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1. TAMIL NADU

The PM laid the foundation stone for include the Rs 1,400 crore multi-modal logistics park in Chennai, the Rs 5,850 crore 21-km four-lane double-decker elevated road connecting Chennai Port to Maduravoyal (NH-4), and the Rs 14,870 crore Chennai-Bengaluru Expressway project.

The Prime Minister would dedicate to the nation **four railway projects** implemented at a cost of over ₹2,900 crore.

They are:

- 75 km long Madurai Theni (Railway Gauge Conversion Project)
- 30km long third railway line between Tambaram-Chengalpattu
- 115km long Ennore-Chengalpattu section
- 271km long Tiruvallur-Bengaluru section of a natural gas pipeline
- 2) 1st meeting of the **District Development coordination and Monitoring** committee (DISHA) was held on 18th May 2022
- 3) The Tamil Nadu government stated that carbon dating of excavated artefacts in the state dates evidence of iron use in India back to 4,200 years ago, based on an archaeological assessment.
 - Excavations site: Mayiladumparai near Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu
- 4) The **Ennum Ezhuthum Mission** will ensure foundational literacy and numeracy, and will be implemented to **ensure that by 2025** all students in Tamil Nadu by age 8 are able to read with comprehension and possess critical arithmetic skills.
- 5) Rajiv Gandhi assassination case: The Supreme Court has invoked its extraordinary powers to do complete justice *under Article 142 of the Constitution* and ordered the release of A.G. Perarivalan in former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi assassination case.





- 6) **"No caste, no religion" Certificate:** A couple from Coimbatore has secured a 'no caste, no religion' certificate for their three-and-a-half-year-old daughter.
- 7) Chief Minister launched the **'Kalaignarin Anaithu Grama Orunginaintha Velan Valarchi Thittam'** aimed at increasing cultivable area by bringing fallow lands under cultivation, augmenting water resources, increasing productivity to benefit the farmers
- 8) Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (TANSIM) to launch StartupTN BrandLabs, StartupTN Launchpad initiatives
- 9) **'Chennai Bus' App:** The Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) has launched 'Chennai Bus' a mobile app that will provide the location of MTC buses on a real-time basis.
- 10) Chief Minister inaugurated an inscription commemorating the launch of the program of providing the "Noon meals to school students" by the Late Chairman of the Chennai Corporation, Velludai Vendar Sir PT Thiagarayar in Thousand Lights government school, Chennai
- 11) N Chandrasekaran has taken charge as chairman of Tata Digital
- 12) Tamil Nadu chief minister has announced that all government primary school students from 1st to 5th standards will be provided nutritious breakfast on all working days. Tamil Nadu is set to become the first state to offer breakfast along with midday meals
- 13) Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences has planned to set up a conservation centre for **Naatu Kuttai Maadugal at Kattupakkam**
- 14) The Vice President Venkaiah Naidu unveiling **M. Karunanidhi's 16-feet-tall statue** at Omandurar Government Estate in Chennai.





2. PROFILE OF STATES

(i) NATIONAL

- 1) The Lokpal of India will finally move into its new permanent office at the **World Trade Centre** in **Nauroji Nagar** of south Delhi.
- India's first Regional Rapid Transit System train launched between
 Delhi and Meerut
- 3) Himachal Pradesh became the first 'smoke-free state' in India
- 4) **Punjab government** announced Rs 1,500 incentive per acre for farmers opting for **Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR)**
- 5) After a five-year, **Maharashtra** has surpassed Uttar Pradesh (UP) to regain its position as *India's top sugar producer*.
- 6) As per a GSI survey, around 222.88 million tonnes of gold reserve are present in Jamui, Bihar
- 7) India's First Biotech Park was recently inaugurated at Ghatti, Kathua district, J&K.
- 8) The Supreme Court of India recognised "sex work" to be a profession
- 9) India's 'First Lavender Festival' held in Bhaderwah, Jammu. It is the birthplace of India's Purple Revolution
- 10) Karnataka Government will release ₹1.5 crores to the Parashurama theme park coming up at Karkala
- 11) India's first EV charging station powered by bio-gas was inaugurated in Mumbai
- 12) India's first sensory park for differently-abled persons of all age groups was inaugurated in Bhubaneswar
- 13) **The Chhattisgarh government** has become only the second state in the country to recognise **Community Forest Resource (CFR) rights** of a village inside a national park.
 - In 2016, the Odisha government was the first to recognise Community Forest Resources (CFRs) inside the Simplipal National Park





LATEST DIARY OF EVENTS

(i) IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES / SIGNIFICANCE
MAY 1	International Workers Day	The first Labour Day in India was hosted by the Labour Kisan Party in Madras in 1923 under the leadership of Singara velar
MAY 3	World Press Freedom Day	THEME: "Journalism under digital siege"
	World Asthma Day	THEME: "Closing Gaps in Asthma Care"
MAY 5	World Hand Hygiene Day	THEME: "Unite for safety: clean your hands"
MAY 8	World Red Cross Day	THEME: "Be Human Kind"
	World Thalassemia Day	THEME: "Be Aware. Share. Care: Working with the global community as one to improve thalassaemia knowledge"
MAY 11	National Technology Day	THEME: "Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future"
MAY 12	International Nurses Day	THEME: "Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Invest in Nursing and respect rights to secure global health".
MAY 14	World Migratory Bird Day	THEME: "Impact of Light Pollution on Migratory Birds"
MAY 17	World Hypertension Day	THEME: "Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control it, Live Longer"
MAY 18	International Museum Day	THEME: 'The Power of Museums'.
MAY 20	Birth Anniversary of Ayothidasa Pandithar	
	World Bee Day	THEME: "Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems".
MAY 21	International Tea Day	THEME: "Tea and Fair Trade"
MAY 22	International Day for Biological Diversity	THEME: "Building a shared future for all life"
MAY 25	World Thyroid Awareness Day	THEME: "It's not you. It's your thyroid"
	Rash Behari Bose Birth Anniversary	He was an Indian revolutionary leader against the British
MAY 28	World Menstrual Hygiene Day	THEME: "making menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030"





MAY 29	International Peacekeepers	Day	of	UN	THEME: Partnershi	-	Peace.	Progress.	The	Power	of
MAY 31	World No Tobacco Day			тнеме: "	Tobacco: T	hreat to d	our environn	nent."			

(ii) SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE / By
2 nd India - Nordic Summit	Nordic countries represent the five countries of Nordic region, i.e., Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland.	Copenhagen
Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)	 50% of rural households in India have now been covered under the Jal Jeevan Mission. At the time of launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in 2019, only 3.23 Crore households i.e. 17% of the rural population had access to drinking water through taps. 	Ministry of Jal Shakti
Conference of the Parties (COP15)	THEME: "Land. Life. Legacy: From scarcity to prosperity"	Cote d'Ivoire, Western Africa

(iii) REPORTS / INDICES

REPORTS / INDICES	RANK
Tourism Development Index Released by: World Economic Forum	54 th Rank: India 1 st Rank: Japan
World Press Freedom Index 2022 Published by: Reporters Without Borders	150 th Rank: India 1 st Rank: Norway 180 th Rank (Last): North Korea





(iv) APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

PERSONS	POSITION / DESIGNATION
Vinai Kumar Saxena	New Lieutenant Governor of Delhi
Devasahayam Pillai	first Indian layman to be declared saint by Pope Francis
Rajiv Kumar	Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)
Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	WHO director-general reappointed to a second five-year term
Baggavalli Somashekar Raju	Vice Chief of Army Staff

(v) WOMEN IN NEWS

WOMEN	POSITION / DESIGNATION
Captain Abhilasha Barak	She has become the first woman to join the Army Aviation Corps as combat aviator

(vi) APPS & PORTAL

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Jan Samarth Portal:

- To improve the ease of living for the common man, the government is planning to launch 'Jan Samarth'.
- It will be a common portal for delivery of various schemes run by different ministries and departments.

BioRRAP Portal:

- The Portal is a single national portal for Biotech researchers and Start-Ups.
- The Portal will facilitate the regulatory approval for biological research & development activity in the country and thereby extend "Ease of Science" as well as "Ease of Doing Business".

PRAAPTI Portal:

• PRAAPTI stands for- Payment Ratification And Analysis in Power procurement for bringing Transparency in Invoicing of generators.





3. SPORTS

1) **Gujarat Titans** are crowned IPL champions during the final of the TATA Indian Premier League 2022 against the Rajasthan Royals held at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad on May 29, 2022.

4. SCHEMES / YOJANAS

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE	MINISTRY / CABINET / STATE
PM-WANI scheme	 RailTel, a mini Ratna PSU under Ministry of Railways, has launched PM-WANI scheme based access to its Public Wi-Fi services across 100 railway stations in 22 states. Wi-Fi network can also be accessed through Mobile App 'Wi-DOT', built by RailTel and C-DOT. 	Indian Railways
Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY)	 These 3 schemes have completed seven years Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 9, 2015 	The Union government

5. ECONOMICS

1) **New Development Bank (NDB)** is setting up a **regional office in Gujarat**, India for funding and monitoring infrastructure projects in that country and Bangladesh.





6. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NEW DISCOVERIES	PURPOSE	PLACE / By
'Intelligent Solutions for Road Safety through Technology and Engineering' (iRASTE) project	Implemented in Nagpur to tackle problem of road accidents.	Nagpur
PARAM PORUL	 PARAM PORUL is a state-of the art Supercomputer at NIT Tiruchirappalli under Phase 2 of National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) Majority of the components used to build PARAM PORUL have been manufactured and assembled within the country. Under NSM, till date 15 supercomputers have been installed across the nation with a computing capacity of 24 petaflops. PARAM Shivay was the first Supercomputer assembled indigenously 	NIT Tiruchirappalli
Quantum internet	 In a big step towards the quantum Internet, researchers have successfully teleported quantum information across a basic network. Quantum internet is an idea based on the theoretical use of quantum computers to construct a new kind of network. 	
W boson	Researchers have announced that they have made a precise measurement of the mass of the so-called W boson.	
India's 1st Gene bank to preserve biodiversity	conserving native biodiversity to ensure that natural resources are passed on to the next generation	Maharashtra





(i) DEFENCE & SPACE

DEFENCE & SPACE	PURPOSE	COUNTRY / ORGANIZATION
HS200 booster	 The successful test of the HS200 booster is a milestone towards India's human spaceflight mission 'Gaganyaan'. The HS200 is the world's second largest 	ISRO
SOFIA telescope	 ✓ Stratospheric Observatory For Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) Mission ✓ NASA is planning to shut down SOFIA telescope that found water on Moon. ✓ SOFIA is a 2.7-meter infrared telescope inside Boeing airplane, flying at an altitude around 40k feet above the surface. 	NASA
Plants in the Moon's Soil	 Scientists have for the first time successfully grown plants in the Moon's soil. This lunar soil, also called regolith, was brought to Earth from the Moon by the Apollo-era astronauts. 	
Operation Namkeen	Under Operation Namkeen, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has recovered 52 kg of cocaine, estimated to be valued at over Rs 500 crore in the international illicit market.	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence
AstroSat	 India's first multi-wavelength space telescope India's Astrosat space telescope has witnessed the birth of a black hole in space for the 500th time 	ISRO
Sagittarius A* (SgrA*)	 Scientists from the Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) facility revealed the first image of the black hole at the centre of the Milky Way in press conferences held around the world. This image of the black hole referred to as Sagittarius A* (SgrA*) gave further support to the idea that the compact object at the centre of our galaxy is indeed a black hole. 	
Marsquake	NASA has reported that on May 4, its InSight Mars lander detected the largest quake ever observed on another planet.	NASA





Venus Mission	 ISRO plans mission to Venus by Dec 2024 To study what lies below the Venus surface 	ISRO
GAGAN	The first airline in Asia to land its aircraft using the indigenous navigation system GAGAN.	IndiGo
Operation Satark	To taking action against illegal activities through rail network	Railway Protection Force

(ii) MILITARY EXERCISES

EXERCISES	BETWEEN
Bongosagar	a naval exercise between India and Bangladesh

(iii) DISEASES & COVID - 19 NEWS

MONKEYPOX	 Nigeria recorded first death due to Monkeypox and Word Health Organisation said that Monkeypox would not turn into pandemic Monkeypox is zoonotic disease caused by the virus belonging to the Orthopoxvirus genus 	
West Nile fever	 Recently, a man from Thrissur, Kerala has been affected by West nile fever A man who was undergoing treatment for West Nile fever in Kerala's Thrissur succumbed to it 	
First wild poliovirus case in 30 years	Mozambique has identified its first case of wild poliovirus Type 1 after a child contracted the disease.	
Vaccine against 3 encephalitis viruses found safe, effective	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
Tomato flu	 The flu that gets its name because of the red blister it causes. Flu affects children below five years of age in Kerala Symptoms include rashes, skin irritation and dehydration. 	





Shigella Bacterial germs	• The recent food poisoning event in Kerala that claimed the life of a 16-year-old girl who ate chicken shawarma at a restaurant was caused by Shigella germs.
Cannot force for vaccination	The Supreme Court (SC) of India has ruled that no one can be forced to get vaccinated because bodily autonomy and integrity are protected under Article 21 (right to life) of the Indian Constitution .

7.AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION	
International Booker Prize	Book: "Tomb of Sand"	
	• It has become the first book written in an Indian language to be awarded the International Booker Prize.	
	• The book was originally published in Hindi as Ret Samadhi.	
	• It is written by Author Geetanjali Shree and translated into English by Daisy Rockwell.	
Global Health Leaders Award-2022	ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers	
Sangita Kalanidhi Award	2020 – Santanagopalan	
	2021 – Bhakthavathsalam	
Royal Gold Medal 2022	Indian Architect Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi	
Pulitzer Prize 2022	Danish Siddiqui, Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad Mattoo and Amit Dave - A team of four Indian photographers from Reuters news agency	
World Food prize	Cynthia Rosenzweig	

CYCLONES

Tropical Storm Megi	Philippines
Twin cyclones	• A pair of tropical cyclones, Asani & Karim (one in the northern hemisphere and one in the southern hemisphere) one on each side of the equator has been formed.





- These are cyclones originating in the same longitude and now drifting apart.
- Cyclone Asani has formed in the Bay of Bengal.
- Cyclone Karim has created a path in the open seas west of Australia.

8. ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY

SPECIES /	ODECIES / DUDDOCE	
ENVIRONMENT	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE / BY
Hasdeo forest	 Chhattisgarh Government is caught in a controversy for allowing coal mining in the Hasdeo forest It is the "largest un-fragmented forests in Central India consisting of pristine Sal (Shorea robusta) and teak forests." It is known for its biodiversity and also its coal deposits. 	Chhattisgarh
New Karst sinkhole	The sinkhole measures 306 metres in length, is 150 metres in width and 192 metres in depth, with its volume exceeding 5 million cubic meters.	South China's Guangxi Zhuang
Maya's Pit viper	A new venomous green snake named Trimeresurus mayaae or Maya's Pit viper was recently discovered from Meghalaya.	Meghalaya
Ujh multipurpose project	 Ujh is a tributary of the Ravi River. Ujh Multipurpose Project is planned to enhance the utilization of India's rights under Indus Waters Treaty. 	Jammu & Kashmir
Great Indian Bustard	 The Supreme Court of India had directed the governments of Rajasthan and Gujarat to ensure installation of bird-diverters on power lines before July 20, 2022. The move is aimed at protecting the Great Indian Bustard (GIB), the state bird of Rajasthan, and the lesser floricans in the area. 	
Coal gasification	To help India become energy independent, the Ministry of Coal has proposed 50% concession in revenue share to promote coal gasification	The Ministry of Coal





Athwas	To combat the increasing pollution and Jammu and Kashmir
	rejuvenate Dal Lake, a unique initiative known as 'Athwas' has been launched by the Lieutenant
	Governor Manoj Sinha

9. INTERNATIONAL

- 1) India has been unanimously elected as the new Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022-2024. Manila was the current chair of AAEA.
- 2) **Pantanal wetland:** The **world's largest wetland**, known as the **Pantanal**, in South America is at risk of collapse
- 3) As per the latest data from Ministry of Commerce, **USA was India's top trading partner in 2021-22**, surpassing China.





MISCELLANEOUS



