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TAMIL NADU

Maternal Immuno Analyzer

- ❖ Chief Minister Stalin inaugurated the Maternal Immuno Analyser machine and the State Health Assembly (SHA) program at the Government Multi Super Specialty Hospital (GMSSH) in Chennai
- ❖ It will be part of the Master Health Check-Up program at the hospital.
- ❖ Women who are 11-14 weeks pregnant can be screened for foetus genetic abnormalities.
- ❖ Then, mothers and their families can decide if they want to keep or terminate the pregnancy.
- ❖ This is to prevent birth anomalies.

NATIONAL

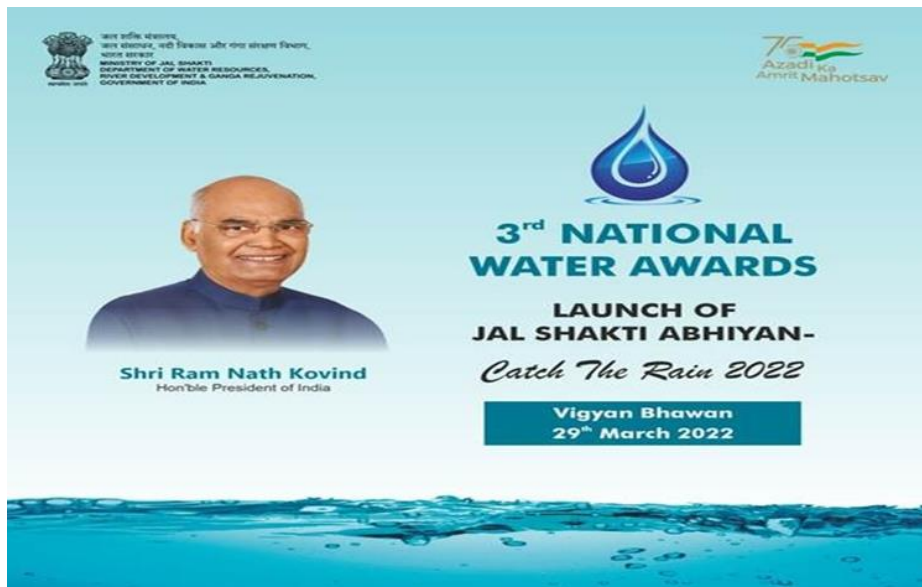
The Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Second Amendment) Bill, 2022

- ❖ It amends the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 to exclude the Gond community as a Scheduled Caste in four districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ It seeks to include Gond, Dhuriya, Nayak, Ojha, Pathari, and Rajgond communities in the ST list in these four districts.
- ❖ It also amends to omit the Bhogta community from the list of Scheduled Castes in Jharkhand.

3rd National Water Awards

- ❖ The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, presented the third National Water Awards.
- ❖ It is given for exemplary work in the field of water resource management.
- ❖ He also launched the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain campaign 2022' in New Delhi.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh has been awarded first prize, followed by Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Madurai Municipal Corporation, Tamil Nadu is one of the awardee in the "Best Urban Local Body" Category.

- ❖ Vellaputhur Panchayat, Chengalpattu District, Tamil Nadu is one of awardee in the “Best Village Panchayat” Category.
- ❖ Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Kaveripattinam in Tamil Nadu, Amalorpavam Lourds Academy, Thiruvallur, Puducherry and Amity International School, Noida, Uttar Pradesh won the awards in the Best School category.



12th edition of Sansad Ratna Award 2022

1) Nationalist Congress Party – Sule (Maharashtra)
2) Revolutionary Socialist Party - N K Premachandran (Kerala)
3) Shiv Sena - Shrirang Appa Barne (Maharashtra)
4) Trinamool Congress - Saugata Roy (West Bengal)
5) Congress MP Kuldeep Rai Sharma (Andaman and Nicobar Islands)
6) Bharatiya Janata Party - Bidyut Baran Mahato (Jharkhand)
7) Bharatiya Janata Party - Heena Vijayakumar Gavit (Maharashtra)
8) Bharatiya Janata Party - Sudhir Gupta (Madhya Pradesh)
9) Biju Janata Dal - Amar Patnaik (Odisha)
10) Nationalist Congress Party - Fauzia Tahseen Ahmed Khan (Maharashtra)
11) Communist Party of India (Marxist) K K Ragesh (Kerala)

- ❖ It was given by the Prime Point Foundation.
- ❖ The Sansad Ratna Awards Committee was chaired by Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal and co-chaired by T S Krishnamurthy, former chief election commissioner of India.

- ❖ The awardees were selected based on their cumulative performance from the beginning of the 17th Lok Sabha till the end of the winter session 2021 based on the data provided by PRS India
- ❖ A new feature of this session was the Lifetime Achievement APJ Abdul Kalam Award given to H V Hande, a former health minister in Tamilnadu.
- ❖ Former Karnataka chief minister Veerappa Moily also was given this award.
- ❖ Totally 11 MPs were honoured in this edition.

INTERNATIONAL

5th UNEA Assembly



- ❖ The Assembly is made up of the 193 UN Member States.
- ❖ It convenes every two years to advance global environmental governance
- ❖ It was held at Nairobi, Kenya.
- ❖ It concluded with 14 resolutions to strengthen actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.
- ❖ It agreed to establish an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee with the mandate to forge an international legally binding agreement to end plastic pollution by 2024.
- ❖ It was followed by the UNEP@50 event.



- ❖ The countries of the world celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as an initiative of the 1972 Stockholm Conference.
- ❖ The decision to establish UNEP's headquarters in Nairobi was taken by the UN in 1972.
- ❖ The United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) remains the only UN headquarters in the southern hemisphere.
- ❖ The UNEP contributed to the adoption of a global solution in 1987 – the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

Pakistan Crisis

- ❖ Pakistan PM Imran Khan had effectively lost the majority in the 342-member National Assembly of Pakistan.
- ❖ The Deputy Speaker Suri of Pakistan dismissed the no-confidence motion moved by the Opposition against Prime Minister Khan.
- ❖ He termed it against the Constitution and rules of Pakistan.
- ❖ After that, Imran Khan advised President Alvi to dissolve the National Assembly.
- ❖ Meanwhile, President Alvi dissolved both assemblies.
- ❖ He said fresh elections will be held within 90 days.
- ❖ The Supreme Court in Pakistan is all set to hear the dismissal of a no-confidence vote against Prime Minister Imran Khan.
- ❖ Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial was taking a suo motu cognizance of the current political situation in the country.
- ❖ Meanwhile, Imran Khan may continue as Pakistan's prime minister till President Alvi appoints the caretaker prime minister.
- ❖ But however, Imran Khan nominated former Chief Justice Gulzar Ahmed for the office of caretaker Prime Minister.

ECONOMY

First Defence Fund

- ❖ HDFC Mutual Fund's Defense Fund will be the first of its kind in the mutual fund industry.
- ❖ HDFC Mutual Fund has filed for this with SEBI.
- ❖ It will invest in companies in the defense and allied sectors.

- ❖ HDFC Mutual Fund is the country's third-largest asset manager.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Pritzker Prize 2022



- ❖ Francis Kere becomes first African and the first black to win this prize.
- ❖ He was born in Burkina Faso, Africa.
- ❖ It was established by the Hyatt Foundation in 1979 in the USA.
- ❖ It is an award presented annually to honor a living architect.
- ❖ It is often referred to as the Nobel Prize for architecture.

Billie Eilish

- ❖ She becomes First Oscar Winner Born in 21st Century.
- ❖ She was awarded for her song 'No Time to Die'.
- ❖ She is an American singer-songwriter.

- ❖ Billie Eilish and brother Finneas won an Oscar for No Time to Die at the 94th Academy Awards.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Health Day – April 07

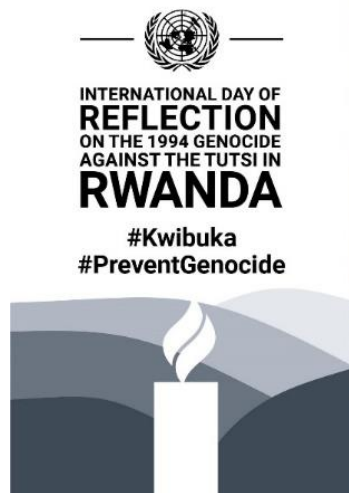


- ❖ It is celebrated with the aim of discussing health-related issues.

- ❖ In 1950, the first World Health Day was observed in commemoration of the creation of the World Health Organization founded in 1948.
- ❖ “Our Planet, Our Health” is the theme for this year.

International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda – April 07

- ❖ The genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda is commemorated by UNESCO
- ❖ It was carried out by the Hutu extremist-led government in Rwanda.



National Handloom Day – April 07



- ❖ It honours the handloom weavers of the country.
- ❖ It is a day that also recognizes the Swadeshi Movement which was launched on the same date in 1905 at Calcutta.
- ❖ It accounts for 14% of the total Industrial production, contributes to nearly 30% of the total exports,
- ❖ It is the second-largest employer in the country after agriculture.



- ❖ India is also the largest consumer and the second-largest producer of cotton.
- ❖ National Handloom week is also observed on 7th to 14th April.

