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TAMIL NADU

Friends of Library

BOOKS AT YOUR DOORSTEP

- > Tamil Nadu has 4,640 public libraries with more than one crore members
- > Friends of Library scheme aims to provide last mile connectivity to elderly readers, disabled persons
- > Directorate of Public Libraries plans to enrol 12,500 volunteers from across the state
- > Teachers, civil service aspirants, youth and school students can become volunteers in libraries in their neighbourhood
- > A volunteer will get a maximum of 25 books to distribute in their neighborhood
- > Volunteers will also get ID card and a bag from the libraries

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has launched the 'Friends of Library' programme to promote reading.
- ❖ Under this, books will be personally provided to those who are unable to visit state-run libraries.
- ❖ Accordingly, differently abled persons, senior citizens, children and hospital in-patients among others who cannot come to a library will benefit from the initiative.
- ❖ The service of volunteers will be used for this purpose.
- ❖ The aim of such an initiative was to promote a knowledge-based society.

Namma School Foundation

- ❖ Chief Minister M K Stalin launched this project in Chennai aimed at developing the government schools in the state with private participation.
- ❖ It aims to better equip government schools in terms of infrastructure and reputation.
- ❖ It will be the programme amongst educationalists and members of non-profit organisations (NGOs).
- ❖ Through this scheme, former students who have studied in government schools and are now holding high positions in various companies, former students who are businessmen and socially concerned organizations (NGOs) will adopt

government schools through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds, infrastructure of the schools,

- ❖ The scheme will be launched to improve basic facilities like perimeter wall, painting, internet facilities, sanitary toilets, laboratories, libraries etc.
- ❖ Venu Srinivasan, chairman of TVS Motors is the chairman for the Namma School Foundation while Vishwanathan Anand is the brand ambassador.
- ❖ Namma Oor Palli scheme is an extension of the same.
- ❖ Namma oor palli lays the foundation for bringing local students, alumni, industrial sector and expatriate Tamils living across the world.
- ❖ Earlier, the chief minister renamed the DPI complex of the state school education department as “Perasiriyar K Anbazhagan Education Complex”.



SPORTS

FIFA 2022 Special news





- ❖ Italy, the four-time winners and reigning European champions, failed to qualify for a second successive World Cup for the first time in their history.
- ❖ Wales made their first appearance in 64 years – a record gap for a European team,
- ❖ Their only previous participation have been in 1958.

Year	Winners	Runners-up	Host country
1930	Uruguay	Argentina	Uruguay
1934	Italy	Czechia	Italy
1938	Italy	Hungary	France
1950	Uruguay	Brazil	Brazil
1954	Germany	Hungary	Switzerland
1958	Brazil	Sweden	Sweden
1962	Brazil	Czechia	Chile
1966	England	Germany	England
1970	Brazil	Italy	Mexico
1974	Germany	Netherlands	West Germany
1978	Argentina	Netherlands	Argentina
1982	Italy	Germany	Spain
1986	Argentina	Germany	Mexico
1990	Germany	Argentina	Italy
1994	Brazil	Italy	United States
1998	France	Brazil	France
2002	Brazil	Germany	South Korea, Japan
2006	Italy	France	Germany
2010	Spain	Netherlands	South Africa
2014	Germany	Argentina	Brazil
2018	France	Croatia	Russia
2022	Argentina	France	Qatar

- ❖ The previous World Cup hosts, Russia, were disqualified from competing due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- ❖ Egypt, Panama, Colombia, Peru, Iceland and Sweden, all of whom qualified for the 2018 World Cup, did not qualify for the 2022 tournament.
- ❖ Qatar is the only team making their debut in the FIFA World Cup.
- ❖ It became the first hosts to make their tournament debut since Italy in 1934.
- ❖ As a result, the 2022 tournament is the first World Cup in which none of the teams that earned a spot through qualification were making their debut.
- ❖ The Netherlands, Ecuador, Ghana, Cameroon and the United States returned to the tournament after missing the 2018 tournament.
- ❖ Canada returned after 36 years, their only prior appearance being in 1986.

- ❖ The 2026 World Cup will be held across three different countries, the United States, Canada and Mexico.
- ❖ Brazil is the country with the most titles and the only one to have competed in every competition.
- ❖ Brazil won five FIFA World Cup titles.
- ❖ Miroslav Klose, a German player who scored 16 goals in four seasons, owns the record for the most goals scored in FIFA World Cups (2002, 2006, 2010, 2014).
- ❖ Al Rihla is the first World Cup ball to be made exclusively with water-based inks and glues.
- ❖ Al Rihla was to be used in the event until the quarterfinals.
- ❖ Al Hilm' replaced Al Rihla FIFA WC 2022 semi-finals and final.
- ❖ Al Rihla means 'the journey', a reference to a travelogue written by Ibn Battuta, the 14th-century explorer.
- ❖ Pakistan produces more than 2/3rd of the world's footballs, with Sialkot being the hub of manufacturing.
- ❖ La'eeb was the Official Mascot for FIFA WC 2022.

FIFA World Cup 2022

• Top 4 team Rankings: Argentina (Winner), France (2nd), Croatia (3rd) and Morocco (4th)
• Golden Boot Award: Kylian Mbappe (France); (8 Goals)
• Golden Ball Award: Lionel Messi (Argentina); (7 goals and registering 3 assists)
• Golden Glove Award: Emiliano Martinez (Argentina)
• FIFA Young Player Award: Enzo Fernandez (Argentina)
• FIFA Fair Play Award: England
• Silver Boot Award: Lionel Messi
• Bronze Boot Award: Olivier Giroud (France)
• Silver Ball Award: Kylian Mbappe
• Bronze Ball Award: Luka Modric (Croatia)

- ❖ The FIFA World Cup 2022 is won by Argentina beating France in Qatar.
- ❖ Argentina won its second championship in 1986 after first winning it in 1978, propelled by the late Diego Maradona.
- ❖ France won the FIFA World Cup 2018 held at Russia by beating Croatia.
- ❖ The winner receives \$42 million, or Rs 344 crore, while the runner-up receives \$30 million, or Rs 245 crore.
- ❖ The Golden Ball is presented to the player who has performed the best overall.

- ❖ While the Golden Gloves and Golden Boot are among the most prestigious of these honours.
- ❖ The Golden Boot is given to the player who scored the most goals during the competition.

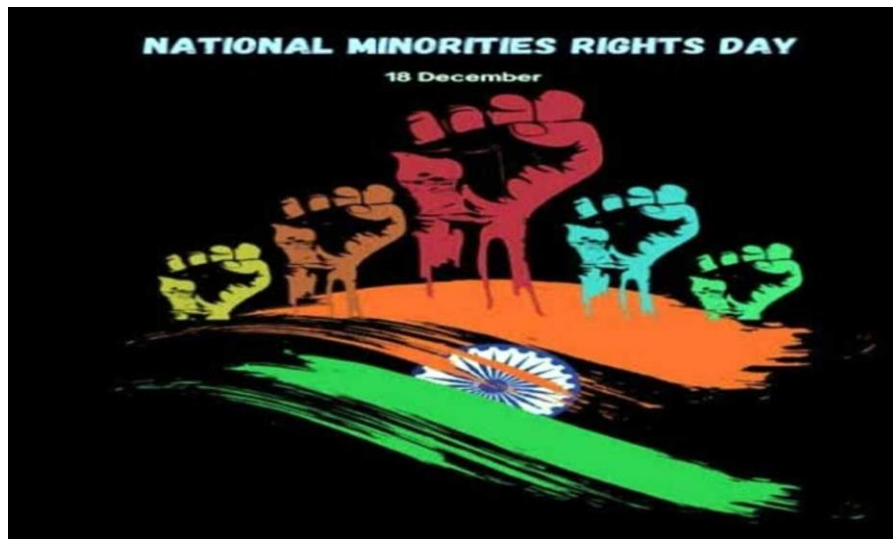
IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers – December 17



- ❖ It is observed annually by sex workers, their advocates, friends, families and allies.
- ❖ The red umbrella is an important symbol for sex worker rights.

National Minorities Rights – December 18



- ❖ Its aim is to safeguard the individual rights of the religious, ethnic, racial, or linguistic minorities in the country.
- ❖ The Union Government set up the National Commission for Minorities under the National Commission for Minorities Act 1992.

- ❖ Following these five religious communities have been notified as minority communities in the Gazette of India by the Union Government all around the country.
- ❖ These religious communities are Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists, Christians, and Zoroastrians.
- ❖ In 2014, Jains were also added to the list of religious communities considered as minority communities
- ❖ The theme for 2022 is centred around “All in 4 Minority Rights”.
- ❖ It was part of the commemoration of the 30-year anniversary of the UN Declaration being adopted.
- ❖ The United Nations on December 18, 1992 adopted and broadcast the Statement on the individual's Rights belonging to Religious or Linguistic National or Ethnic Minorities.
- ❖ Minority Rights Day upholds the right to freedom and equal opportunities for the minorities in India and creates awareness about their rights.

International Migrants Day – December 18



- ❖ It is observed annually to bring attention to the social and economic realities of migrants around the world.
- ❖ On this day in 1990, the UNGA adopted the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

Goa Liberation Day – December 19

- ❖ It is celebrated to commemorate the state's liberation from Portuguese rule in 1961.

- ❖ Goa had been under Portuguese rule for roughly 450 years since 1510.
- ❖ After Portugal became part of the US-led Western military alliance NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) in 1949, Goa too became part of the anti-Soviet alliance by extension.
- ❖ Operation Vijay was launched to liberate the three Portuguese territories: Goa, Daman and Diu.
- ❖ It was supposedly the first tri-service operation of the Indian armed forces.



Goa Liberation Day 2022

