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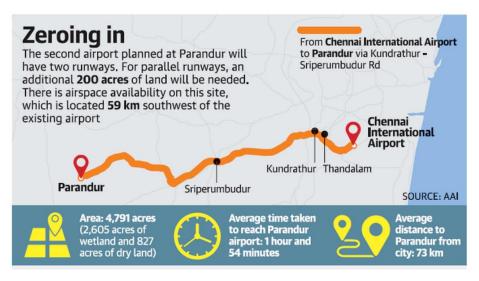
# **TNPSC BITS**

- Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar, who died last year, will be conferred with the 'Karnataka Ratna' award posthumously.
  - $\circ~$  He will be the 10<sup>th</sup> recipient of the state's highest civilian honour.

# TAMIL NADU

## Chennai's second airport

- Parandur near Sriperumbudur has been chosen as the site to construct the greenfield facility.
- Tamil Nadu government authorities had identified four locations for the development of a greenfield airport near Chennai.
- Four sites Pannur, Parandur, Tiruporur and Padalam were identified and made inspection by Airports Authority of India.



### Gold Nettri Pattayam

- The Archaeological Survey of India have recovered a gold 'netri pattayam' at Adichanallur
- ✤ This 'netri pattayam' is 3.50-cm-long.
- British archaeologist Alexander recovered a similar ornament in 1902.





- Moreover, a bronze filter, an ornamental bowl, an iron spear and nine iron arrows were also unearthed
- Earlier they have recovered a gold earring on June.



## **Carnelian beads discovery**

- A cluster of 74 carnelian beads was unearthed at Konthagai in Sivaganga district.
- ✤ It is part of the Keeladi cluster.
- ✤ The beads were found inside an urn.
- Carnelian beads had earlier been unearthed in the Kodumanal and Thandikudi sites.
- This was the first time they were unearthed in the Konthagai site.



### Thagaisal Thamizhar Award

- Veteran Communist leader R Nallakannu (96) has been chosen for the Thagaisal Thamizhar Award of the Tamil Nadu government for 2022.
- This will be awarded during the Independence Day celebrations on August 15.





- ✤ Nallakannu began his fight against British rule at the age of 11 (1936).
- $\clubsuit$  He was 12 when he works for the Congress in the 1937 elections.
- He joined the Communist party in 1944 and started working for the Jana Sakthi in Chennai.
- ✤ CPM leader N Sankaraiah was the first recipient of this award.



# NATIONAL

### Shoonya-Zero pollution Mobility Campaign



It aims to improving air quality and promote zero-pollution mobility across the nation.





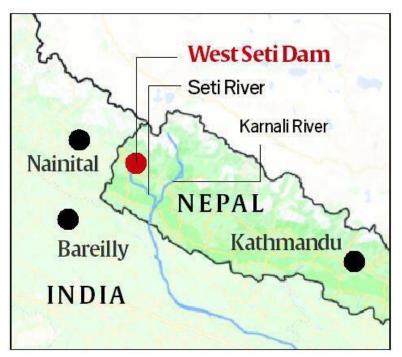
The campaign promotes the use of electric vehicles (EVs) for deliveries and rides through a corporate branding program and EV awareness drive.

## False promise of marriage

- The Supreme Court has held that it is not rape if consensual physical relationship was based on a genuine promise of marriage which could not be fulfilled.
- ✤ The court quashed an FIR registered in 2016.
- It also said the registration of FIR in the case amounted to abuse of the criminal process.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### West Seti Hydropower project



- ✤ Nepal approved India's hydropower board to study and develop 1,200MW hydropower projects in western Nepal.
- The projects include 750MW West Seti Hydropower Project and 450 MW Seti River (SR-6), a joint storage project.
- West Seti project is a proposed Hydropower Project, to be built on the Seti River in far-western Nepal.
- India will be taking over this Project nearly four years after China withdrew from it.





✤ The West Seti project was first envisioned some six decades ago.

# **ENVIRONMENT**

#### Zoological Survey of India new book

- The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has published a field guide dealing with 1,331 avian species found in the country.
- It highlights quality photographs of birds unlike other books that mainly used drawings.
- This book will be a ready reckoner about all 1331 species of birds found within the country, their present status, and distribution details.
- To promote the book, 'Field Guide, Birds of India', the ZSI arranged two events in Kolkata and Mumbai.

### National Inventory Report on Wastes Generation and its Management

- Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has prepared National Inventory Report on Wastes Generation and its Management on annual basis.
- It is prepared based on the annual inventory received from the concerned State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committees (PCCs).
- India generated 3.47 million tonnes of plastic waste during financial year 2019-20.
- ✤ India recycled around half of the plastic waste generated across the country.

## **STATES**

#### **Chief minister of Bihar**



 Nitish Kumar has submitted his resignation as the NDA chief minister in Bihar to the state governor Phagu Chauhan.





- He also submitted a support letter of 160 MLAs to stake claims to form a new government.
- ✤ JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar on 10<sup>th</sup> august took oath as Bihar's chief minister again.
- This is the eighth time since he was first sworn-in as the CM of the state in 2000.
- ✤ RJD's Tejashwi Yadav was administered the oath as deputy chief minister.

# PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

#### **US Heritage Wall of Fame**

- Ramadhar Singh becomes the first Indian Social Psychologist on the US Heritage Wall of Fame of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in the US.
- ✤ He is currently a professor at the Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University.



# **SPORTS**

#### World Under-20 Championships

- Selva Prabhu Thirumaran won the men's triple jump silver in the World Athletics Under-20 Championships in Colombia.
- ✤ He completed behind Jamaica's Jayden Hibbert.
- ✤ It was India's third medal on the under-20 Worlds.





The 4x400m blended relay workforce (silver) and Rupal Chaudhary (bronze in ladies's 400m).



# **IMPORTANT DAYS**

## World Lion Day - August 10



- ✤ It aims to spread awareness about conservation of Lions.
- ✤ The first World Lion Day was observed in 2013.
- Lions are designated as a vulnerable species on the Red List.
- Gir Forest is home to the only wild population of lions outside of Africa.
- ♦ Between 2015 and 2020, their population increased from 523 to 674.

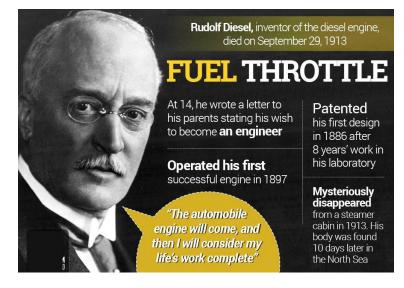
### World Biofuel Day – August 10

This Day is celebrated in memory of Sir Rudolf Diesel, the inventor of the diesel engine.





- The day is celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels.
- On August 9, 1893, Sir Rudolf Diesel for the first time operated a mechanical engine with peanut oil.
- His experiment could foresee the use of vegetable oil as a practical source of energy in the coming century.



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