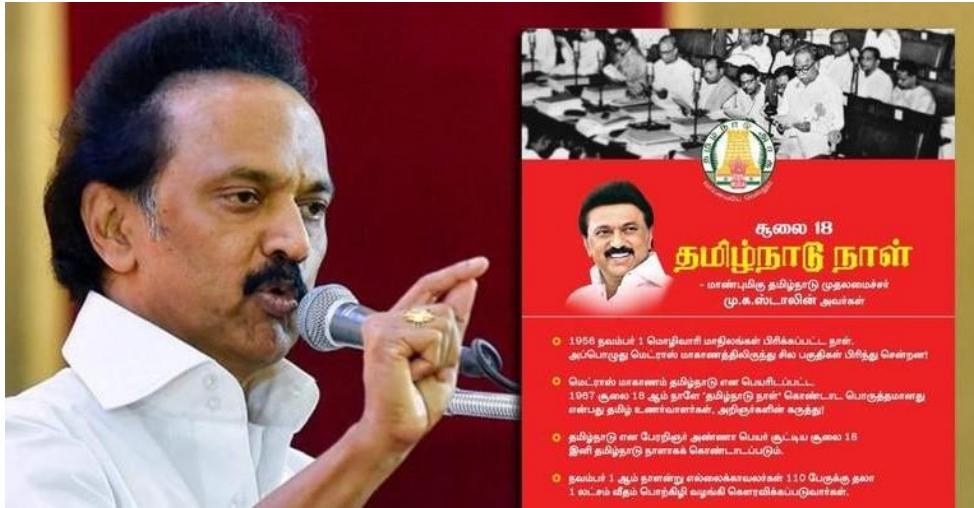


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TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu Day

- ❖ The DMK government announced that July 18 would be observed as Tamil Nadu Day.
- ❖ July 18 was the day on which a resolution moved by then Chief Minister C.N. Annadurai was adopted in the State Legislative Assembly to rename the then Madras Presidency as Tamil Nadu in 1967.
- ❖ Mr Stalin also announced that 'Border Saviours' would be honoured with a cash prize of ₹1 lakh each on November 1 this year as a special case.
- ❖ The Border saviours are the ones who throughout their lifetime indulged in the struggle of safeguarding the border of Tamil Nadu when the linguistic States were formed.
- ❖ There are a total of 110 Border Saviours.



NATIONAL

Suicides among farmworkers

- ❖ The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has released a report on Suicides among farmworkers.
- ❖ The number of agricultural labourers who died by suicide in 2020 was 18% higher than the previous year.
- ❖ Overall, 10,677 people engaged in the farm sector died by suicide in 2020.

- ❖ Landless agricultural labourers, who did not benefit from income support schemes such as PM Kisan, may have faced higher levels of distress during the pandemic.
- ❖ The worst among the States continues to be Maharashtra, with 4,006 suicides in the farm sector, including a 15% increase in farmworker suicides.
- ❖ The other States with a poor record include Karnataka (2016), Andhra Pradesh (889) and Madhya Pradesh (735).
- ❖ Karnataka saw a dismal 43% increase in the number of farmworker suicides in 2020.



Pneumococcal 13-valent Conjugate Vaccine

- ❖ The government has launched a nationwide expansion of Pneumococcal 13 - valent Conjugate Vaccine (PCV).
- ❖ This is under the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) as a part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- ❖ It was for the first time in the country that PCV would be available for universal use.
- ❖ PCV13 protects against 13 types of bacteria that cause pneumococcal disease.
- ❖ Pneumonia caused by pneumococcus is the most common cause of severe pneumonia in children.
- ❖ Pneumonia was a leading cause of death among children under five, globally and in India.
- ❖ Around 16% of deaths in children occur due to pneumonia in India.



World Reputation Rankings 2021

- ❖ 4 Indian institutes have made it to the Times Higher Education (THE's) World Reputation Rankings 2021.
- ❖ The annual ranking of THE features the top 200 universities based on the votes from leading academics across the globe.
- ❖ Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru ranked among the top 100 (91-100) has topped the Indian Institutes.
- ❖ The other 3 Indian institutes are the IIT Bombay, the IIT Delhi, and the IIT Madras.
- ❖ Harvard University of the United States of America (USA) has topped the 2021 ranking.
- ❖ Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA and University of Oxford from the United Kingdom has secured the 2nd and 3rd rank respectively.

ECONOMY

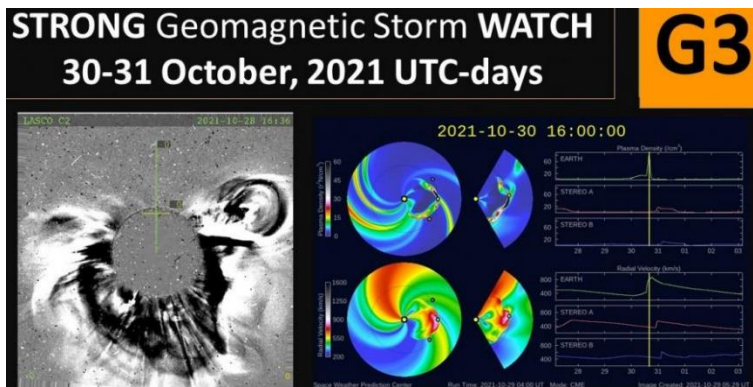
Collateral-free Micro loans

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India has proposed to make micro-lending collateral-free for all the lenders, rather than just for microfinance institutions.
- ❖ The current regulatory framework was implemented with the objective of making credit available to low-income households as well for protecting borrowers from harsh recovery practices of the lenders.
- ❖ This regulatory framework is applicable only to Non-Banking Financial Company - microfinance institutions.
- ❖ In India, loans below Rs.1 lakh are considered small loans or microloans.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Geomagnetic storm

- ❖ The US Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) confirmed that the X1-class solar flare currently erupted from a sunspot called AR2887.
- ❖ It was positioned in the centre of the Sun and facing the Earth, based on its location.
- ❖ The geomagnetic storm that hit Earth on October 30 has been rated as G3 on the 5-step scale of ranking of solar events.
- ❖ The impact of a G3 solar storm is generally nominal.



STATES

FIFA football for school programme

- ❖ Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar has launched the world's first-ever FIFA Football for School Programme at KISS.
- ❖ Football for Schools (F4S) is a worldwide programme run by FIFA.
- ❖ It aims to contribute to the education, development and empowerment of around 700 million children.

Caste based census - Andhra Pradesh

- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Cabinet has decided to request the Centre to take up a caste-based census to mention other backward classes (OBCs) in the national census for 2021.
- ❖ Recently the Telangana government also adopted a similar resolution in the state assembly.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh cabinet has also approved the formation of a separate department for the welfare of economically weaker sections.
- ❖ This department was created with the aim of implementing welfare schemes for upper caste poor people.

Aromatic garden - Uttarakhand

- ❖ Uttarakhand gets India's largest aromatic garden in the Nainital district.
- ❖ The research wing of the Uttarakhand forest department inaugurated the biggest aromatic garden of India in Lalkuan of Nainital district.
- ❖ The garden has 140 different species of aromatic species from across India.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Puneeth Rajkumar (46)

- ❖ Kannada cine superstar Puneeth Rajkumar passed away after suffering a heart attack.
- ❖ He was fondly known as Appu.
- ❖ He was known for hosting Kannadada Kotyadhipati, the Kannada version of the quiz show 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire'.

