



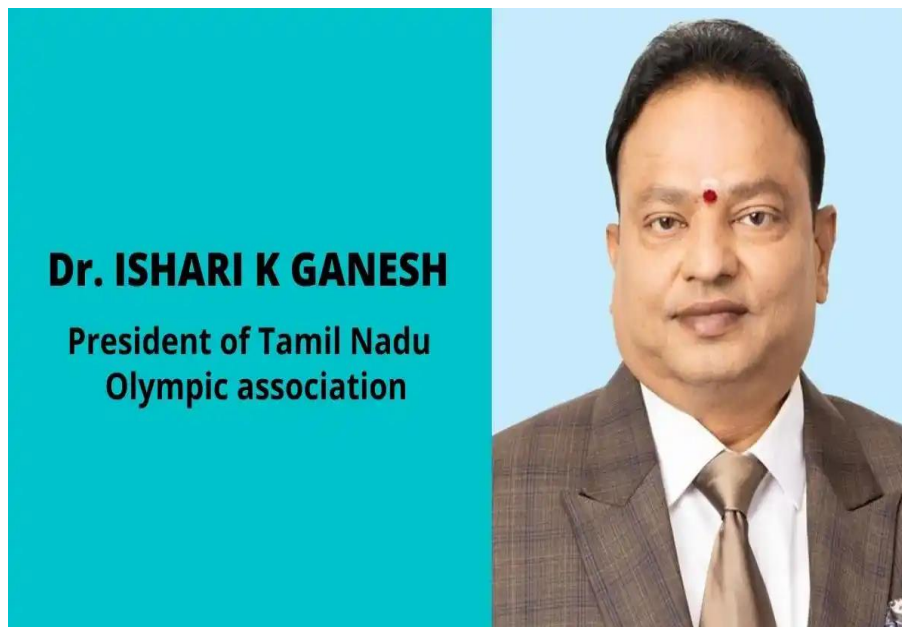
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Chairman of DRDO Dr G Satheesh Reddy has been conferred the prestigious Aryabhata Award by the Astronautical Society of India (ASI).
- ❖ The Indian Women's Badminton team win against Spain in 2020 Uber Cup Finals.
- ❖ A first in the country, the Tamil Nadu government is setting up an "International Furniture Park" at Tuticorin.

TAMIL NADU

TNOA



- ❖ Ishari Ganesh was elected president of Tamilnadu Olympic association (TNOA).
- ❖ The educationist and sports administrator Ishari Ganesh has been the Vice-president of TNOA for the last 15 years.
- ❖ He is the Chairman of the Vels Group of Institutions.
- ❖ He is also the president of Taekwondo Federation of India and Tamil Nadu Taekwondo Association.

Seaweed Park

- ❖ The first Multipurpose Seaweed Park in India will be established in Tamilnadu.
- ❖ India was the fourth largest marine products exporting nation in the world.

Rajya Sabha by polls



- ❖ The two DMK candidates from Tamil Nadu - Dr Kanimozhi NVN Somu and KRN Rajesh Kumar – were elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha.
- ❖ The bypolls were held to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of AIADMK members K P Munusamy and R Vaithilingam following their election to the TN Legislative Assembly.
- ❖ Selvaganabathy became the first BJP MP from Puducherry.

Varumun Kappom

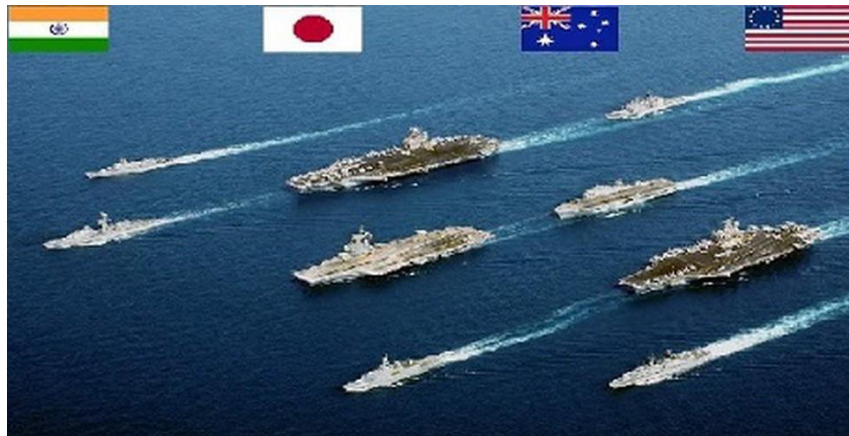
- ❖ Chief minister M K Stalin relaunched the 'Varumun Kappom' (preventive healthcare) scheme as 'Kalaigharin Varumun Kappom' at a function at Vazhapadi.
- ❖ He said 1,250 medical camps would be conducted under the scheme in the state in a year.
- ❖ The Varumun Kappom scheme was first launched by former chief minister M Karunanidhi in 2006.
- ❖ The main objective of the scheme, he said, was to prevent diseases among the people and ensure their health.

- ❖ The camps would address dental, ENT, stomach, intestine, high blood pressure, diphtheria, bone and joint, kidney, heart, and psychiatric related issues.
- ❖ The scheme would be linked to 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' (taking medicines to people's doorstep) scheme to help the newly-identified patients get medicines at their doorsteps.

Tamil Nadu Kalaigarin Varumun Kappom Scheme

NATIONAL

Exercise Malabar 2021



- ❖ India, Japan, the United States and Australia will be participating in the 2nd phase of Multilateral Maritime Exercise Malabar in the Bay of Bengal.

- ❖ The 1st phase of Multilateral Maritime Exercise Malabar was held in the Philippines Sea from August 26 to 29, 2021.
- ❖ The Exercise Malabar began as an annual bilateral naval exercise between the US and India in 1992.

INTERNATIONAL

Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2021

- ❖ The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.
- ❖ It's one half is to given David Card (University of California of USA) "for his empirical contributions to labour economics".
- ❖ The other half jointly to Joshua Angrist (Massachusetts Institute of Technology of USA) and Guido Imbens (Stanford University of USA) "for their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships".
- ❖ In 1968, Sveriges Riksbank (Sweden's central bank) established the Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, founder of the Nobel Prize.
- ❖ The first Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded to Ragnar Frisch and Jan Tinbergen in 1969.

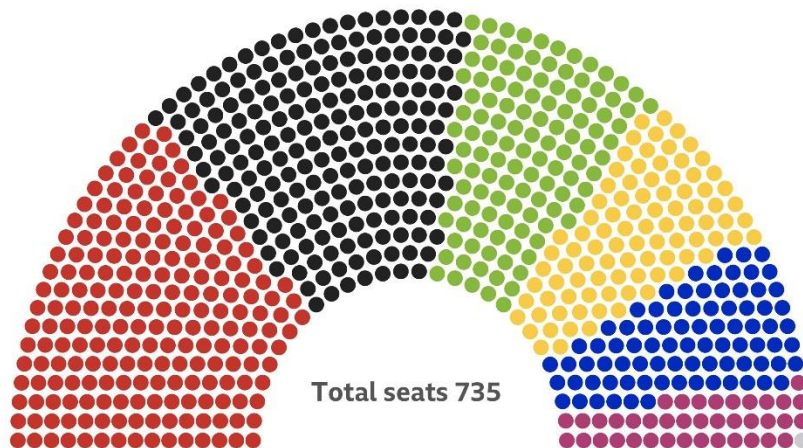


German election 2021

- ❖ Angela Merkel's conservative party has narrowly lost the 2021 German National Elections to elect the members of the 20th Bundestag.
- ❖ The Social Democratic Party has beaten Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Union.
- ❖ It will take at least three parties to form a stable government.
- ❖ It is for the first time since the founding of the German federal republic 72 years ago (1949).
- ❖ Angela Merkel had taken office in 2005, becoming the first female chancellor of Germany.
- ❖ The Bundestag is the German federal parliament.

How the new German parliament looks

- SPD (206) ● CDU-CSU (196) ● Greens (118) ● FDP (92)
● AfD (83) ● Linke (39) ● SSW (1)



The 'Ecological Threat Report (ETR) 2021: Understanding ecological threats, resilience and peace'

- ❖ It was released by the Institute of Economics and Peace.
- ❖ It assessed the data from sub-national administrative units in 178 countries for threats relating to food risk, water risk, rapid population growth, temperature anomalies & natural disasters.
- ❖ The most vulnerable countries are clustered in the Middle East and North Africa, sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.
- ❖ As a region, south Asia is the worst-placed, with water and food risks.



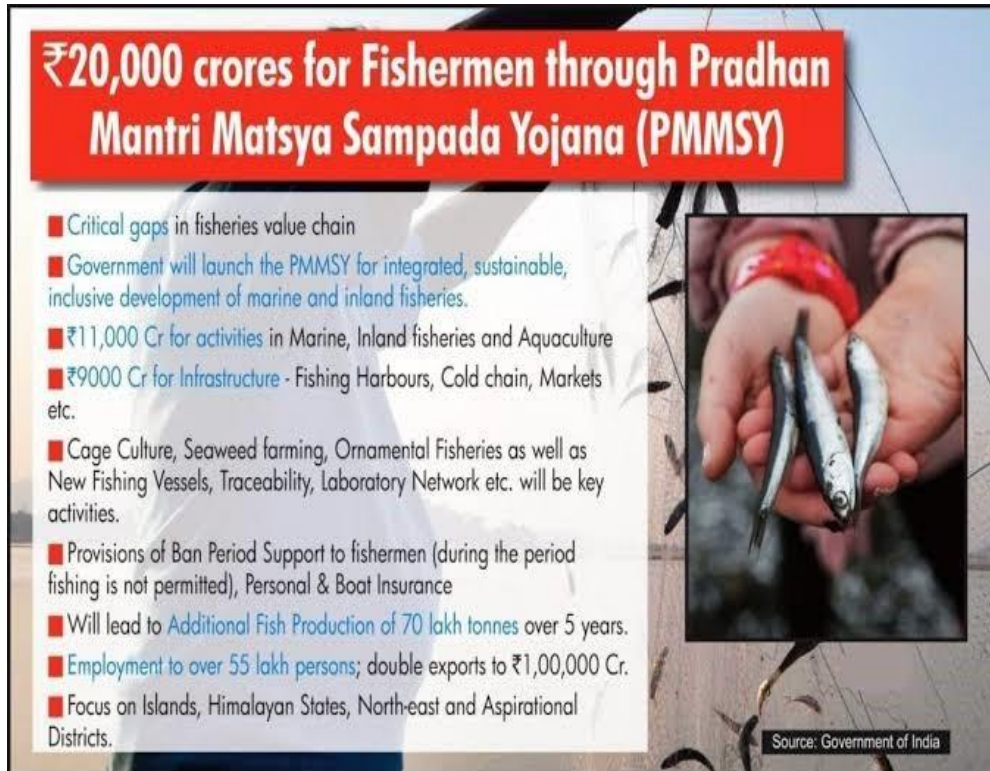
STATES

Athirappally hydroelectric project



- ❖ The Kerala government has called off the proposed 163-megwatt Athirappally hydroelectric power project on the Chalakudy river basin in Thrissur district.
- ❖ The Chalakudy River is a tributary of the Periyar River and originates in the Anamalai region of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Kadar tribal community has faced continued displacement due to the commissioning of different hydel power projects in the Chalakudy river basin.

Nationwide River Ranching Programme



₹20,000 crores for Fishermen through Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

- Critical gaps in fisheries value chain
- Government will launch the PMMSY for integrated, sustainable, inclusive development of marine and inland fisheries.
- ₹11,000 Cr for activities in Marine, Inland fisheries and Aquaculture
- ₹9000 Cr for Infrastructure - Fishing Harbours, Cold chain, Markets etc.
- Cage Culture, Seaweed farming, Ornamental Fisheries as well as New Fishing Vessels, Traceability, Laboratory Network etc. will be key activities.
- Provisions of Ban Period Support to fishermen (during the period fishing is not permitted), Personal & Boat Insurance
- Will lead to Additional Fish Production of 70 lakh tonnes over 5 years.
- Employment to over 55 lakh persons; double exports to ₹1,00,000 Cr.
- Focus on Islands, Himalayan States, North-east and Aspirational Districts.

Source: Government of India

- ❖ It was recently launched in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ It was introduced as special activity under the 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme.
- ❖ The National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad is the nodal agency.
- ❖ Along with Uttar Pradesh, other 4 states namely, Orissa, Uttarakhand, Tripura and Chhattisgarh also participated in this programme.
- ❖ 3 lakhs fingerlings were ranched at 3 sites in UP, namely, Brijghat, Tigri, Meerut, Garhmukteshwar and Bijnor.
- ❖ River Ranching is a form of aquaculture in which a population of a fish species (such as salmon) is held in captivity.

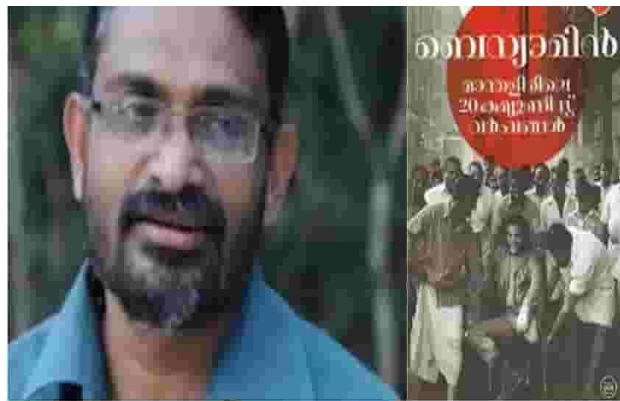
PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Satyajit Ray Award

- ❖ Telugu filmmaker B Gopal, alias Bejawada Gopal, has been chosen for the fourth Satyajit Ray Award.
- ❖ The award is instituted by the Satyajit Ray Film Society Kerala, a state-based organisation.

Vayalar Award

- ❖ The Malayalam writer Benyamin has bagged the 45th Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Literary Award for his book “Manthalirile 20 Communist Varshangal”.
- ❖ This award is instituted by the Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Trust.



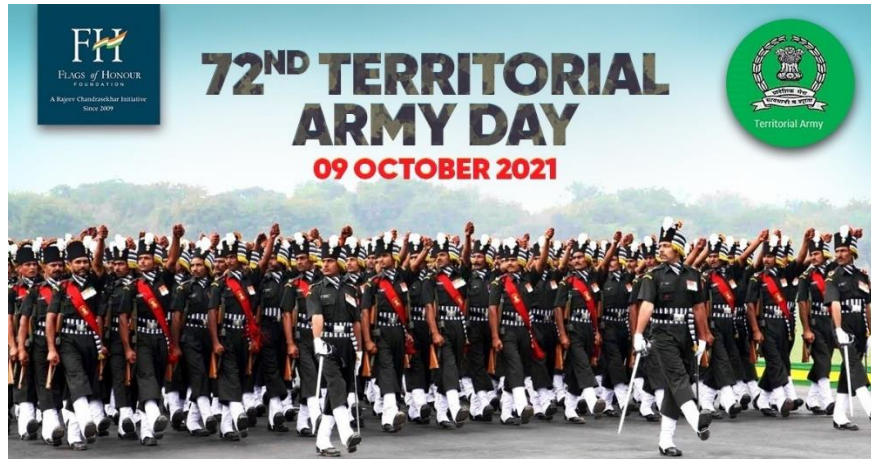
Vayalar Award 2021

Vayalar Award for Benyamin; Manthalirile
20 Communist Varshangal

IMPORTANT DAYS

72nd Territorial Army Day – 09 October

- ❖ India's first Governor General C Rajagopalachari formally inaugurated the Indian Territorial Army on October 9 in 1949.
- ❖ Territorial Army comes under the Defence Ministry.



World Hospice and Palliative Care Day – 09 October



- ❖ It is an annual unified day of action to celebrate and support hospice and palliative care around the world.
- ❖ The theme of this year is "Leave no-one behind - equity in access to palliative care".

World Arthritis Day – 12 October

- ❖ It is to spread awareness about the existence and impact of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases.



- ❖ "Arthritis" is an umbrella term that encompasses the common disabling disorders that primarily or secondarily affect joints.
- ❖ This year the theme of the day is 'Don't Delay, Connect Today: Time2Work'.

