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TAMIL NADU

Chief Minister's Special Award

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government presented the Chief Minister's Special Award for 27 frontline workers, who were at the forefront of the State's battle against COVID - 19.
- ❖ Three women from Perambalur district - Senthamil Selvi, Muthammal, and Anandavalli shared the Kalpana Chawla Award this year.

Awards	Winner
Abdul Kalam Award	S Selvakumar, Founder of Anandam Youth Foundation.
Special Award for Covid-19	Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Chief Scientist, WHO, Geneva.
Cm's Best Practices Awards	Department of Treasuries and Accounts. Greater Chennai Corporation. Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture & Plantation Crops and Agricultural Engineering. Certificate of appreciation to Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation. Certificate of appreciation to Cyber Crime Wing of TN Police.
Awards for Exemplary Service For The Welfare Of The Differently-Abled	
Best Institution	CSI Higher Secondary School for Deaf, Santhome High Road, Mylapore.
Best Doctor	Dr G Syamala (63), Jahir Ammapalayam, Salem.
Best Private Employer	Sakthi Masala Private Limited.
Best Social Worker	C Santhakumar.
Best District Central Cooperative Bank	District Central Co-operative Bank Ltd., Salem.
Award for Services Rendered Towards Welfare of Women	
Best Social Worker	Godhandavalli, from Coimbatore - family counsellor.
Best Institution (For Serving of Women)	Centre for Rural Education and Economic Development
Cm's Awards for Best Performing Local Bodies	
Best Corporation	Vellore
Best Municipality	Villupuram (1st), Karur (2nd), Koothanallur (3rd)
Best Town Panchayat	Vanavasi, Salem district (1st), Veerapandi, Theni district (2nd), Madukkarai, Coimbatore district (3rd)
Cm's State Youth Award	S Arunkumar, Madurai district R Ramkumar, Cuddalore district S Bhuvaneswari, Cuddalore district



Amma Covid 19 home care scheme

- ❖ TN Govt introduced the Amma Covid Home Care scheme, by which people in home isolation can avail of all diagnostics, medicines, and consultation facilities they would get if they were in a hospital.
- ❖ The care package will be offered for a period of 14 days, at a cost of Rs 2,500.

NATIONAL

National Digital Health Mission

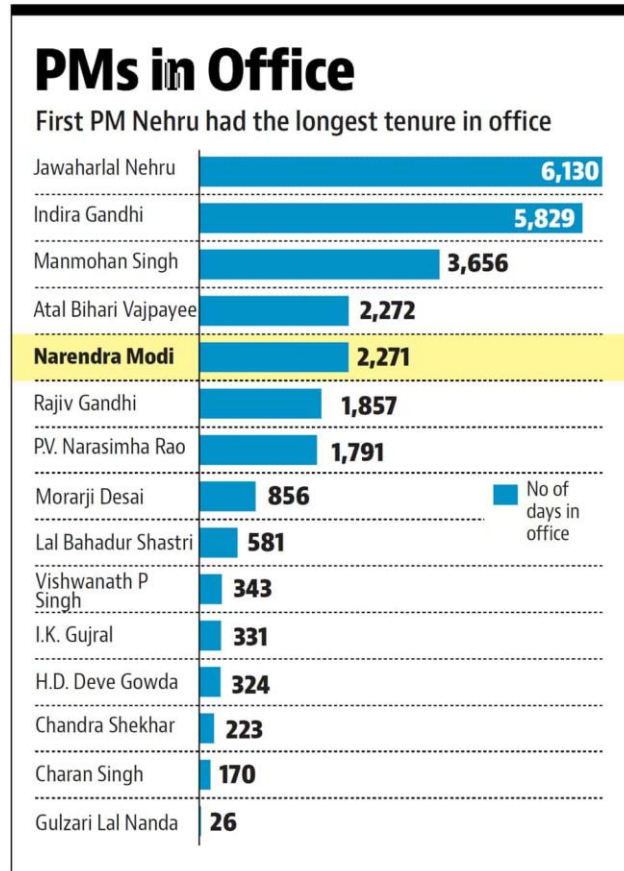
- ❖ PM Modi launched the National Digital Health Mission during his address at the 74th Independence Day celebrations.
- ❖ Under the mission, every Indian is to get a Health ID card.
- ❖ The ID card will contain all relevant information about the person's past medical condition, treatment and diagnosis.
- ❖ The mission is completely technology based.
- ❖ The mission aims to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of health care in India.
- ❖ It is to operate under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana or Ayushman Bharat.



The banner features five circular icons at the top: a laptop with a person icon, a heart with a pulse line, a hospital building, a first aid kit, and a stethoscope. Below these, the text reads 'National Digital Health Mission' in large blue letters. To the right are the logos for the 'Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India' and the 'national health authority'. A green box contains the text 'APPLY ONLINE'. Below that, it lists 'NDHM Health ID, Digi Doctor, PHR, HFR and EMR'. The bottom right features an illustration of a family (a man, a woman, and two children) connected to a heart, a stethoscope, a smartphone, and a hospital building, symbolizing digital health integration.

Longest serving non-Congress PM

- ❖ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the longest-serving non-Congress PM (From 26 May 2014) of the country as on August 13th.
- ❖ And also, he has also been at the helm of an elected government for a period of 18 years, which is the longest such tenure by the head of the government.
- ❖ This includes his term as the Chief Minister of Gujarat (7 October 2001 to 22 May 2014) before assuming the charge of the PM of the country in the year 2014.
- ❖ The Prime Minister has completed his term as the Chief Minister and now as the PM for over 18 years and 306 days.
- ❖ Before this, the first PM of India, Nehru served as the PM of the country for a period of 16 years and 286 days.
- ❖ Indira Gandhi had the third-longest tenure as the head of the elected government in the country with a length of 15 years and 350 days as the Prime Minister.
- ❖ Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Manmohan Singh - all from the Congress - are the three longest serving Prime Ministers in that order.



INTERNATIONAL

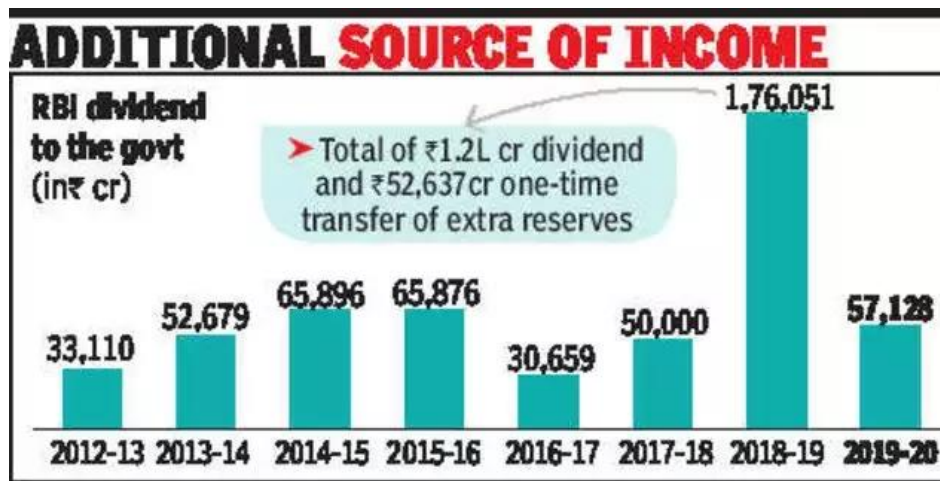
Indian Origin nominated as US Vice President candidate

- ❖ The US elections are due for the year 2020.
- ❖ President Donald Trump from the Republic party has one more term to run for US elections, he is to be challenged by the opponent Joe Biden from the Democratic Party.
- ❖ Joe Biden was the Vice President of the US during President Obama's period.
- ❖ The Presidential Candidate Joe Biden has chosen Kamala Harris to run for Vice President on behalf of the Democratic Party.
- ❖ She will be the first black woman and the first person of Indian origin to be nominated for the national office.

ECONOMY

Surplus transfer to govt

- ❖ The Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India approved the transfer of Rs 57,128 crore as surplus or dividend to the central government for accounting year 2019-20.
- ❖ It is sharply lower by 67.5 per cent from Rs 1.76 lakh last year.
- ❖ The RBI's central board last year accepted the recommendations of the high-level panel, under the leadership of former RBI Governor Bimal Jalan.
- ❖ This panel was formed to recommend ways to utilise RBI's excess cash reserve and part transfer to the government.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Gallantry and Police Awards

- ❖ The President approved 84 awards and decorations to the Armed Forces personnel and members of the Paramilitary Forces.
- ❖ The awards include one Kirti Chakra, nine Shaurya Chakras, five Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 60 Sena Medals (Gallantry), four Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry) and five Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).
- ❖ Kirti Chakra, country's second highest peacetime gallantry award was awarded posthumously to Abdul Rashid Kalas, Head Constable, J&K Police.
- ❖ Shaurya Chakra is the third highest peacetime gallantry award while Ashok Chakra is the highest peacetime gallantry award.
- ❖ A total of 926 Police personnel has been awarded Medals.



- ❖ Police Medals for Gallantry (PMG) have been awarded to 215 police personnel for their conspicuous gallant action.
- ❖ President's Police Medals for Distinguished Service has been awarded to 80 police personnel.
- ❖ Police Medal for Meritorious Service awarded to 631 police personnel.

