

August - 30

TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Government of Cuba announced to recognize and regulate cryptocurrencies for payment in the Island nation.
 - This decision was taken following the popularity of cryptocurrencies increased among a technologically savvy group in Cuba as it became harder to use dollars.
- ❖ August 26 was designated by the U.S. Congress as "Women's Equality Day".
 - The date commemorates the 1920 certification of the nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.
- ❖ Indian Grandmaster S.P. Sethuraman won the Barcelona Open chess tournament title.
 - Karthikeyan Murali from India finished third.
- ❖ President Ram Nath Kovind appointed Governor of Tamil Nadu, Banwarilal Purohit, to discharge the functions of the Governor of Punjab, in addition to his own duties.
 - He has also been appointed as the Administrator of Union Territory of Chandigarh.

TAMIL NADU

Welfare package for Sri Lankan Tamil refugees

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin announced a Rs 317.40 crore welfare package for the welfare of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees living in special camps in the State.
- ❖ The Chief Minister said that it will be allocated to ensure housing and infrastructure in the Srilankan refugee camps in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has already been providing a monthly stipend to the Srilankan Tamil refugees living in the camps.
- ❖ The monthly stipend will be increased from Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,500 per head of household and Rs 750 to Rs 1,000 for other members and from Rs 250 to Rs 400 for children under 12 years.
- ❖ The Sri Lankan Tamil Refugee camps will from now on be called Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation camps.

NATIONAL

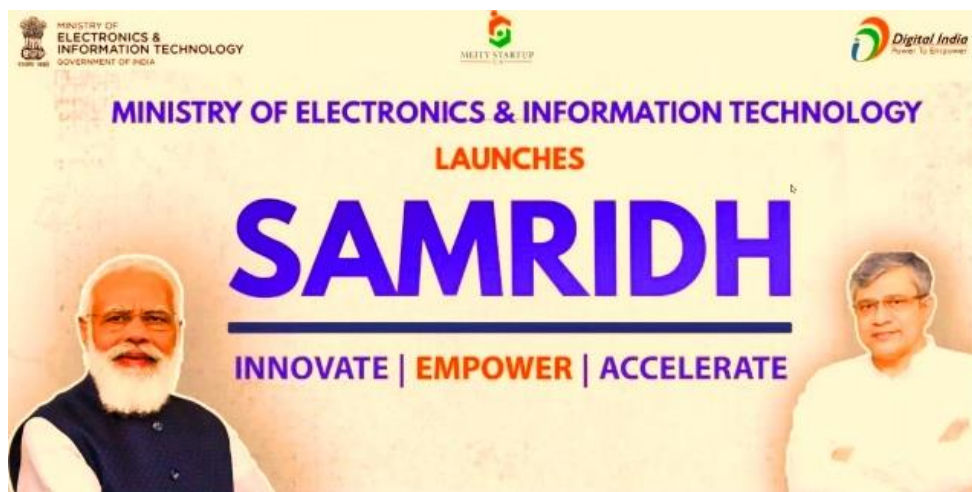
Chairperson of Stop TB Partnership Board

- ❖ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya, took charge as the Chairperson of Stop TB Partnership Board
- ❖ He will hold the responsibility with immediate effect and hold the position until 2024.
- ❖ He will now lead the efforts of Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, partners, and TB community in order to reach towards reaching United Nations TB targets by 2022.
- ❖ This partnership was established in the year 2000 in a bid to eliminate tuberculosis (TB) as a public health problem.



The logo for the Stop TB Partnership features the words "Stop TB Partnership" in a bold, sans-serif font. The word "Stop" is in red, "TB" is in white inside a red octagonal stop sign, and "Partnership" is in black.

SAMRIDH Scheme



- ❖ Start-up Accelerators of MeitY for pProduct Innovation, Development and growth (SAMRIDH) programme was launched by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY).

- ❖ SAMRIDH will create a conducive platform to growing Indian Software Product start-ups that are ready for acceleration stage to enhance their products and secure investments for scaling their business.
- ❖ It will provide them with funding support, mentorship and other supports that are required by start-ups at this stage.

INDIAsize

- ❖ Ministry of Textile and National Institute of Fashion Technology launched an India size survey, in order to do away with the confusion of size.
- ❖ It has been titled as INDIAsize.
- ❖ This initiative was launched with the aim of introducing a new standardised size chart in ready-to-wear clothing sector in India.
- ❖ At present, only 18 countries have their own sizing charts.



“Shared Destiny 2021” - Defence Exercise

- ❖ Militaries of China, Mongolia, Thailand and Pakistan are set to take part in a multinational peacekeeping exercise called “Shared Destiny-2021”.
- ❖ It will be organised by the China’s People’s Liberation Army at the combined-arms tactical training base in central Henan province of China.
- ❖ This is the first multinational peacekeeping live exercise, involving four nations.
- ❖ Henan is a landlocked province of China and often referred as Zhongyuan or Zhongzhou.

Most surveilled cities



- ❖ Data for the world's most surveilled cities shows that India's capital city New Delhi ranks first with 1,826.6 cameras per square mile.
- ❖ Chennai ranks third in this.
- ❖ Further, London is second and Mumbai is at 18 in this.

INTERNATIONAL

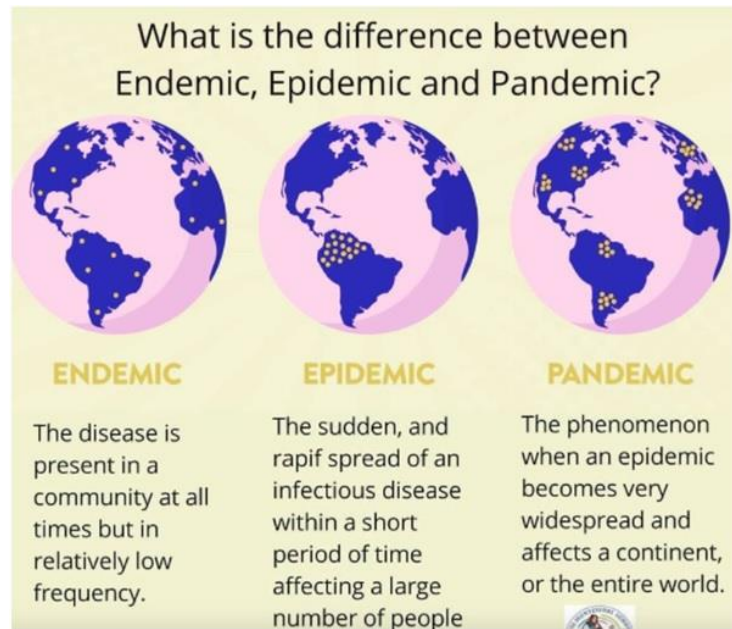
Covid-19 to Become Endemic

- ❖ The World Health Organization Chief Scientist, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan said that Covid-19 may be entering a stage where it will become endemic.
- ❖ This announcement means that some people will get infected but the levels at which it will circulate will be low to moderate, depending upon
 - Natural immunity,
 - Vaccine-induced immunity and
 - Geographical area's population

- ❖ A modelling study said that in a few years, SARS-CoV-2 may be no more virulent than the common cold.


Note

- ❖ Endemic refers to the constant presence and/or usual prevalence of a disease or infectious agent in a population within a geographic area.



STATES

Sub-category of creamy layer – Haryana

- 'Creamy layer' denotes relatively forward, better-educated and socially advanced members of OBCs
 - The term was introduced by Sattanathan Commission in 1971, which recommended that 'creamy layer' should be excluded from quota benefits
 - In Indira Sawhney judgment (1992), SC directed that 'creamy layer' among OBCs be excluded from quota benefits
 - After a constitution bench judgment in 2018, the concept is applicable also to SC/ST communities
 - The Centre has defined 'creamy layer' among OBCs as those earning more than ₹8 lakh per annum
- 

- ❖ Two notifications were issued by the Haryana government sub-classifying backward classes solely on economic basis while fixing the criteria for creamy layer.
- ❖ Supreme Court has quashed the Haryana government's notification.
- ❖ The apex court held that the Haryana's notifications have violated the law declared in the Indra Sawhney judgment by identifying creamy layer only on the basis of income.
- ❖ Apart from the economic criterion, social, educational and other factors must also be taken into account before defining a "creamy layer" among the backward classes.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Dr. Gail Omvedt passed away



- ❖ Renowned US-born researcher, writer on Ambedkarism and Dalit movement Dr. Gail Omvedt passed away at Kasegaon, Maharashtra.
- ❖ Born in Minneapolis in the US state of Minnesota, Dr. Omvedt came to India after completing her higher studies.
- ❖ She plunged herself into the various social movements for the Dalits, poor and downtrodden, farmers, women and other public causes.



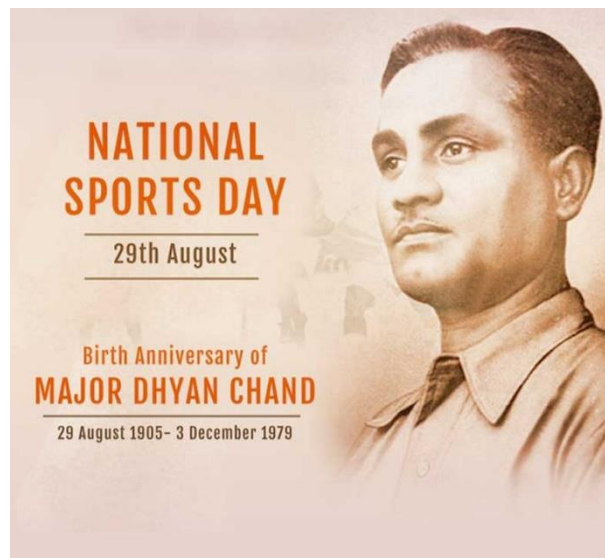
IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day against Nuclear Tests - August 29



- ❖ United Nations General Assembly declared 29 August the International Day against Nuclear Tests.
- ❖ The resolution calls for increasing awareness and education “about the effects of nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions and the need for their cessation as one of the means of achieving the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world.”
- ❖ The resolution was initiated by the Republic of Kazakhstan.
- ❖ 2010 marked the inaugural commemoration of the International Day against Nuclear Tests.

National Sports Day - August 29





- ❖ It is observed every year to commemorate the birthday of Indian hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.
- ❖ He was born on 29 August 1905 in present-day Prayagraj, UP.
- ❖ Major Dhyan Chand was the captain of the Gold medal-winning Indian hockey team at the Berlin Olympics in 1936.

Note

- ❖ Like how, PT Usha is known as Udanpari, Sachin Tendulkar as Master Blaster, and Major Dhyan Chand is known as 'Hockey Wizard'.

Telugu Language Day - August 29

- ❖ Day of the Telugu Language is observed on 29 August every year.
- ❖ This date was chosen to coincide with the birthday of the Telugu poet Gidugu Venkata Ramamurthy.
- ❖ Telugu is referred to as 'The Italian of the East'.

Telugu Language :Unique feature(s)

- The only Indian language where every word ends in a vowel ('AJANTA BHAASHA')
- Called 'Italian of the East ' by Niccolo da Conti, a Venetian traveller of the 16th century
- Heavily Sanskritized (close to 60%)

