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1. TAMIL NADU

1) Thiru Narayanan alias Maalan, Journalist who has won **Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize.** The book has been translated into Tamil under the title *Oru Pinathookiyyin Varalaatru Kurippugal*.

2) **Operation Kanthuvatti:** The Director-General of Police C. Sylendra Babu ordered the launch of 'Operation Kanthuvatti' across Tamil Nadu *to curb the menace*

3) Chief Minister MK Stalin launched the **Kalloori Kanavu (College Dreams) programme**, which will offer higher-education guidance to students who have cleared Class 12

4) **Justice Chandru committee:** Justice Chandru to head TN govt panel *to draft ordinance against online rummy*

5) **Justice Murugesan committee:** Tamil Nadu govt constitutes committee headed by retired judge Murugesan *to formulate State Education Policy.* The committee will constitute 12 members, including singer TM Krishna and Chess Grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand

6) **13th edition of SIMA Texfair-2022,** a four-day international textile machinery, accessories and spares exhibition started at **Coimbatore** on 24th of June, 2022

7) **IIT Madras** is set to offer a free, online course on '**out of the box thinking**' and targets one million school and college students for the same.

8) **Empress Cruise:** TN Chief Minister MK Stalin to inaugurate the cruise service from Chennai to Puducherry and Visakhapatnam on June 4. *Cruise operator Cordelia*

9) A **3-day food festival** held at the HVF ground in **Avadi** from June 10 to mark the *25th anniversary of TN's Thiruvallur district.*

10) **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)** conducted an Outreach Program for Rural School Students through a Summer Program on *Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)* from 20th to 25th June 2022

11) Tamil Nadu ended the 2021-22 fiscal with **foreign direct investment (FDI) of ₹22,396 crore**

12) **First woman mace-bearer:** Justice R.N Manjula is the first to utilize the services of the court's first woman mace bearer. The Mace bearer or Chobdar, a position traditionally held by men

13) **Sangita Kalanidhi awards:**

2020	Noted vocalist and teacher Neyveli R. Santhanagopalan
2021	Mridhangam maestro Tiruvarur Baktavatsalam
2022	Violinists Lalgudi GJR Krishnan and his sister GJR Vijayalakshmi

14) **Thozhilanangu:** It is an initiative of Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (Tansim). It aims to promote mass entrepreneurship among women from economically weaker sections in non-metros.

15) The **11th World Tamil Research Conference** will be held in Sharjah of the United Arab Emirates in July 2023.

16) **Nalaya Thiran:**

- In this programme, 50,000 college students will train with the knowledge in computer science, electronics and IT domains, skilling them on problem solving using technologies.

- The Tamil Nadu government has created the Nalaya Thiran program to help the industry get skilled students.

17) **Ennum Ezhuthum Scheme:**

- Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, MK Stalin launched the scheme

- This scheme was launched to bridge the learning gap among students aged under 8, caused as a result of COVID-19 pandemic.

- It aims to ensure foundational numeracy and literacy by 2025.

- Scheme was launched at an event, organised in Azhinjivakkam panchayat union middle school, Tiruvallur.

2. PROFILE OF STATES

(i) NATIONAL

1) **India makes world record for making the longest stretch of road laid continuously:**

   - The bituminous road was constructed in a single lane on the **NH-53 section between Amravati and Akola in Maharashtra.**
   - The 75-kilometre road was built in a record time of 105 hours and 33 minutes.
   - The construction started on June 3 at 7:27 am and was completed at 5 pm on June 7

2) **Suraksha-Mitra project:**

   - Become operational in the State of Kerala
   - Suraksha-Mitra Project is a vehicle monitoring system.
   - It sends distress messages in case of any accident.
   - Motor Vehicle Department has launched this project under Nirbhaya Scheme.

3) **Bharat Gaurav Scheme:** First Train under the "Bharat Gaurav Scheme" started from *Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) to Shirdi (Maharashtra)* by Indian Railways' Southern Railway zone

4) **Balika Panchayat:** *India's first-ever girl Panchayat*, called "Balika Panchayat" was started in several villages of Kutch district in **Gujarat**.

5) **Maharashtra government renamed:** Aurangabad as Sambhajinagar; Osmanabad as Dharashiv

6) **T-Hub 2.0:** *Telangana* CM K Chandrashekar Rao inaugurates T-Hub 2.0 the world's largest innovation campus in Hyderabad

7) **Punjab government** announces **300 units of free electricity** to every household every month from July,2022

8) **Vanijya Bhawan:** PM inaugurates the new premises of Commerce & Industry Ministry in New Delhi

9) Centre flags off **Bharat Gaurav train connecting India and Nepal** operating on the Ramayana Circuit

10) Prime Minister inaugurated the **Centre for Brain Research (CBR)** at Indian Institute of Science (IISc), at a cost of Rs 280 crore

11) **Assam** became the **36th state** to adopt *One Nation One Ration Card food security scheme*

12) CM of Kerala has announced to conduct **"Kerala Migration Survey 2022-23"** in order to prepare a data bank on Malayali expatriates across the world

13) President Ram Nath Kovind dedicates **ISKCON Sri Rajadhiraja Govinda Temple** built on Vaikunta hills in Bengaluru

14) President Ram Nath Kovind lays foundation stone of **new Raj Bhavan building** at Dona Paula in **Goa**

15) PM inaugurates **'Kranti Gatha**' a newly created Gallery of Indian Revolutionaries inside an underground British era bunker at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai

16) PM inaugurates **Jagatguru Sreesant Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir** at Dehu in Pune

17) Maharashtra government launches **'faceless Regional Transport Offices (RTOs)'** to help citizens avail facilities linked to the sector

18) **Pragati Maidan Integrated Transit Corridor project:** *June 19, 2022*

- 1.36-km-long tunnel

- It has six lanes, with a three-lane carriageway on both sides.

- It connects Ring Road with India Gate via Purana Qila Road and Pragati Maidan.

- It will provide direct connectivity to basement parking of Pragati Maidan.

- The corridor is likely to provide a hassle-free commute for people travelling between East, Southeast and Central Delhi.

LATEST DIARY OF EVENTS

(i) IMPORTANT DAYS

DAYS	EVENTS	THEMES / SIGNIFICANCE
JUNE 5	World Environment Day	**Campaign:** *"Only One Earth"*
JUNE 7	World Food Safety Day	**THEME:** *"Safer Food, Better Health"*
JUNE 8	World Oceans Day	**THEME:** *"Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean"*
JUNE 12	World Day Against Child Labour	**THEME:** *"Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour"*
JUNE 13	International Albinism Awareness Day	**THEME:** *"United in making our voice heard"*
JUNE 14	World Blood Donor Day	**THEME:** *"Blood donation: An act of solidarity"*
JUNE 15	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	**THEME:** *"Digital Equity for All Ages"*
JUNE 17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	**THEME:** *"Rising up from drought together"*
JUNE 19	World Sickle Cell Awareness Day	**THEME:** *"Shine the Light on Sickle Cell"*
JUNE 20	World Refugee Day	**THEME:** *"Whoever, Whatever, Whenever"*
JUNE 21	International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice	It is the longest day of year in northern hemisphere
	International Day of Yoga	**THEME:** *"Yoga for humanity"*
JUNE 23	United Nations Public Service Day	**THEME:** *"Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing innovative partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goals"*
	International Olympic Day	**THEME:** *"Together for a peaceful world"*
JUNE 26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	**THEME:** *"Addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crises"*
JUNE 27	International MSME Day	**THEME:** *"Resilience and Rebuilding: MSMEs for Sustainable Development"*
JUNE 28	National Insurance Awareness Day	To make people aware of several benefits of investing in an insurance policy or plan or policy
JUNE 29	National Statistics Day	**THEME:** *"Data for Sustainable Development"*

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(ii) SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

SUMMITS / CONFERENCES	PURPOSE / THEME / OUTCOME	PLACE / By
47th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting	**Changes in GST rates** 	Old Rate	New Rate Tailoring of Textiles	5%	12% E-waste	5%	18% Printing, writing or drawing ink	12%	18% Knives, spoons, forks, etc	12%	18% Power driven pumps, etc	12%	18% Machines/Chakki for grains	5%	18% Machines for eggs/fruit/milk	12%	18% LET lamps/circuits, etc	12%	18% Solar water heater	5%	12% Drawing/marking instruments	12%	18% Prepared/finished leather	5%	12% Job works for leather/clay	5%	12% Contracts for roads/rail, etc	12%	18% Ostomy/ortho appliances	12%	5% Tetra pack	12%	18% Cut and polished diamonds	0.25%	1.50% Transport by ropeways	18%	5%* Renting of trucks	18%	12% Foreign component of tour for foreigners exempt from GST *With ITC	Chaired by Union Finance Minister
48th G7 Summit	Indian Prime Minister invited the G7 Nations to tap into the huge market for clean energy technologies emerging in the country.	Germany
14th BRICS summit	**THEME:** *"Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development"*	China
India-UAE Bilateral Talks	On June 28, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of United Arab Emirates Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan held bilateral talks	Abu Dhabi
UN Ocean Conference 2022	• World leaders will find an international agreement for protecting world's ocean • According to UN, oceans on Planet Earth are facing unprecedented threats because of human activities.	Lisbon, Portugal

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Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) Foreign Ministers' plenary 2022	**THEME:** *"Democracy, Peace and Governance"*	Rwanda
West Asia Quad Dialogue	• USA is set to launch a new four-nation dialogue "West Asia Quad Dialogue" with *India, United Arab Emirates and Israel* • The West Asia Quad Dialogue will also be called as I2U2. • I2 for India and Israel while • U2 for US and the UAE.	

(iii)REPORTS / INDICES

REPORTS / INDICES	RANK
Global Liveability Index 2022 **Launched by:** *Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)*	• *Vienna as the most liveable city in the world* • *Damascus, was ranked the least liveable city in the world* • *Chennai: 142nd Rank*
World Competitiveness Index 2022 **Released by:** *Institute for Management Development*	• **India:** *37th Rank* • **Denmark:** *1st Rank*
QS World University Rankings 2022	Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru – *1st Place*
FSSAI 4th State Food Safety Index	**Tamil Nadu:** 1st Rank
2022 Environmental Performance Index	• **India:** *180th Rank (Last Rank)* • **Denmark:** *1st Rank*

(iv) APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS

PERSONS	POSITION / DESIGNATION
Parameswaran Iyer	New CEO of the NITI Aayog
Nitin Gupta	new chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
Tapan Kumar Deka	Director of Intelligence Bureau
Dinkar Gupta	new Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA)
Gustavo Petro	First leftist President of Colombia

(v) WOMEN IN NEWS

WOMEN	POSITION / DESIGNATION
Ruchira Kamboj	next Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations

(vi) APPS & PORTAL

APPS & PORTAL
Dak Karmayogi Portal: The Ministry of Communications has launched 'Dak Karmayogi, an e-learning portal of the Department of Posts.
PM launches **NIRYAT (National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade) portal,** a one-stop platform for stakeholders to get all necessary information related to India's foreign trade
Children in Street Situations (CiSS) App: Launched by 'National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)' for the rehabilitation of children.
Goa Beach Vigil App: The app was launched with the aim of benefiting travelers as well as those working in tourism sector. It aims to holistically manage the beaches.

3. SPORTS

1) **44th Chess Olympiad:**

   - The official logo, mascot and hashtag were unveiled by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M K Stalin and President of AICF Dr. Sanjay Kapoor in Chennai

   - The tournament will be held in Chennai from July 28 to August 10, 2022

   - The words "Chess Believe" are seen on its shirt

   - **Official mascot:** Thambi

2) **Rafael Nadal** won the **14th French Open** defeats Norway's Casper Ruud in final. With this win, his record extended to 22nd Grand Slam title. *Iga Swiatek of Poland wins Women's Singles Title*

3) **Mithali Raj** announced her retirement from all forms of cricket.

4) **Sunil Chhetri** becomes joint **fifth highest goalscorer** in international football history with 84 goals

5) **Asia Cup Hockey Tournament:** India Wins Bronze

6) *Madhya Pradesh* clinch **first ever Ranji Trophy title** with six-wicket win against Mumbai at Bengaluru

7) **Gurunaidu Sanapathi** becomes **India's first weightlifter to win a gold** at the IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico

8) **Jyoti Surekha and Abhishek Verma** win gold in **Archery World Cup** in Pairs

9) **FIFA Under 17 Women's World Cup** to be held in **India** from 11th October to 30th October

10) **2022 Indonesia Open badminton:** *held in Jakarta, Indonesia*

    - **Men's singles:** Denmark's Viktor Axelsen,

    - **Women's singles**: Chinese Taipei's Tai Tzu-ying,

4. SCHEMES / YOJANAS

SCHEMES / YOJANAS	PURPOSE	MINISTRY / CABINET / STATE
Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) - Urban	• Recently, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) - Urban has completed seven years of successful implementation.	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
Single-Use Plastic Buy Back Scheme	• Central government is all set to ban the use of single-use plastic from July 1, 2022. • Scheme was launched with the aim of inculcating habit among youngsters towards environment protection.	Himachal Pradesh

Agnipath Scheme:

- Launched on: **14th June 20022**

- Launched by: Government of India

- The scheme aims to enrol youths into service for four years.

- But it has sparked protests in several parts of the country.

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What are the changes?

- Union defence minister Rajnath Singh approved proposal of 10% reservation for Agniveers in job vacancies in ministry of defence, who meet the requisite eligibility criteria. It would be in addition to existing reservation for ex-servicemen.

- Ministry of home affairs (MHA) also announced a 10% quota and upper age limit relaxation of three years for Agniveers, for their recruitment in Central Armed Paramilitary Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles, after completing four years. Thus, the upper age limit for CAPFs now stands at 26 years. Apart from that, first batch of Agniveers will avail a relaxation of five years, taking it to 28 years.

- Government has also increased the upper-age limit for recruitment to 23 years from 21 years for 2022.

- The National institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) under Department of school education, has announced to start a special programme, to enable 10th pass Agniveers to further their education and obtain 12th class pass certificate through customised courses.

- Ministry of education will launch a three-year skill-based bachelor's degree programme for Agniveers, in order to recognise their skill and to equip them for various job roles in civilian sector

5. ECONOMICS

1) **National Highways Excellence Awards-2021** given away in nine categories by Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi

2) **Gig economy workers will triple to 2.35 crore by 2030:** Niti Aayog report titled 'India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy: Perspectives and Recommendations on Future of Work'

3) Tata Power Solar Systems commissions **India's largest floating solar power project of 101.6-Megawatt Peak (MWp)** in *Kerala* backwaters

4) RBI has extended the timeline for tokenisation of debit and credit cards by three months. Tokenisation can now be done till September 30, 2022.

5) RBI unveils **"Payments Vision 2025"** with a theme of *'E-Payments for Everyone, Everywhere, Everytime' (4Es)*

6) The **National Museum of Customs and GST** called "Dharohar" was inaugurated in **Goa**

7) RBI raises repo rate to 4.9%; inflation forecast increased to 6.7% for FY23; GDP forecast retained at 7.2%

6. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

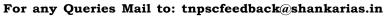| NEW DISCOVERIES	PURPOSE	PLACE / By
High-grade Lithium	• Greenbushes mine in Western Australia is the largest hard-rock Lithium mine in the world. • The largest importers of lithium are South Korea, China, Japan, US and Belgium.	Nigeria
New VPN Rules	Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) issued norms under which VPN providers have to record personal information of their customers, including the purpose of using the service, for five years.	Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)
Hermit Spyware	• Hermit is a commercial spyware • **Affected countries:** Syria, Kazakhstan and Italy.	
Graphics Processing Unit (GPU)	• IISc have developed a new Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) based machine learning algorithm. • The new Algorithm is called RaAl-LiFE (Regularized, Accelerated, Linear Fascicle Evaluation). • It can help scientists in understanding and predicting connectivity between different regions of brain, in a better manner.	Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
HomoSEP	Robot to clean septic tanks	IIT Madras
Mitticool refrigerator	National Standards Body "Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)" recently developed an Indian Standard for "non-electric cooling cabinet made of clay or "Mitticool refrigerator".	

DEFENCE & SPACE	PURPOSE	COUNTRY / ORGANIZATION
ABHYAS: High -speed Expendable Aerial Target	India successfully tested the indigenously-designed Abhyas - a High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) - in Odisha.	DRDO
Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)	VL-SRSAM was successfully flight-tested by DRDO and the Indian Navy from an Indian Naval Ship in Odisha.	DRDO and the Indian Navy
Zuljanah - *Satellite Launch Vehicle*	• Solid-fuelled rocket • a 25.5-meter-long • First indigenously designed and indigenously manufactured hybrid fuel satellite launch vehicle.	Iran
Iskander-M missile system	• Iskander-M missile system is codenamed as "SS-26 Stone" by NATO • This missile system can use ballistic or cruise missiles, in their nuclear and conventional versions • Iskander-M missile has a range of 500 km • Russia has announced to transfer the "Iskander-M Missile System" to Belarus.	Russia
GSAT-24 satellite	• GSAT-24 satellite was launched on Ariane 5 space launch vehicle, by French company Arianespace. • It was launched from Kourou in French Guiana, in South America. • GSAT-24 is a 24-Ku band communication satellite. It weighs 4180 kg. • The satellite will provide coverage to pan-India, to meet DTH application needs.	
Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark III	Eastern region of Indian Coast Guard, inducted the indigenously designed and developed Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark III on June 20, 2022	Indian Coast Guard
Fujian	• Biggest and most modern aircraft carrier • It is the first domestically designed and built catapult aircraft carrier	China

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Starquakes	Gaia space mission spotted large scale tsunami, called starquakes, which changes the shape of stars.	Gaia Space Observatory of European Space Agency
Prithvi-II missile	• India successfully test-fired its nuclear capable and indigenously developed Prithvi-II missile • The missile has a strike range of 350 km.	DRDO
India's first display fabrication unit	• The display fabrication unit will be set with an investment of Rs 24,000 crore. • It will be set up under India Semiconductor Mission Programme of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology.	Telangana
Space Solar power plant	• China had planned to establish a solar power station of 1 megawatt capacity, in space by 2030. • However, according to updated plan, China will launch a satellite in 2028.	China
New Geological Map of the Moon	• The Geological Map is likely to make a significant contribution to scientific research, exploration and landing site selection on the Moon. • Chinese scientists have created the high-resolution topographic map on the basis of data from Chinese lunar exploration project called "Chang'e project".	China
DAVINCI Mission	• DAVINCI stands for "Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry and Imaging Mission". • The mission will fly by Venus and explore its harsh atmosphere in 2029. • It will reach Venusian surface by June 2031.	NASA
Agni-4 ballistic missile	Agni-4 ballistic missile has a range of around 4,000 kilometres.	DRDO
3rd Crewed Mission to New Space Station	• Three Astronauts will continue the construction work for six months. • Astronauts were lifted off on Shenzhou-14 spacecraft. • It was launched by a Long March 2F rocket	China
International Liquid-	• India's first liquid mirror telescope	Nainital in

Mirror Telescope	• set up at the Devasthal Observatory campus • Owned by Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES)	Uttarakhand

(ii) MILITARY EXERCISES

EXERCISES	BETWEEN
RIMPAC-22	• The RIMPAC-22 exercise will be held in the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California from 29th June to 4th August, • 27 countries are participating in this multi-dimensional exercise.
Ex Khaan Quest - 2022	• It is a multinational peacekeeping operations exercise. • conducted from June 06 to June 20, 2022
Operation Mahila Suraksha	• The Railway Protection Force (RPF) under Operation Mahila Suraksha has rescued 150 women and girls from falling into the trap of human trafficking syndicates.

(iii) DISEASES & COVID – 19 NEWS

One Health pilot project ***Launched:*** Bengaluru / The Ministry of dairying and animal husbandry	In order to formulate solutions for preventing outbreak of zoonotic disease like covid-19 pandemic in future
Powassan virus	Recently, a woman died in United States due to infection of tick-borne Powassan virus.
Anocovax	India's first COVID-19 vaccine for animals
mini-proteins	Researchers from Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore have developed a new class of artificial peptides or mini-proteins that can inactivate the viruses like SARS-CoV-2.

7. AWARDS

AWARDS / PRIZES	PERSON / ORGANIZATION
Saraswati Samman Award	Ramdarash Mishra
King Abdulaziz Medal	Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa
Kempegowda International Award	• Former Karnataka chief minister S M Krishna • Infosys founder and IT industry veteran N R Narayana Murthy • Former badminton player Prakash Padukone

8. ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY

SPECIES / ENVIRONMENT	TYPE / PURPOSE	PLACE / BY
Thiomargarita magnifica Bacteria	• A giant white bacterium • It is 1 cm in length • 5,000 times larger than most bacteria. • Being visible to the naked eye.	Guadeloupe, France
Uranium Mining	• Huge reserves of Uranium have been found at Rohil in Sikar district of Rajasthan. • After Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand, Rajasthan has become the third state where uranium has been found	Rajasthan
Giant stingray	World's largest freshwater fish weighed under 300kg	Mekong River of Cambodia
Khuvsgul Lake National Park	The Khuvsgul Lake National Park of Mongolia has been added in UNESCO Reserve List	Mongolia
Chelonoidis phantasticus: Giant Tortoise	A giant tortoise, which was found alive in 2019, has now been confirmed to belong to a Galapagos species long believed extinct.	Galápagos Islands, Ecuador
Blue Duke	State Butterfly of Sikkim	Sikkim
Valmiki Tiger Reserve	An elephant rescue centre has been established	Bihar

9. INTERNATIONAL

1) Turkey will be renamed as *Türkiye*

2) Bangladesh PM inaugurates 6.15 km **'Padma Bridge'**; **Bangladesh's longest** that will connect capital Dhaka to underdeveloped northwestern region of the country

3) **Partners in the Blue Pacific:** USA and its allies - Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the United Kingdom have launched a new initiative called 'Partners in the Blue Pacific' for "effective and efficient cooperation" with the region's small island nations.

4) **Pakistan** announces **10% super tax** on large-scale industries like cement, steel, automobiles

5) **USA** Senate passes **bipartisan gun-safety legislation** by a wide margin

6) **Thailand decriminalizes cannabis,** becomes first Asian country to remove ban; ban on consumption in public remains