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TAMIL NADU

Padma awardees in Tamilnadu



- ❖ Six persons from Tamil Nadu and one from Puducherry have been chosen for the Padma Awards this year for their contribution in their respective fields, including medicine, art and social work.
- ❖ Expert snake catchers from the Irula community, Vadivel Gopal and Masi Sadaiyan, were selected for the Padma Shree award.
- ❖ While renowned singer Vani Jairam has been selected for the Padma Bhushan award, Palam Kalyana Sundaram (Social Work), Dr. Gopalsamy Veluchamy (Medicine), K Kalyanasundaram Pillai (Art) from Tamil Nadu have been chosen for Padma Shree.
- ❖ Dr. Nalini Parthasarathi (Medicine) of Puducherry has also been selected for Padma Shree.
- ❖ Dr Veluchamy was among the first to suggest 'kabasura kudineer' as a potential drug for Covid-19 management.
- ❖ Vani Jairam is the only person from Tamil Nadu to get the prestigious Padma Bhushan.

NATIONAL

Republic Day 2023 - First time events

- ❖ Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi was the Chief Guest at the parade.
- ❖ For the first time, 12 women riders will be part of the Camel Contingent of the Border Security Force (BSF) and among the 16 marching contingents.

- ❖ This year, only Made-in-India weapon systems will be showcased at the Republic Day parade, keeping with the theme of “Atmanirbhar Bharat”.
- ❖ The newly-recruited Agniveers will also be a part of the parade for the first time.
- ❖ The Narcotics Control Bureau will also showcase a tableau for the first time.
- ❖ For the first time in India's independent history, the iconic 21-GUNS Salute to the President during the parade will use 105 mm Indian Field Guns replacing the British-made 25-Pounder guns.
- ❖ For the first time, a 3-D anamorphic projection will be organised during the Beating the Retreat Ceremony on the facade of the North and South Block.



Millet Procurement in India



- ❖ The Government of India is expecting the millet production to increase to forty to fifty lakh tonnes.
- ❖ In 2023, the millet production in the country is around six to seven lakh tonnes.

- ❖ The increase in millet production is mainly because of nine states.
- ❖ They are MP, UP, Haryana, TN, Gujarat, Odisha, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, and Maharashtra.
- ❖ 41% of the world's millet grows in India.
- ❖ India is one of the largest millet producers in the world.

SC verdicts in 13 languages



- ❖ Over 1,200 Supreme Court verdicts have been translated into Assamese, Garo, Hindi, Kannada, Khasi, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu from Republic Day on January 26.
- ❖ The apex court will operationalise the electronic-Supreme Court Reports (e-SCR) project for making available verdicts
- ❖ It aims to provide free access to its about 34,000 judgments to lawyers, law students and the common public in free of cost.
- ❖ This is a major step by the Supreme Court towards digitalisation.

INTERNATIONAL

Davos Summit 2023

- ❖ The 53rd edition of the annual World Economic Forum summit was held in Davos, Switzerland.
- ❖ The Theme was 'Cooperation in a Fragmented World'.
- ❖ The Chief Economist's Outlook was launched.
- ❖ A new Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate was launched.

- ❖ It was bringing together over 50 countries to boost international cooperation on climate, trade and sustainable development.
- ❖ A new initiative Giving to Amplify Earth Action (GAEA) was launched to leverage philanthropic capital to unlock funding for the climate crisis.
- ❖ It is a ground-breaking initiative supported by more than 45 major philanthropic, public and private sector partners.
- ❖ It has announced the rollout of its own metaverse platform, dubbed the Global Collaboration Village.
- ❖ Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness and Innovations (CEPI) set a new 100-day goal for pandemic response.
- ❖ CEPI was launched in 2017 by the governments of Norway and India, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Economic Forum to accelerate the development of vaccines and other biologic countermeasures against pandemic
- ❖ This year marks 36 years of the Forum's collaboration with India.
- ❖ The report, 'India@100: Realising the potential of a USD 26 trillion economy', was launched by India, on the side-lines of the summit.
- ❖ As per this report, India's economy will reach USD 26 trillion by 2047, the 100th year of the country's independence.
- ❖ The Maharashtra State Government signed an agreement with World Economic Forum to get technical advice and strategies for Urban transformation.
- ❖ Telangana Government signed an agreement to get a life science centre and a health care centre.



Other initiatives

- ❖ FireAid initiative - It aims to manage wildfires using Artificial Intelligence.



- ❖ Cyber Resilience in Oil and Gas Initiative - This initiative will work to find cyber solutions to protect oil and gas pipelines.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Tourism Day - January 25

- ❖ It was first celebrated by the Indian government in 1948.
- ❖ It was intended to protect national heritage and create popular tourist attractions throughout the country.
- ❖ On this day, a national-level program was held at Telangana's Pochampally.
- ❖ It is a village situated on the outskirts of Hyderabad and is known for its famous hand-woven Ikat saris.



Himachal Pradesh Statehood Day – January 25

- ❖ It was on this day in 1971 that Himachal Pradesh became the 18th state of India.
- ❖ It is generally known as Dev Bhoomi or Land of God and Veer Bhoomi which means Land of Braves in India.

- ❖ It is one of the three mountain states in India featuring extreme landscapes, several peaks, and river systems.



International Customs Day - January 26



- ❖ It honours all the customs agents and organizations who work tirelessly to ensure efficient global trade management.
- ❖ This year's theme is 'Nurturing the next generation: Promoting a culture of knowledge-sharing and professional pride in Customs.'
- ❖ It commemorates the WCO's (World Customs Organization) maiden session held in 1953.

- ❖ The WCO, previously known as the Customs Co-operation Council (CCC), was formed in 1952 in Brussels, Belgium.
- ❖ The W.C.O. has its headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day – January 27

- ❖ It is also known as the International Day in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust.
- ❖ The day remembers the killing of six million Jews, two-thirds of Europe's Jewish population, and millions of others by the Nazi regime in Germany.
- ❖ 27 January was chosen to commemorate the date when the Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated by the Red Army in 1945.
- ❖ The theme “Home and Belonging” guides United Nations Holocaust remembrance and education in 2023.

