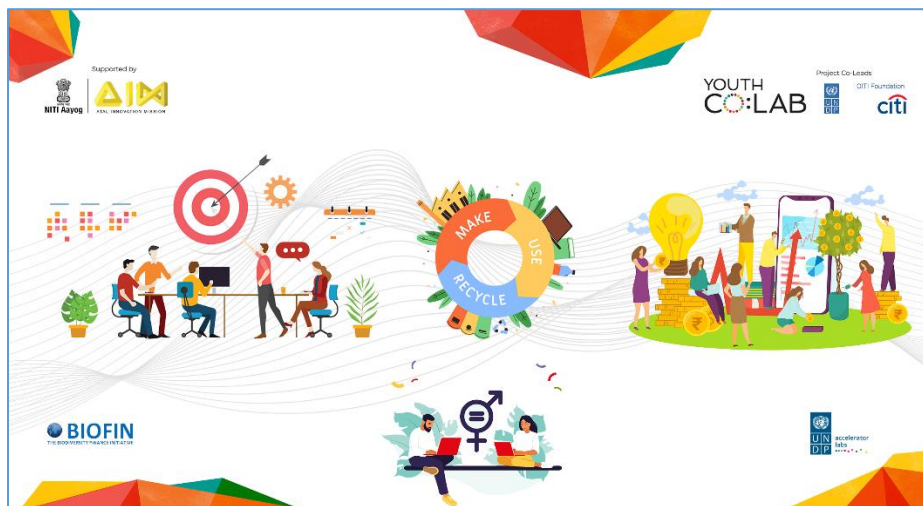


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## NATIONAL

### AIM-UNDP Youth Co:Lab

- ❖ Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and UNDP India jointly launched the 5th edition of Youth Co: Lab for Young Entrepreneurs
- ❖ It is the largest youth innovation movement in the Asia Pacific.
- ❖ It was co-created in 2017 by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Citi Foundation.
- ❖ Till date, the Youth Co:Lab initiative has been implemented in 28 countries and territories.
- ❖ It was launched in India in 2019 by the UNDP India in collaboration with the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog.



## INTERNATIONAL

### UN's Commission on the Status of Women

- ❖ In an unprecedented move, Iran has been expelled from the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in a vote on which India abstained.
- ❖ The US proposal at the UN Economic and Social Council to remove Iran from the panel received 29 votes.
- ❖ There were eight votes against and 16 abstentions in the 54-member elected body.

- ❖ Iran has been rocked by protests since the September due to the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who died after being detained by the country's morality police.
- ❖ The UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) was established in 1946.
- ❖ It is the instrumental in promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women.



### **Artemis Accords For Space Exploration**



- ❖ Nigeria and Rwanda have signed the Artemis Accords.
- ❖ They became the first countries from Africa to join the space exploration agreement.



- ❖ The Artemis Accords is a non-binding pact that is based on the Outer Space Treaty of 1967.
- ❖ This is the calls for peaceful and sustainable exploration of the Moon and outer space.
- ❖ It was launched by the US Department of State and NASA together with eight nations in 2020.

## REPORTS AND INDICES

### Hurun Global 500 rankings



- ❖ India has the 20 of the most valuable companies in the world.
- ❖ It has moved into the fifth position among countries that are home to the world's top 500 firms.
- ❖ Last year, it was ranked ninth with eight companies.
- ❖ The US continued to top the charts, China came in second with 35 companies, followed by Japan (28) and the UK (21).
- ❖ The list, released by the Hurun Research Institute, is a compilation of the 500 most valuable non-state-controlled companies in the world.
- ❖ Reliance Industries (RIL) topped the charts of Indian companies, while it ranked 34th in the world.
- ❖ It was followed by Tata Consultancy Services and HDFC Bank.
- ❖ Globally, Apple retained the title of the most valuable company in the world.

- ❖ 50 per cent or 250 companies in the Hurun Global 500 companies have presence in India.

## 2022 Social progress Index

- ❖ The Social Progress Index for States and Districts of India was released by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.
- ❖ Puducherry (65.99) scored the highest and topped in the list.
- ❖ Assam, Jharkhand and Bihar scored the lowest in India.
- ❖ Goa, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, and Chandigarh are the top four states in Basic Human Needs.
- ❖ Mizoram, Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh, and Goa have emerged as the best-performing states for the Foundations of Wellbeing.
- ❖ Mizoram, Nagaland, and Meghalaya are the top three states in Environmental Quality.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has achieved the highest component score for Opportunity dimension.
- ❖ Aizawl (Mizoram), Solan (Himachal Pradesh) and Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) have emerged as the top three best-performing districts.

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Rank	State/ UTs	Score	
1	Puducherry	65.99	6 Tamil Nadu 63.33
2	Lakshadweep	65.89	7 Himachal Pradesh 63.28
3	Goa	65.53	8 Chandigarh 62.37
4	Sikkim	65.1	9 Kerala 62.05
5	Mizoram	64.19	10 Jammu & Kashmir 60.76

Source: Social Progress Index

## STATES

### 50 years of North Eastern Council

- ❖ The golden jubilee celebration of the North East Council held in Shillong.
- ❖ The North Eastern Council is the nodal agency for the economic and social development of the North Eastern Region.
- ❖ It consists of the eight States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.
- ❖ The North Eastern Council was constituted in 1971 by an Act of Parliament.

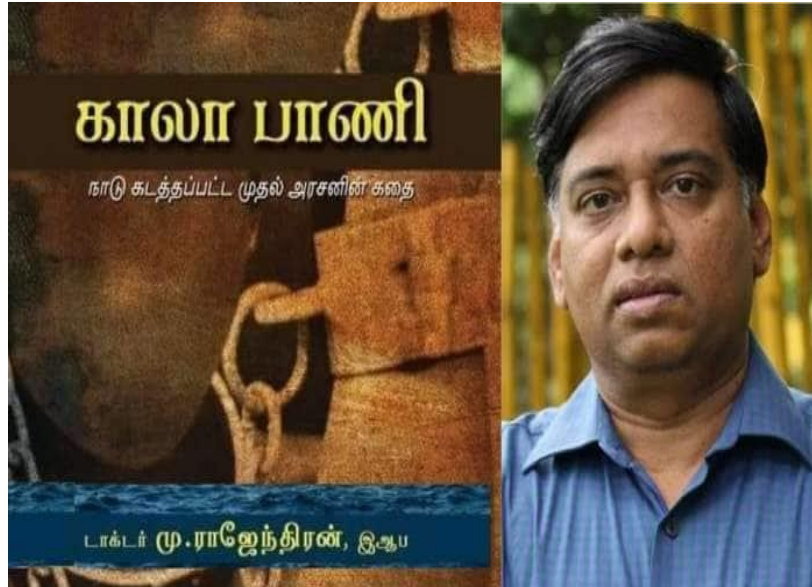


- ❖ However, it was formally inaugurated on November 7, 1972.



## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### 2022 Sahitya Akademi award



- ❖ Former IAS Officer M. Rajendran's historical novel Kala Pani (Black Water) has won the Sahitya Akademi award for 2022.

- ❖ It depicts the defeat and exile of 72 persons, including Vengai Periya Udayanna Devar, ruler of Sivaganga, and Duraisamy, son of Chinna Marudu after the Kalayakoil war.
- ❖ The battle between the British and Marudu Brothers took place in the forests of Kalayarkoil for six months in 1801.
- ❖ After the defeat, the brothers were hanged at Tirupattur, south Tamil Nadu, on October 24, 1801.
- ❖ The exile of the 72 persons in the ship began on February 11, 1802 and they reached Penang after 62 days.
- ❖ Periya Udayanna Devar was separated from others and sent to Sumatra, where he lived for just four months.
- ❖ In 1820, 11 persons including Duraisamy, returned to India.

### **Sahitya Akademi Best translation award**

- ❖ The prize for translation went to 'Poonachi', or the Story of Black Goat.
- ❖ It is penned by Tamil writer Perumal Murugan and translated into English by N. Kalyan Raman.
- ❖ 'Yad Vashem', a Kannada novel translated into Tamil by K. Nallathambi, also won the award.

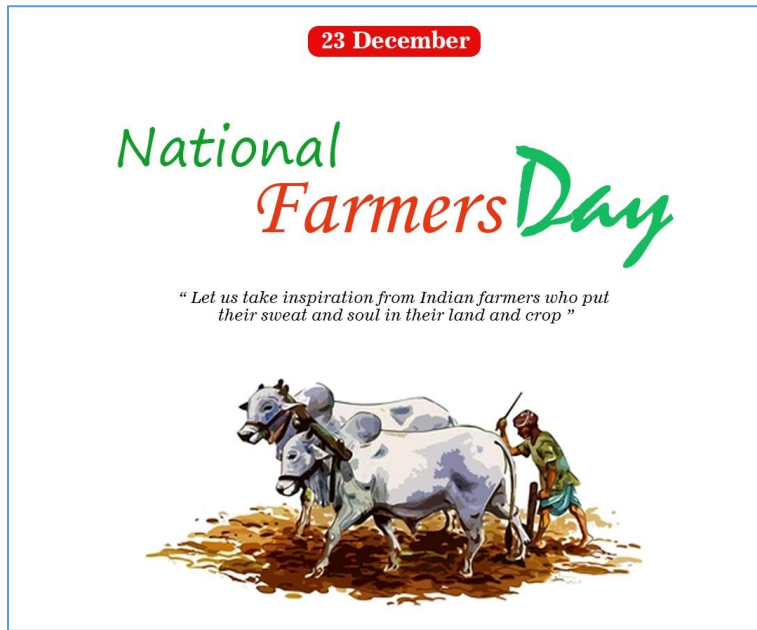


## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **Indian National Farmers Day - December 23**

- ❖ The day aims to spread awareness of the contributions of farmers to the socioeconomic development of the nation.
- ❖ This day was chosen to commemorate the birth anniversary of Choudhary Charan Singh, India's fifth Prime Minister.

- ❖ He introduced and implemented various schemes for the betterment of farmers and wrote several books highlighting the problems faced by the farmers of the nation along with giving the solution of the same.
- ❖ In celebration of Charan Singh's birth anniversary, the government celebrated Kisan Diwas in 2001.



## National Consumer Rights Day - December 24



- ❖ In 1986, the Consumer Protection Bill was passed by both the Houses of Parliament.



- ❖ The bill received the assent of the President on December 24, 1986, and came into force.
- ❖ Thus, to commemorate the importance of the day, December 24 is marked as National Consumer Day.
- ❖ Further amendments were made to the Consumer Protection Act in 1991, 1993 and 2002 to make it more effective.
- ❖ In August 2019, the Parliament passed the Consumer Protection Act 2019, which replaced the Consumer Protection Act of 1986.
- ❖ The 2019 Act came into force in July 2020.

