanidhi.

Impact of Breakfast scheme

1. Of the **1,543 government schools** in Tamil Nadu where the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme has been rolled out, **1,319 schools showed an increase in attendance of students of Classes I-V** in January and February this year.
2. In **Tirupattur, Perambalur, Ariyalur and Tiruvarur**, the attendance at all schools where the scheme is running is **100%**.
3. These districts are followed by **Krishnagiri (98.5%), Karur (97.4%) and the Nilgiris (96.8%)**.
4. At 1,086 schools, the increase in attendance is **up to 20%**, while **22 schools report more than 40% increase**.

Four New Municipalities

1. The State government has ordered that **Pudukottai, Namakkal, Tiruvannamalai, and Karaikudi** be upgraded to Municipal Corporations.
2. The new Municipal Corporations will be established in compliance with the procedures laid down under the **Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998**.



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'Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam' (MGSMT)

1. The Tamil Nadu government has recently sanctioned 1,000 crore to **improve roads in village panchayats** and **panchayat unions** under this scheme.
2. The scheme aims to expand the network of quality roads to remote villages, road development works **covering 2,000 km.**

PM SHRI Schools scheme

1. The Tamil Nadu government has decided to sign a **MoU with the Union Education Ministry** to implement the PM SHRI scheme in the state.
2. It aims to showcase the **implementation of the National Education Policy 2020** and **emerge as an exemplary school** over a period of time and also offer mentorship to other schools in their vicinity.
3. The PM SHRI schools will **deliver quality teaching** for the **cognitive development of students.**

Pulikuthi pattangal

1. Pulikuthi pattangal which dates back to **Vijayanagara Empire** was excavated near **Kandhili in Tirupattur district.**
2. It is erected in **memory of those who lay their lives** while **chasing tigers out** of residential pockets.

Tamil Nadu emerges as top borrower

1. According to ratings firm ICRA Limited, Tamil Nadu emerged as the **top borrowing State for the fourth successive** fiscal year.
2. Tamil Nadu is **followed by Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh** in market borrowings.

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Land acquisition for Tiger Reserve

1. In a first, the **Tamil Nadu Forest department has acquired 30.41 acres** of erstwhile **private patta land**, situated in the **core area of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve (SMTR)**.



2. The land was acquired through **private negotiation** under the **Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013**.
3. This is the **first time in India** where the state government has purchased private land for non-commercial use towards forest and biodiversity conservation.

Megalithic burials atop Jawadhu Hills

1. **TN Archaeology Department** officials found over **100 megalithic burials** inside **Pattarakadu reserve forest (RF)** atop **Jawadhu Hills in Tiruvannamalai**.
2. Each burial site, on an average, was **7.5 metres in diameter** and **1.5 metres in height**.
3. Similar types of megalithic burials without remains were also found in **Mallachandram (Krishnagiri) and Coimbatore region**.

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STATE

Public and Private Property Damage Recovery Bill



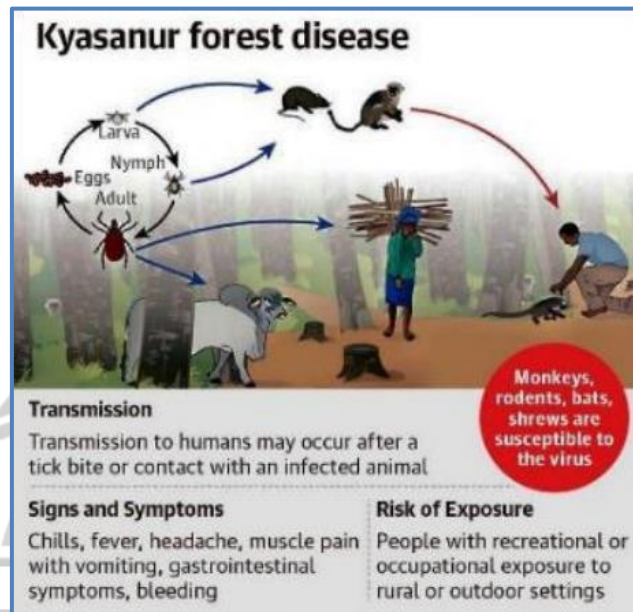
1. **Uttarakhand** govt will table a bill that **makes rioters** accountable for damages to govt and private property.
2. The bill is named as **Uttarakhand Public and Private Property Damage Recovery Bill**.
3. Those guilty of causing riots and other disturbances will be liable to pay compensation under this Bill.
4. The **UP govt** passed a similar bill in **2020**.
5. **Haryana** also followed suit and **Uttarakhand will be the third state** to enact such a law.

Kyasanur Forest Disease

1. **Karnataka** is grappling with the outbreak of **Kyasanur Forest Disease** (KFD), commonly known as **monkey fever**.
2. Monkey fever is caused by the Kyasanur Forest disease virus (KFDV), a **member of the Flaviviridae virus family**.
3. The virus was **first identified in 1957** when it was isolated from a **sick monkey** in the Kyasanur Forest of Karnataka.

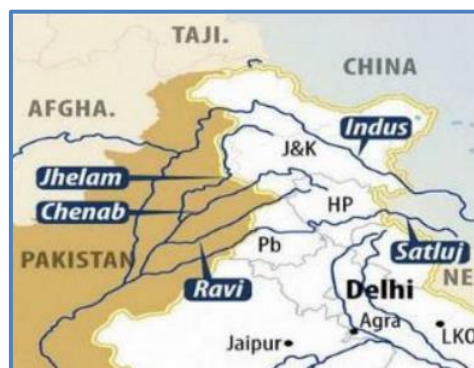
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4. Transmission to humans primarily occurs **through tick bites or contact with an infected animal**, particularly a sick or recently deceased monkey.



Shahpur Kandi Dam Project

1. The Shahpur Kandi dam on **river Ravi in Punjab, bordering Jammu and Kashmir** has finally been completed.
2. It also comprises **two hydropower plants** with an installed **capacity of 206 MW**.



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3. The project, being **implemented by Punjab**, will help **minimise some of the water of Ravi**.
4. Ravi is one of the **three eastern rivers** of the **Indus River system** and its water - under the **Indus Water Treaty** - **falls** in India's share.
5. It will help India **better utilise the Ravi waters**.

State Energy Efficiency Index 2023

1. The State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) is a measurement tool **used to assess and compare** the annual energy efficiency performance of different states/ UTs.
2. The most improved states in this **assessment are Maharashtra and Haryana**.
3. **Karnataka is top-performer** and **Andhra Pradesh is runner-up** in implementation of energy efficiency policies.
4. **Chandigarh won** this for the **second year in a row** for its **strong commitment to eco-friendly practices** for a more energy conscious future.

Lac bangles from Hyderabad



1. The **Lacquer or lac bangles** of Hyderabad **got a Geographical Indication tag**.
2. The bangles of the Laad Bazaar are known for their **dazzling stonework**.

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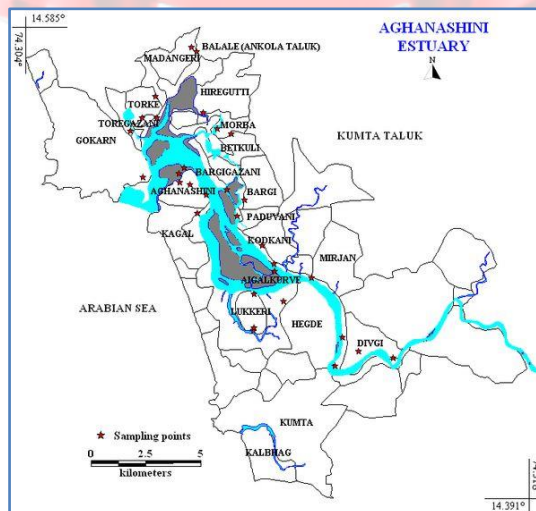
3. Lac bangles are **made of resin which is malleable** with heat and has a **special ability to absorb colour**.

Centre for Industrial Revolution

1. **Hyderabad** witnessed the inauguration of the **World Economic Forum's (WEF) Centre for Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR)**.
2. This is the world's first thematic centre **focused on healthcare and life sciences**.
3. The C4IR focuses on three key areas: **real-world evidence, healthcare analytics and informatics**, and software as a medical device.

Aghanashini Estuary

1. Aghanashini River in central **Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka** will be pitched for **Ramsar tag**.
2. Aghanashini River **originates in the Western Ghats** and **flows westward towards Arabian Sea** and a major part of its course flows through the **forested gorges and valleys**.
3. The other contender in the list is **Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary in Mandya district of Karnataka**.



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State Specific Disaster - Kerala

1. Kerala declared man-animal conflict as a state-specific disaster, becoming the **first state in the country** to do so.
2. At present, managing man-animal conflict is the **responsibility of the forest department**, which acts as per the Wild Life Protection Act.
3. **District collectors** can **directly intervene** in their capacity as the chairman of the district disaster body.
4. In **2015**, **Odisha** had declared **snakebite a state-specific disaster**.
5. In **2020**, Kerala declared Covid as a state specific disaster.

Pandavula Gutta

1. Pandavula Gutta has been officially recognised as the **sole Geo-heritage site in Telangana**.
2. It is **older than the Himalayas** and **showcases ancient rock paintings** in various colours like green, red, yellow, and white.
3. The paintings **depict symbols such as swastikas, circles, squares**, and animals like bison, antelope, tiger, and leopard.
4. **Geo-heritage** refers to the **geological features which are inherently or culturally significant offering insight into earth's evolution** or history to earth science or that can be utilized for education.





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India's Oldest Temple

1. **Archaeological Survey of India (AS)** is excavating two mounds in **Nachne village, Panna district, Madhya Pradesh**, to uncover **India's potentially oldest temple**.
2. The excavation sites are near **two ancient temples- a Gupta-era Parvati temple-** and **close to Chaumukhi temple**, built by the **Kalachuri Dynasty**.
3. **Madhya Pradesh** boasts several ancient temples, including the **'Sanchi 17'** from the Gupta period, dating back to the **5th century CE**.
4. This temple is considered the **oldest surviving complete temple** in India till date.
5. The excavation team hopes to **find pre-Gupta-era temples**.

NATIONAL

India's Longest Cable-Stayed Bridge

1. India's longest cable-stayed bridge was inaugurated in **Gujarat's Dwarka**.
2. The 'Sudarshan Setu' is connecting **Okha and Beyt Dwarka island**.
3. The bridge, which was known as **'Signature Bridge'**, has been renamed as 'Sudarshan Setu' or Sudarshan Bridge.





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Transboundary Tiger Conservation

1. **India and Bangladesh** collaborated under the **Integrated Tiger Habitat Conservation Program (ITHCP)** for Transboundary Tiger Conservation in **Sunderbans**.

India's space station

1. Prime Minister announced that India will have its **own space station by 2035** and also become a **commercial hub of the sector**.

India's first-ever dolphin research centre

1. Bihar Chief Minister inaugurated India's **first-ever dolphin research centre - National Dolphin Research Center (NDRC) in Patna**.
2. It is situated on the **banks of the Ganges** inside the Patna University campus.

SAKHI App

1. The **Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)** has developed a multi-purpose app named 'SAKHI'.
2. SAKHI stands for '**Space-borne Assistant and Knowledge Hub for Crew Interaction**'
3. It will **help astronauts on the Gaganyaan space flight mission** carry out a range of tasks such as looking up **vital technical information or communicating** with one another.
4. SAKHI will also keep a **close watch on their health like blood pressure**, heart rate and oxygen saturation.

PM-SURAJ portal

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1. The '**Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan and Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan**' (PM-SURAJ) national portal was inaugurated recently.
2. This portal aims to **offering credit support** to the **marginalized segments of society**.



Swayam Plus Platform

1. The **Union Ministry of Education** launched the 'SWAYAM Plus' platform to offer courses developed **collaboratively with the industry**.
2. IIT Madras will be operating the '**SWAYAM Plus**' Platform.
3. It seeks to enhance the employability of **both college students and lifelong learners**.

Chakshu Platform

1. The Centre has launched two new digital platforms, '**Chakshu**' and '**Digital Intelligence Platform**'.
2. The portal aims to **empower subscribers** to **report suspected fraud calls** and messages, as well as instances of leaked phone numbers by businesses.
3. The new platforms, 'Chakshu' and 'Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP)', will **integrate with the Sanchar Saathi portal**.



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22nd Law Commission on Trade Secrets

1. The 22nd Law Commission recommended that new legislation be introduced **to protect trade secrets** with exceptions relating **to whistleblower protection**, compulsory licensing, government use, and public interest.
2. The 22nd Law Commission **headed by Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi** .
3. **Trade secrets** are intellectual property rights on confidential information that may be sold or licensed.

KIRTI Program

1. The **Khelo India Rising Talent Identification (KIRTI)** programme was launched recently .
2. The scheme is aimed at school children in the **age group of nine to 18 years**.
3. It will also focus on using sports as a **tool for healthy life** and primarily keep youngsters away from drugs and gadgetry distractions.
4. Fifty thousand applicants were being assessed in the **first phase across 10 sports**.

50 years of Chipko Movement

1. The Chipko movement, which began in **Uttarakhand (Chamoli Gopeshwar)** in **early 1973**, marks its 50th anniversary.
2. It involved **villagers, particularly women, protesting against deforestation and commercial logging by hugging trees** to prevent their felling.
3. The movement was **named Chipko**, which means "**to hug**" in Hindi.

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4. Environmental activists like **Sunderlal Bahuguna and Chandi Prasad Bhatt** played instrumental roles in **mobilizing local communities** and **garnering national and international support** for the movement.



GI tags

1. Recently some products has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag recently, which include.
- Cuttack Rupa Tarakasi (silver filigree)
 - Banglar Muslin - West Bengal.
 - Narasapur crochet lace products – Andhra Pradesh
 - Kutch rogan craft – Gujarat
 - Ratlam Riyawan Lahsun (Garlic) – Madhya Pradesh
 - Ambaji White Marble – Gujarat
 - Tripura Risa Textile – Tripura
 - Hyderabad Lac Bangles – Telangana
 - Majuli Mask – Assam
 - Majuli Manuscript Painting - Assam

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INTERNATIONAL

FATF Gray List

1. The **United Arab Emirates** was removed from the Financial Action Task Force's grey list.
2. **Barbados, Gibraltar and Uganda** were also removed from the grey list, while Kenya and Namibia were placed on it.

First-ever woman Chief Minister in Pakistan

1. Senior leader **Maryam Nawaz**, the **daughter of three-time former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif**, became the **first-ever woman Chief Minister** of a Punjab province in Pakistan.



DEFENCE

'Dharma Guardian'

1. The 5th edition of Joint Military Exercise 'Dharma Guardian' is being held **between the Indian Army and the Japan** Ground Self Defence Force in **Rajasthan**.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Anthrobots



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1. Researchers have developed **miniature robots using human cells** capable of both movement and **healing neurons** within a laboratory setting.
2. They are termed as 'Anthrobots'.
3. These **bioengineered entities consist of human tracheal cells** and possess the ability to **autonomously configure themselves** into various forms and dimensions.
4. These **biobots** can be **used as the innovative instruments** for the purposes of **regeneration, recovery, and the management of diseases**.

ENVIRONMENT

Single Species Action Plan: CMS COP14

1. CMS COP14 adopted the **Single Species Action Plan** for the conservation of the **Hawksbill Turtle**.
2. It is developed under the Agreement on the **Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds** (AEWA).
3. Hawksbill Turtle is classified as **Critically Endangered** by the **IUCN Red List**.

Cheetah Population in Kuno National Park

1. In Kuno National Park in **Madhya Pradesh**, India, the population of **Indian-born cheetahs** has **reached 13**, with the recent addition of **five cubs born to South African Cheetah Gamini**.
2. The **total cheetah population**, including cubs, now **stands at 26**.
3. This is marking a significant **achievement for India's conservation project**.



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4. **Eight Namibian cheetahs** arrived at Kuno National Park on **September 17, 2022.**

Microalgae adaptation to warming

1. The **Microalgae**, which form the base of the **food chain in the ocean and capture carbon dioxide** from the atmosphere, appear to rely on a unique strategy to cope with global warming.
2. As the climate change reduces the availability of nutrients in the sea, **marine microalgae or eukaryotic phytoplankton fire up a protein called Rhodopsin.**
3. It is related to the protein in the human eye responsible for vision in dim light.
4. This light-responsive protein is helping the microalgae flourish with the **help of sunlight** in place of **traditional chlorophyll.**
5. They may absorb as much light as **chlorophyll-based photosynthesis in the sea**, which also captures light to **generate energy and food.**

FARM Program

1. The **Financing Agrochemical Reduction and Management Programme (FARM)** to **combat agrochemical pollution.**
2. It is **Funded** by the **Global Environment Facility**; the programme is led by UNEP.
3. It seeks to change that, elaborating the business case for banks and policy-makers to reorient policy and financial resources towards farmers.
4. These resources will help them **adopt low and non-chemical alternatives** to **toxic agrochemicals** and facilitate a transition towards better practices.



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5. The **five-year programme** is projected to prevent over 51,000 tons of **hazardous pesticides** and over 20,000 tons of **plastic waste** from being released.

SPORTS

Khelo India Winter Games 2024

1. The Khelo India Winter Games 2024 was conducted in **two phases**.
2. All **three** previous editions, **in 2020, 2021 and 2023**, were hosted and won by Jammu and Kashmir.
3. The **Union Territory of Ladakh** made its **debut as a host this year**.

Rank	State/UT/Team	Gold medals	Silver medals	Bronze medals	Total medals
1	Army	10	5	6	21
2	Karnataka	9	2	0	11
3	Maharashtra	7	8	7	22
4	Himachal Pradesh	4	4	9	17
5	Uttarakhand	3	3	1	7

Paris Olympics 2024

1. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) **named table tennis player Achanta Sharath Kamal** as **flagbearer** for the Indian Olympic contingent.
2. The IOA appointed **boxer Mary Kom** as the **chef de mission** of the Indian Olympic contingent.
3. Paris Olympics 2024 is set to be held from **26th July to 11th August 2024** in **Paris, France**.



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AWARDS AND EVENTS

Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards

1. **President Droupadi Murmu** presented the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for **2022 and 2023 to eminent artists** in the field of **performing arts**.
2. It is the **highest honour given to artists** for his or her exceptional contribution to a performing art form.
3. The Akademi Awards were **first given in 1952**.

Avvaiyar Award 2024

1. The Avvaiyar Award for the year 2024 has been announced for the writer **Bastina Susairaj alias Bhama** who made a significant contribution field of literature.
2. Her novel "**Karukku**" was **translated into English** and **won the Crossword Book Awards for 2000**.
3. The award was instituted to mark the **International Women's Day by former Chief Minister J.Jayalithaa in 2012**.

National Creators Award



1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented the newly formed National Creators Award to **online content creators**.



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2. **Keerthika Govindhasamy from Tamil Nadu** won the award for **Best Storyteller**.

Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize 2023

1. Writer **Kannaiyan Dakshnamurthy's book 'Karunkundram'** has been selected for Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize 2023.
2. Kannaiyan Dakshnamurthy has translated **Mamang Dai's English novel 'The Black Hill'** into Tamil.

Order of the Druk Gyalpo Award

1. **Narendra Modi** was awarded Bhutan's highest honour, the 'Order of the Druk Gyalpo'.
2. Modi is the **first foreign leader** to receive the **prestigious award**.
3. The award recognizes **Narendra Modi's contribution** to **strengthening India-Bhutan friendship** and his people centric leadership.

Madras Music Academy Awards 2024

1. The Madras Music Academy conferred **TM Krishna** with the **Sangita Kalanidhi Award for 2024**.
2. It is considered to be the **highest award in the Carnatic music** scene.
3. Nritya Kalanidhi award was presented to **Dr. Neena Prasad for 2024**.

Abel Prize

1. The Abel Prize for 2024 has been awarded to **French mathematician Michael Talagrand** recently.
2. The Award is given to **scholar who has made a significant contribution** to mathematics.
3. It has been presented **since 2003**.

Bharat Ratna 2024



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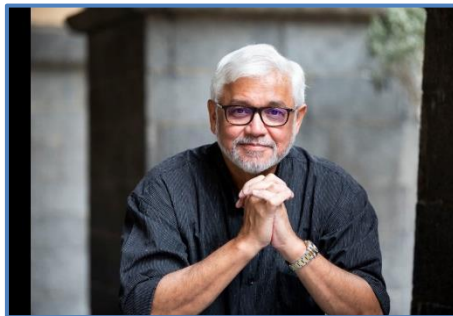
1. **President Droupadi Murmu** conferred the **Bharat Ratna 2024 on five personalities**, namely,
 - P.V. Narasimha Rao
 - Chaudhary Charan Singh
 - Karpoori Thakur
 - Dr. M.S. Swaminatan.
 - LK Advani
2. **Four awards** except for LK Advani were presented posthumously at a brief ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Note:

- Bharat Ratna is India's highest civilian honour.
- **Established** – 1954
- It is awarded to people for their exceptional public service in fields like literature, science and art.

Erasmus prize 2024

1. The **Eminent writer Amitav Ghosh** has been awarded the prestigious Erasmus Prize 2024.
2. He receives the prize for his passionate written contribution to the **theme 'imagining the unthinkable'**. ★
3. He **received Jnanpith Award**, India's highest literary prize, in **2018**.





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Golden Book Award 2024

1. **Author Rakhi Kapoor** wins her **second Golden Book Award** for her twenty-sixth book titled **Breaking Free Embracing Me - healing from childhood abuse and Toxic Conditioning.**
2. Some of other winners of the Golden Book Awards 2024 are:
 - **Srividya Balakrishnan** - Tales in verse from distant lands
 - **Navveen Balani** - Echoes of Tomorrow: The Responsible AI Awakening
 - **BK Shivani** - The Power of One Thought: Master Your Mind, Master Your Life
 - **Sahana Murali** - Fish can fly
 - **Prakash Narkhede** - Unbox Your Creativity.

APPOINTMENT

Anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal

1. **Former Supreme Court judge A.M. Khanwilkar** was appointed as the **chairperson** of the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Global Intellectual Property Index 2024

1. The US Chamber of Commerce released the **12th edition** of its **International IP (intellectual property) Index.**
2. India was ranked at **42 out of the 55 countries** in the index with an **overall score of 38.64%.**
3. The **United States emerged at the top** of the list followed by the **United Kingdom and France.**



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Global Connectedness Report, 2024

1. **OHL and New York University's** Stem School of Business have released a report called "**New OHL Global Connectedness Report 2024**".
2. The report tracks how flows of trade, capital, information, and people move around the world and measures the **globalisation of 181 countries** and territories.

GDP Rank	Country	Score	Change 2017 to 2022	
			Rank	Score
1. 44	United States	57	-10	0
2. 80	China	50	-10	-1
3. 50	Japan	55	-1	+1
4. 13	Germany	64	+1	+2
5. 62	India	52	+1	+1
6. 9	United Kingdom	69	-1	+2
7. 23	France	61	-2	+1
8. 91	Russian Federation	49	-31	-3
9. 29	Canada	59	0	+1
10. 36	Italy	58	+3	+2

3. The **report ranked Singapore as among the top** most globalised countries followed by the **Netherlands** .
4. **Europe is the world's most globally** connected region, followed by **North America and the 'Middle East & North Africa'**.

Human Development Index 2023-24

1. Human Development Report 2023-2024 is **released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** recently.
2. **Theme** of the report: **“Breaking the Gridlock: Reimagining Cooperation in a Polarized World.”**
3. India **ranked 134** in 2022.
4. India is in the **medium human development category**.



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5. HDI value **increase by 48.4%** from **0.434 in 1990 to 0.644 in 2022** between 1990 and 2022.
6. India's **life expectancy at birth** is **67.7 years in 2022**.
7. The **expected years of schooling (EYS)** is **12.6 years**.
8. **Gross National Income (GNI)** per capita is **\$6,951**.

Gender Inequality Index 2022

1. The Gender Inequality Index 2022 was released by **UNDP recently**.
2. India stands at rank **108 out of 193 countries** with a **score of 0.437**.
3. India improved **14 places from the 2021 ranking of 122** out of 191 countries, with a score of **0.490**.

World Happiness Report (WHR) 2024

1. The World Happiness Report is published annually by the **United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network**.
2. It is calculated using **six variables** — GDP per capita, healthy life expectancy, having someone to count on, freedom to make life choices, generosity, and freedom from corruption.
3. **India ranked 126** in the Index.
4. **Finland topped the list** for the **seventh year in a row**, followed by Denmark, Iceland and Sweden.

Air Quality Report 2023

1. Air Quality Report 2023 is released by **Swiss organisation IQAir** recently.

Key Findings:

2. **India was third most polluted** country after **Bangladesh and Pakistan**.
3. **New Delhi** has been **ranked as the World's most Polluted Capital City**.



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4. **Bihar's Begusarai** has emerged as the **world's most polluted metropolitan area**.
5. **42 of the world's most polluted 50 cities are in India**.

Food Waste Index Report 2024

1. Food Waste Index Report 2024 was released by the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme)**.

Key Highlights

2. The households across the globe waste over **one billion meals a day in 2022**.
3. **1.05 billion tonnes of food waste** were generated in 2022.
4. India's per capita food waste is **55kg per year**.
5. India ranked **111 out of 125 countries** in the index.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme / Remark
March 1	World Seagrass Day	Healthy seagrass, healthy planet.
March 1	Zero Discrimination Day	To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights.
March 2	World Sustainable Energy Day	Energy transition now – fast, smart, resilient!
March 3	World Wildlife Day	"Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation."
March 4	National Safety Day	Safety Leadership for Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Excellence.



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March 4	World Obesity Day	'Let's Talk About Obesity And...'
March 7	Jan Aushadhi Diwas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The day aims to raise awareness about the Jan Aushadhi program and encourage the usage of generic medications. Note <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) is launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers in November, 2008 to provide generic medicines at affordable prices.
March 8	International Women's Day	"Invest in Women: Accelerating Progress".
March 10	55th CISF Raising Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">CISF Raising Day is observed every year on March 10 to commemorate the establishment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in 1969.CISF is a paramilitary security force.
March 14	International Day of Action for Rivers	Water for All
March 15	World Consumer Rights Day	'Fair and Responsible AI for Consumers'.
March 16	National Immunization Day	Vaccines Work For All
March 18	Global Recycling Day	Keeping Promises: A Commitment to Sustainability
March 20	International Day of Happiness	Reconnecting for Happiness: Building Resilient Communities



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March 20	World Oral Health Day	A happy mouth is....a happy body.
March 21	International Day of Forests	Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World.
March 21	World Down Syndrome Day	'End The Stereotypes'.
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	A decade of recognition, justice and development: the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent.
March 22	World Water Day	Leveraging Water for Peace. • The day was first celebrated in 1993
March 23	World Meteorological Day	At the Frontline of Climate Action
March 24	World Tuberculosis Day	“Yes! We can end TB” . • The date marks the day in 1882 when Dr.Robert Koch discovered the Mycobacterium tuberculosis that causes TB.
March 25	Earth Hour 2024	• Earth Hour is the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF)'s annual initiative that began in 2007. • It encourages people from more than 180 countries to switch off the lights for 1 hour • Theme: Biggest Hour for Earth
March 27	World Theatre Day	• The Day has been annually celebrated by the International Theatre Institute (ITI) and the World Organization for the Performing Arts. • Theme: Theatre and a Culture of Peace



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March 30	International Day of Zero Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The day is observed by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).• The day was first observed in 2023.
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