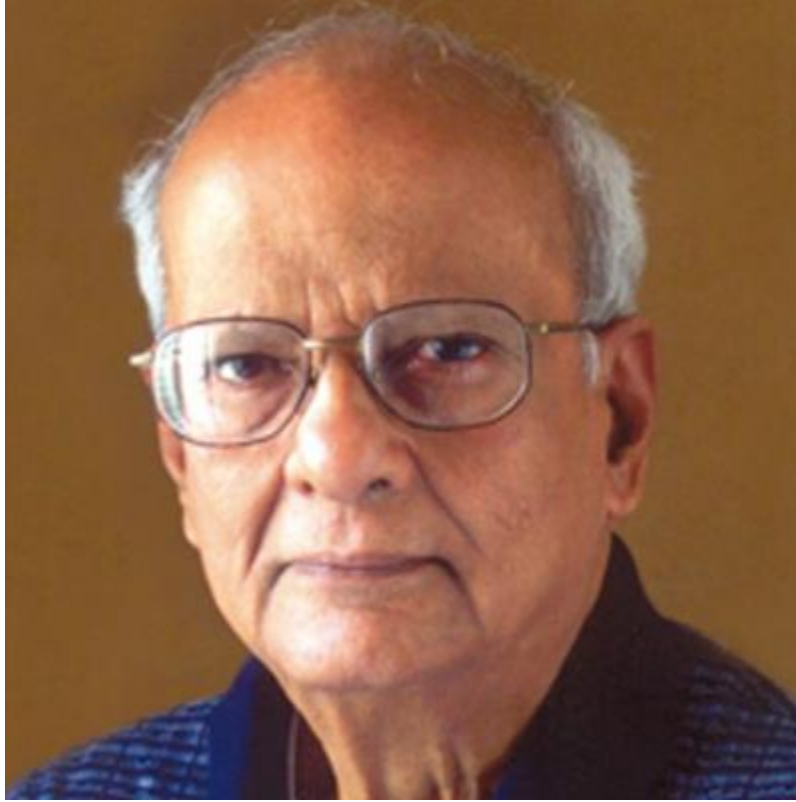




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Indira Parthasarathy - Sahitya Academy



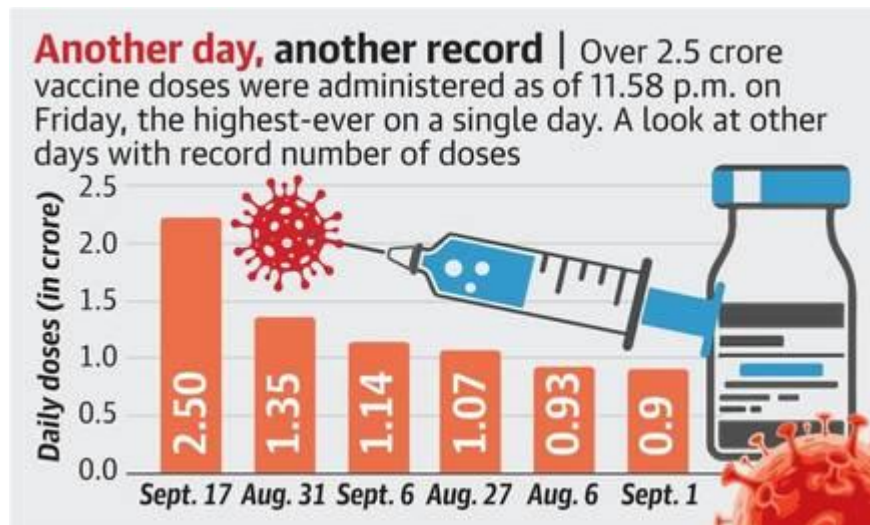
- ❖ After a gap of 25 years, the Sahitya Academy has chosen a Tamil litterateur, Indira Parthasarathy for its highest honour of Fellowship.
- ❖ He is commonly known as Ee. Paa.
- ❖ In 1996, D. Jayakanthan, aged 62, was the youngest to become a Fellow of the Academy.
- ❖ Before him, only two from the Tamil literary world.
- ❖ They were Rajaji or C. Rajagopalachari (1969) and T.P. Meenakshisundaram (1975).
- ❖ Though V. Raghavan (1979) and K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar (1985), both Tamils, were also given the Fellowship, they were recognised for their contributions to Sanskrit and the Indian writing in English.
- ❖ Indira Parthasarathy is author of over 40 books, including 16 novels, 10 plays and six collections of short stories.
- ❖ Prof. Parthasarathy is noted for his works on political themes.

- ❖ He considers the play Ramanujar his magnum opus.
- ❖ His Kurithi Punal, written against the backdrop of the 1968 Keezh venmani massacre of 42 poor farmers, fetched him the Sahitya academy award in 1977.
- ❖ He went on to win several prestigious awards, including the Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad Award and the Saraswati Samman.
- ❖ He is the only Tamil writer to be given awards by both the Sahitya and Sangeet Natak Academies.

NATIONAL

2.50 cores COVID-19 vaccine doses

- ❖ India on September 17, 2021, administered a record number of over 2.50 cores COVID-19 vaccine doses on the occasion of PM Modi's 71 birthday.
- ❖ Karnataka with over 26.9 lakh doses administered the highest number.
- ❖ It was followed by Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat.



Cordelia Cruises - IRCTC

- ❖ The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has joined hands and signed the agreement with Cordelia Cruises.
- ❖ Cordelia Cruises is being operated by M/s Waterways Leisure Tourism Pvt. Ltd.
- ❖ This is for promotion and marketing of the first indigenous luxury cruise in India.
- ❖ This is another incredible luxury travel offering under IRCTC's umbrella of tourism services to the public.

- ❖ The luxury travel offering in the form of the indigenous cruise will take guests on-boards to some of the most popular Indian and international tourist destinations – such as Goa, Diu, Kochi, the Lakshadweep islands, and Sri Lanka.



SPIN Scheme

- ❖ The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched the Strengthening the Potential of India (SPIN) Scheme.
- ❖ It set up a pottery cluster under SFURTI Scheme in Varanasi to empower the marginalized potters.
- ❖ SPIN Scheme is a specially-designed no-subsidy program that enables to make potters self-sustainable.
- ❖ It enables the registered potters to get easy direct loans from the banks under Pradhan Mantri Shishu Mudra Yojana.
- ❖ Under the SPIN Scheme, KVIC is acting as a facilitator for financial aid to potters through RBL bank and also providing training to the artisans.
- ❖ There will be no financial burden on the exchequer.
- ❖ The loan will be repaid by the potter in easy instalments.

Shining Sikh Youth of India book

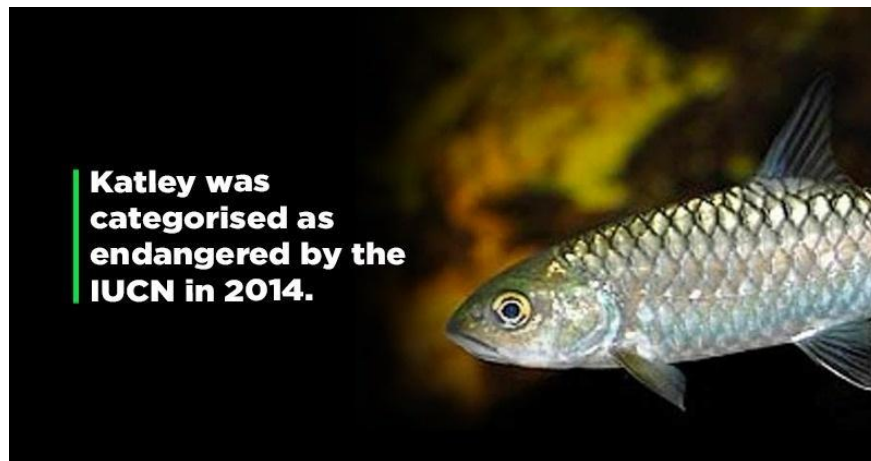
- ❖ The Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has released a book titled 'Shining Sikh Youth of India' in New Delhi.
- ❖ He released this as a part of the commemoration of the 400th birth anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Guru of Sikhs.
- ❖ The book has been authored by Dr Prabhleen Singh, administrative officer at the Punjabi University, Patiala.

- ❖ It covers 100 inspirational and motivational success stories of Sikh youth in India.



STATES

State fish - Sikkim



- ❖ The Government of Sikkim has declared 'Cooper Mahseer' locally named as 'Katley' as the state fish.
- ❖ *Neolissochilus hexagonolepis* is the scientific name of the Cooper Mahseer.
- ❖ The decision has been taken to highlight the importance of the Katley fish and to give emphasis to its conservation measures.
- ❖ The fish has high market value.
- ❖ It is highly preferred by the public in the State.

- ❖ The Sikkim government has also declared the reservoirs of the State to be open for fishing activities.
- ❖ The reservoirs are in Chungthang in North Sikkim, Legshep in West Sikkim along with Dikchu and Rorathang in East Sikkim.

Hathei chilli and Tamenglong mandarin orange



- ❖ Two famous products of Manipur, Hathei chilli, which is found in Manipur's Ukrul district and is known for its unique flavour, and Tamenglong mandarin orange have been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ❖ The Hathei chilly works as a good anti-oxidant and possesses high calcium and Vitamin C levels.
- ❖ It has an extremely high American Spice Trade Association (ASTA) colour value of 164.
- ❖ The extractable colour of chilli is usually expressed using ASTA values.
- ❖ The Tamenglong mandarin orange is bigger in size.
- ❖ It is a unique sweet and sour flavour.
- ❖ It has high juice content (around 45 per cent) and is rich in ascorbic acid (48.12 mg/100ml).

The new Punjab Chief Minister

- ❖ Charanjit Singh Channi is appointed as the new Punjab Chief Minister.
- ❖ The Minister of Technical Educational & industrial Training in the Punjab government is now appointed as the new Punjab Chief Minister.

- ❖ He was appointed as the Chief minister after Captain Amarinder Singh resigned from the post.
- ❖ This is the first time ever that Punjab has got a chief minister from a scheduled caste community.



SPORTS

70th Grandmaster - R Raja Rithvik



- ❖ India's R Raja Rithvik became chess Grandmaster after he crossed the ELO Rating of 2500.
- ❖ The 17-year-old achieved this GM title in Vezerkepzo Grandmaster Chess Tournament at Budapest, Hungary.
- ❖ He thus became the 70th Grandmaster from the country.
- ❖ A native of Warangal, Rithvik has been undergoing advanced coaching under reputed coach N.V.S. Rama Raju.

Women's 1500m race - National record

- ❖ Harmilan Kaur Bains of Punjab has created a new national record in the women's 1500m race.
- ❖ She clocked 4:05.39 to bag the gold at the 60th National Open Athletics Championships in the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Hanamkonda in Telangana.
- ❖ With this achievement, the 23-year-old athlete has erased the 19-year-old record held by Sunita Rani in 1500m at the 2002 Asian Games in Busan by clocking 4:06.03.



Asian Snooker Championship 2021

- ❖ India's Pankaj Advani won the Asian Snooker Championship 2021 by defeating Amir Sarkhosh.
- ❖ He has won this title for a second consecutive time.
- ❖ He is the winner of the last Asian Snooker Championship held in 2019.



- ❖ In 2019, Pankaj also became the only player who won the titles in all forms of billiards, snooker, 6Reds, and 10Reds competitions.
- ❖ Yasin Merchant (1989, 2001), Alok Kumar (2004), Aditya Mehta (2012) were the other Indians who won the championship.



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