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TAMIL NADU

AIADMK's first MP

- ❖ The first MP of the AIADMK, Mr. Maya Thevar passed away recently.
- ❖ He registered the party's first victory by contesting on the 'two-leaves' symbol during the 1973 by-election to Dindigul Lok Sabha constituency.
- ❖ Later, he left AIADMK and joined the DMK.
- ❖ He contested for DMK and was elected again as MP from Dindigul constituency in 1980.



5th elephant reserve

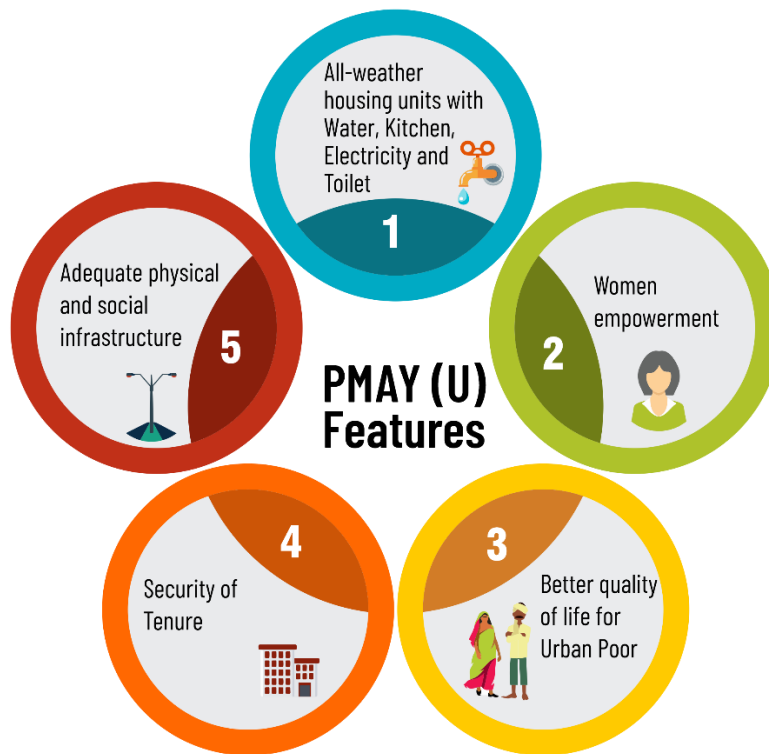


On World Elephant Day Tamil Nadu gets its fifth Elephant Sanctuary. In a big leap in elephant conservation the Tamil Nadu forest department's proposal to declare 1,197.48 sq. km in Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli as Agasthyamalai Elephant Reserve has been accepted and notified by Union Government. Tamil Nadu already has 4 elephant sanctuaries that include Nilgiris, Nilambur, Srivilliputhur and Aanamalai.

- ❖ The Tamilnadu State government notified a new elephant reserve – Agastya Malai Elephant Reserve.
- ❖ Agastya Malai is the fifth elephant reserve and located in Tirunelveli district.
- ❖ India has 31 elephant reserves.
- ❖ In the last three years,
 - Dandeli Elephant Reserve has been notified by Karnataka.
 - Singphan Elephant Reserve by Nagaland.
 - Lemru Elephant Reserve in Chhattisgarh.

NATIONAL

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban



- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana -Urban (PMAY-U) up to 31st December 2024.
- ❖ Housing for All is one of the major flagship programmes being implemented by Government of India.
- ❖ It aims to provide all weather pucca houses to all eligible beneficiaries in the urban areas of the country through States/UTs/Central Nodal Agencies.

- ❖ The scheme covers the entire urban area of the country.

Lumpi-ProVacInd vaccine

- ❖ Lumpi-ProVacInd, an indigenous vaccine for lumpy skin disease (LSD), has been launched recently.
- ❖ It has spread across states, causing deaths of hundreds of cattle since 2019.
- ❖ Lumpi-ProVacInd, the vaccine, has been developed by two institutes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- ❖ The disease was endemic in Africa.
- ❖ In the last 2-3 years, after entrapping the southern states of India, an outbreak /epidemic of LSD has spread to Punjab and other states of northern India.
- ❖ The disease occurs mostly in cows and somewhat less in buffaloes.



INTERNATIONAL

A “sacrifice zone”

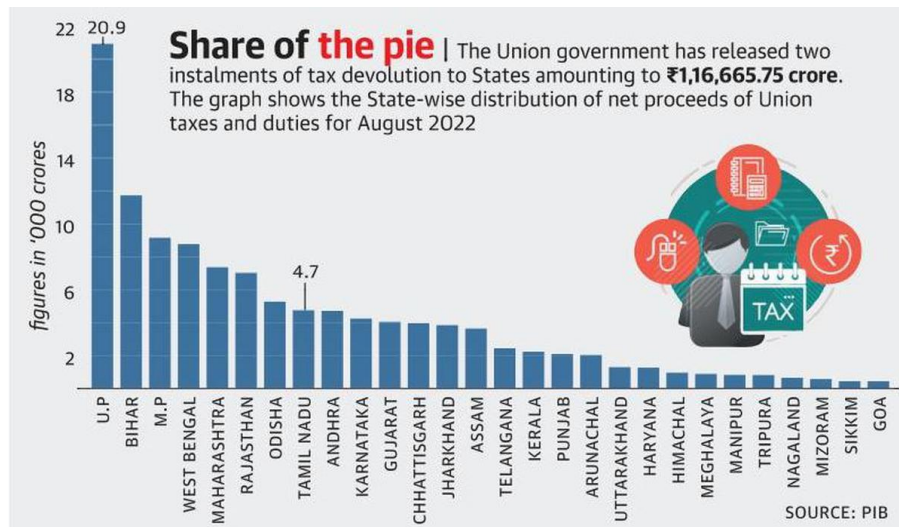


- ❖ There is a place in Myanmar that has become: A “sacrifice zone”.

- ❖ It is a place that destroys itself for the good of the world.
- ❖ The sacrifice is visible from the air, in toxic turquoise pools that dot the landscape covered by mountain jungles just a few years ago.
- ❖ Since rare earth clays in Myanmar are soft and near the surface, they can easily be scooped into these pools of chemicals.
- ❖ Satellite imagery commissioned by Global Witness showed more than 2,700 of these pools at almost 300 separate locations.

ECONOMY

Tax devolution



- ❖ The Centre released over ₹1.16 lakh crore to States, equivalent to two monthly instalments of tax devolution.
- ❖ It helps front-load State governments' capital spending abilities in this financial year.
- ❖ The assured Goods and Services Tax (GST) compensation to States was expired this July.
- ❖ A 'normal monthly tax devolution' is around ₹58,332.86 crores.

Digital lending norms

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued guidelines for entities engaged in digital lending.
- ❖ This follows the recommendation of a Working Group on Digital Lending (WGDL).



- ❖ The norms stating that all digital loans must be disbursed and repaid through bank accounts of regulated entities only.
- ❖ The Pass-through of lending service providers (LSPs) or other third parties are prohibited.

WORKING GROUP'S KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Set up nodal agency and self-regulatory organisation; bring in law to prevent illegal lending activities
- Nodal agency will have public register of verified digital lending apps
- Develop baseline technology standards; ensure compliance with them as pre-condition for offering digital lending solutions
- Data collection only with prior consent of borrowers with verifiable audit trails
- Upfront disclosure of annualised cost of a loan



Income-tax payers in Atal Pension Yojana



- ❖ Income tax payers will not be allowed to enrol in the government's social security scheme Atal Pension Yojana (APY) from October 1.
- ❖ The government introduced APY on June 1, 2015.

- ❖ It aims to provide social security to workers mainly in the unorganised sector.
- ❖ The Subscribers of the scheme get a minimum guaranteed pension of ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 per month after attaining 60 years of age depending on their contributions.
- ❖ This norm will not apply to subscribers who have joined or joins the scheme before October 1, 2022.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

International entrepreneurs' award

- ❖ A Kerala-based entrepreneur, Sangeetha Abhayan, has won the World Women Entrepreneurs' Award.
- ❖ It is instituted by the Junior Chamber International Hong Kong (JCIHK).
- ❖ This is awarded for her handloom and handicrafts start-up's performance in tune with the United Nations sustainable development goals.



SPORTS

Footballer of the Year



- ❖ Sunil Chhetri and Manisha Kalyan have been named as Men's Footballer of the Year and the Women's Footballer of the Year, for 2021-22 respectively.
- ❖ This is announced by All India Football Federation (AIFF)
- ❖ Manisha had won the Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year for last season.
- ❖ This is the 7th time that Sunil won the award.
- ❖ He has won it previously in 2007, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017 and 2018-19.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Organ Donation Day - August 13

- ❖ It is celebrated with the aim of raising awareness on organ donations.
- ❖ In 1953, first temporarily successful transplantation of human kidney was done by Jean Hamburger in Paris.
- ❖ This year's theme is "let's pledge to donate organs and save lives".
- ❖ India celebrates "National Organ Donation Day" every year on November 27.



MISCELLANEOUS

Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022

- ❖ Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022 report was released by International Labour Organisation.
- ❖ Pandemic has worsened the numerous labour market challenges facing those aged between 15 and 24 years.
- ❖ Youngsters in this age group experienced a much higher percentage loss in employment than adults since early 2020.

- ❖ The total global number of unemployed youths is estimated to reach 73 million in 2022.
- ❖ In India, the youth employment participation rate declined by 0.9 percentage points over the first nine months of 2021 relative to its value in 2020.
- ❖ But it was increased by 2 percentage points for adults over the same time period.
- ❖ In India, the school closures lasted 18 months and among the 24-crore school-going children.
- ❖ Only 8% of such children in rural areas and 23% in urban areas had adequate access to online education.
- ❖ In India, 92% of children on average lost at least one foundational ability in language and 82% lost at least one foundational ability in mathematics.
- ❖ India has a very low youth female labour market participation.
- ❖ Moreover, Indian young women experienced larger relative employment losses than young men in 2021 and 2022.

