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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government tabled a Bill in the Assembly to amend a provision of the Goondas Act, 1982, to ease the procedure to grant temporary leave to detenues to attend the funerals of close relatives.
- ❖ Adani Wilmar Limited became the largest Fast Moving Consumer Goods Company in India beating Hindustan Unilever Limited.
- ❖ Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has released a book titled 'INDO-PAK WAR 1971- Reminiscences of Air Warriors'.
- ❖ Santoor maestro Pandit Shivkumar Sharma recently passed away.
 - He received the Padma Shri in 1991 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2001.
- ❖ In Ayodhya, a significant crossing will be developed and named for legendary vocalist Bharat Ratna late Lata Mangeshkar.
- ❖ IRCTC will launch its maiden Bharat Gaurav Tourist train, with a stop in Nepal's Janakpur.
 - This train will go around the Ramayana Circuit, which has been identified under the Swadesh Darshan scheme.
- ❖ India's Avinash Sable broke a 30-year-old record of Bahadur Prasad (1992) in 5000 m, setting a new national record.
- ❖ Reliance Industries' revenue has crossed \$100 billion in fiscal 2022, becoming the first Indian company to reach the milestone.
- ❖ Abhinav Deshwal has won the second gold medal for India in shooting at the ongoing 24th Deaflympics.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh athlete Annu Rani broke her own national record en route winning the gold in the fourth AFI Indian Open Javelin Throw Competition
- ❖ The eminent Odia litterateur Rajat Kumar Kar passed away recently.
 - He received Padma Shri in 2021 for literature and education.
- ❖ F1 world champion Max Verstappen has won the inaugural Miami Grand Prix-2022.

TAMIL NADU

Breakfast scheme

- ❖ Tamil Nadu chief minister has announced that all government primary school students from 1st to 5th standards will be provided nutritious breakfast on all working days.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is set to become the first state to offer breakfast along with midday meals.
- ❖ This includes the launch of integrated urban health centers within the Corporation and Municipal limits.
- ❖ This scheme will help the school children who skip their breakfast while going to school because of the distance and family situations.



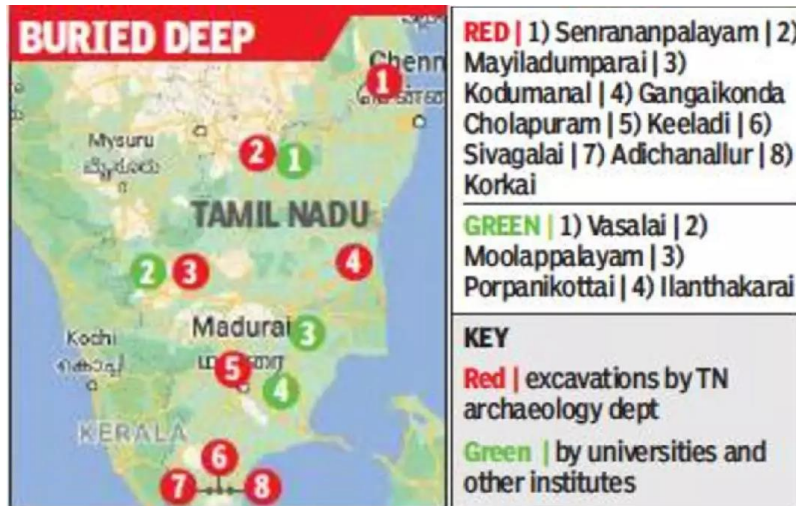
In pipeline: Here are the five schemes announced by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin in the T.N. Assembly

- **Free breakfast** for Class I-V government school children in a phased manner
- Initiatives to **eradicate nutrition deficiency**
- Setting up of **Schools of Excellence**
- Setting up of **primary healthcare-like centres** in urban areas
- Expanding the 'CM in Your Constituency' **grievance redressal scheme** to all 234 constituencies in the State

Iron Age in TN

- ❖ Excavations carried out by the Tamil Nadu Department of Archaeology at Mayiladumparai in Krishnagiri district have placed the beginning of the Iron Age in Tamil Nadu 4,200 years before.

- ❖ The Department released a report, 'Mayiladumparai - Beginning of Agrarian Society; 4,200-year-old Iron Age Culture in Tamil Nadu'.
- ❖ The late Neolithic phase was identified before 2200 BCE as there is a cultural deposit of 25 cm below the dated level.
- ❖ It, also announced that the Department of Archaeology would undertake excavations at Pattanam in Kerala, Thalakkadu in Karnataka, Vengi in Andhra Pradesh and Palur in Odisha.



NATIONAL

Operation Dudhi



- ❖ The paramilitary Assam Rifles felicitated the surviving soldiers of Operation Dudhi.

- ❖ It marked in the country's defence history as India's most successful counter-insurgency operation more than 30 years ago.
- ❖ In 1991, the Assam Rifles had eliminated 72 militants in a single counter-insurgency operation in Jammu & Kashmir.

ENVIRONMENT

Pantanal wetland

- ❖ The world's largest wetland, known as the Pantanal, in South America is at risk of collapse.
- ❖ This is due to a series of local and apparently minor decisions that fail to account for their cumulative impact on one of Earth's most biodiverse ecosystems.
- ❖ It Spanning more than 179,000 km² in Brazil, Paraguay and Bolivia.



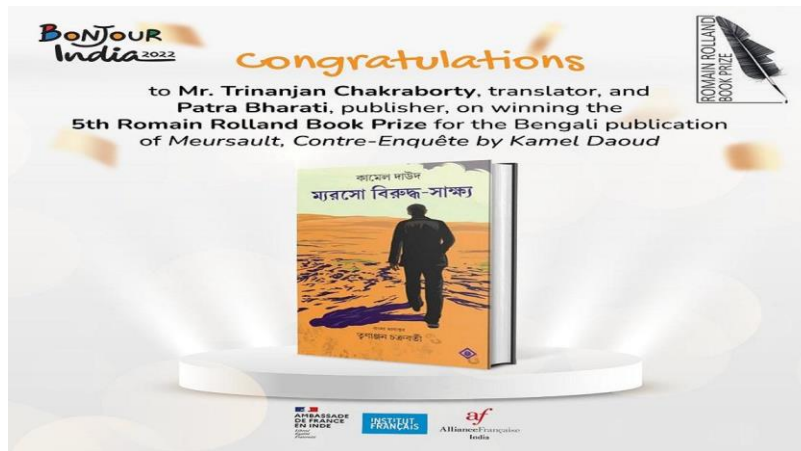
PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Member of the Order of the British Empire

- ❖ Guruswamy Krishnamoorthy, CEO of Penlon, will receive the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division) Award 2022 – Honorary Member of the Order of the British Empire.

- ❖ Guruswamy Krishnamoorthy hails from Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India.
- ❖ The British Honorary Awards are awarded twice a year, first during the new year and again in June, on the date of the Queen's official birthday.
- ❖ Guruswamy led a group of companies that formed a consortium with Penlon firm as its hub.
- ❖ In 12 weeks, 11,700 ventilators were provided to the United Kingdom government.

Romain Rolland Book Prize 2022



- ❖ The fifth Romain Rolland Book Prize – Romain Rolland Book Prize 2022 has been awarded to the Bengali translation of the French novel “Meursault, contre-enquête” (The Meursault Investigation).
- ❖ The award was presented to translator Trinanjan Chakraborty and publisher Esha Chatterjee of Patra Bharati.
- ❖ The Romain Rolland Book Prize, which was established in 2017, honours the finest translation of a French title into any Indian language, including English.

Pulitzer Prize 2022

- ❖ Pulitzer Prize 2022 winners in Journalism, Books, Drama and Music were announced recently.
- ❖ The winner's list included The Washington Post, including Indians Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad Mattoo, Amit Dave, and the late Danish Siddiqui of Reuters in Journalism.
- ❖ Danish Siddiqui got awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 2022 for the second time for clicking moving photos during the second Covid-19 wave in India.
- ❖ He has been awarded the Pulitzer Prize 2022 posthumously.

- ❖ He died at the age of 38 on July 16, 2021.
- ❖ The revered photographer passed away in Afghanistan while covering the Taliban takeover of the country.



SPORTS

Madrid Open title 2022

- ❖ Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) has clinched the men's singles Madrid Open title 2022.
- ❖ It is his second Masters 1000 crown after Miami 2022.
- ❖ And this is his fourth title of the year.
- ❖ Ons Jabeur (Tunisia) has clinched the women's singles title to become the first African player to win a WTA 1000 event.

Category	Winner
Men's singles:	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)
Women's singles:	Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)
Men's doubles:	Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands) & Neal Skupski (United Kingdom)
Women's doubles:	Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) & Giuliana Olmos (Mexico)

MISCELLANEOUS

Maharana Pratap Jayanti 2022

- ❖ Maharana Pratap Jayanti is being celebrated in Rajasthan.

- ❖ According to English calendar the birth anniversary of the 13th king of Mewar, Maharana Pratap, is celebrated on May 9, 1540.
- ❖ Pratap's father, Udai Singh II was the 12th ruler of the Mewar dynasty, who founded Udaipur.
- ❖ Maharana Pratap fought many battles with the Mughals.
- ❖ But the most historic battle was the Battle of Haldighati 1576.

The famous **Battle of Haldighati** was fought on June 21, 1576

THE SHORTEST BATTLE

Fought between
Rana of Mewar,
Maharana Pratap
& Akbar's army led
by Man Singh I

Was the
SHORTEST BATTLE
in history lasting only
4 hours

The war was a result
of the **refusal** of
Maharana Pratap to
surrender Mewar to
Akbar

Mughal forces greatly
outnumbered
Pratap's men

To facilitate Pratap's escape, Man Singh Jhala, his chieftain, donned Pratap's distinctive garments & took his place. He was soon killed

