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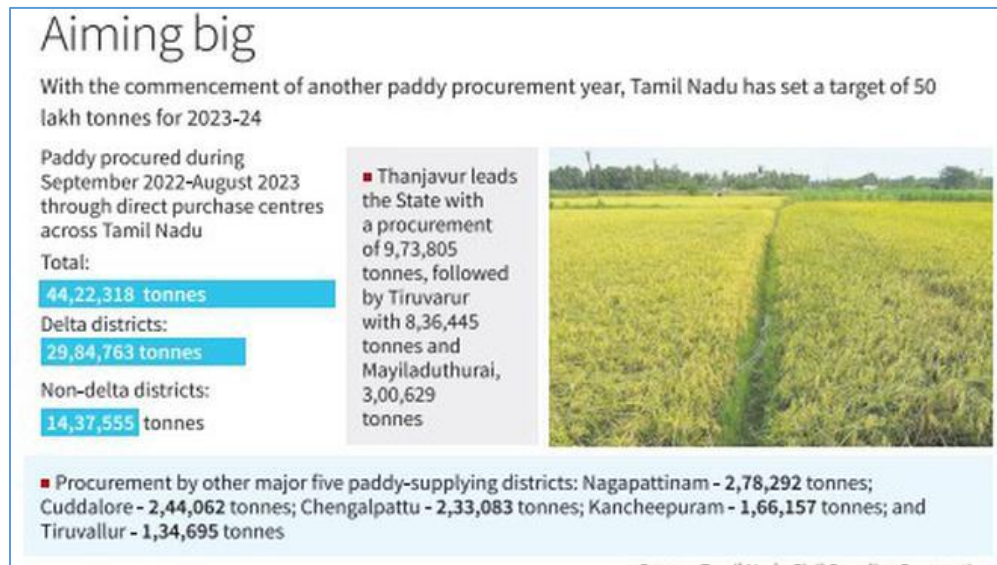
TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Actor R Madhavan is nominated as the new President of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune, and chairman of the governing council.
- ❖ Bhaderwah Rajma and Ramban Sulai Honey from Jammu and Kashmir have earned coveted Geographical Indication (GI) Tag.

TAMIL NADU

Paddy procurement target

- ❖ Tamil Nadu procured about 44.22 lakh tonnes of paddy during 2022-23.
- ❖ The State has set a target of 50 lakh tonnes for 2023-24.
- ❖ The plan has drawn up by the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (TNCSC).



Rice procurement order

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (TNCSC) has placed an order with the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF) for the supply of 7 lakh tonnes of rice.
- ❖ It will be used for the public distribution system.
- ❖ The monthly allocation by the Centre to Tamil Nadu is approximately 2.97 lakh tonnes of rice for PDS under the National Food Security Act (NFSA).

- ❖ Over and above this quantity, the State requires, on an average, 50,000 tonnes to 60,000 tonnes per month.



NATIONAL

“Special Session” of Parliament



- ❖ A session of both Houses of Parliament will be held from September 18-22 without Question Hour or private members' business.

- ❖ Generally, three parliamentary sessions are held in a year -- Budget, Monsoon and Winter sessions.
- ❖ The Constitution does not use the term “special session”.
- ❖ The term sometimes refers to sessions the government has convened for specific occasions, like commemorating parliamentary or national milestones.
- ❖ However, Article 352 (Proclamation of Emergency) of the Constitution does refer to a “special sitting of the House”.
- ❖ For the two Houses to be in session, the presiding officers should chair their proceedings.

Committee on ‘One Nation, One Election’

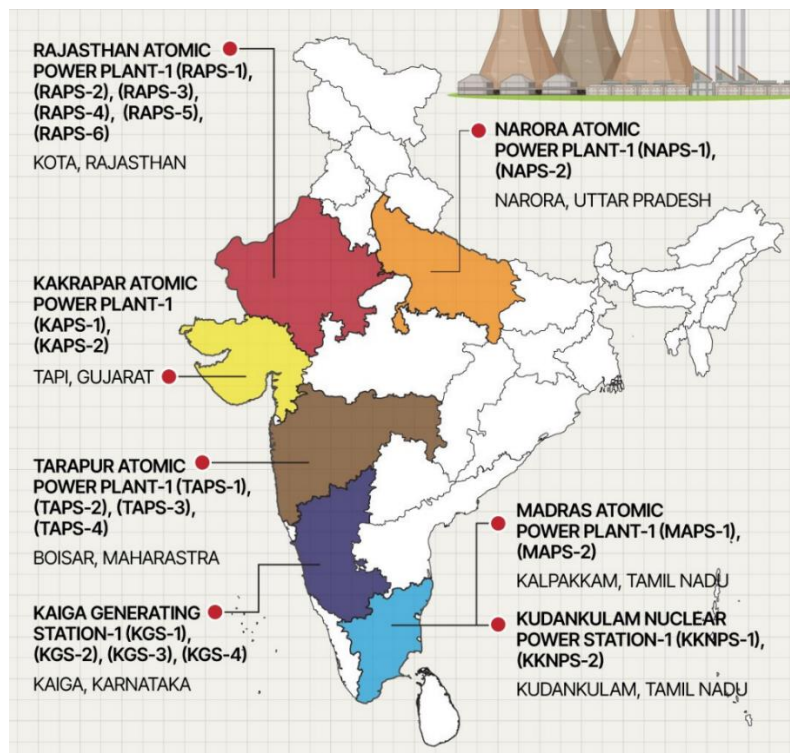
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மிசோரம்	டிசம்பர் 2023	கோவா	மார்ச் 2027
சத்தீஸ்கர்	ஜனவரி 2024	மணிப்பூர்	மார்ச் 2027
மத்திய பிரதேசம்	ஜனவரி 2024	பஞ்சாப்	மார்ச் 2027
ராஜஸ்தான்	ஜனவரி 2024	உத்தரகாண்ட்	மார்ச் 2027
தெலங்காணா	ஜனவரி 2024	உத்தரப் பிரதேசம்	மே 2027
ஆந்திரா	ஜூன் 2024	குஜராத்	டிசம்பர் 2027
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ஒடிசா	ஜூன் 2024	மேகாலயா	மார்ச் 2028
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ஜார்க்கண்ட்	டிசம்பர் 2024		
புதுடெல்லி	பிப்ரவரி 2025		
பீகார்	நவம்பர் 2025		
அசாம்	மே 2026		
கேரளா	மே 2026		
தமிழ்நாடு	மே 2026		
மேற்கு வங்கம்	மே 2026		
புதுச்சேரி	ஜூன் 2026		

- ❖ The Law Ministry had issued a notification on the ‘One Nation One Election’ committee.
- ❖ The committee has former President of India Ram Nath Kovind as chairman.
- ❖ It has seven other members which includes Home Minister Amit Shah, Senior Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and others.
- ❖ The panel will commence functioning immediately and make recommendations at the earliest.

- ❖ The present committee will be the fourth one to examine the possibility of simultaneous elections.
- ❖ Earlier, the prospect was discussed by the Law Commission, NITI Aayog, and a Parliamentary Standing Committee.

India's Largest Home-Built Nuclear Plant

- ❖ India's first indigenously developed 700 MW nuclear power plant in Gujarat's Kakrapar has started operations at full capacity.
- ❖ The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) is building two 700 MW pressurised heavy water reactors (PHWRs) at Kakrapar.
- ❖ It is also home to two 220 MW power plants.
- ❖ The NPCIL currently operates 23 commercial nuclear power reactors across the country.
- ❖ It has plans to build a total of 16 700 MW PHWRs at various locations in India.



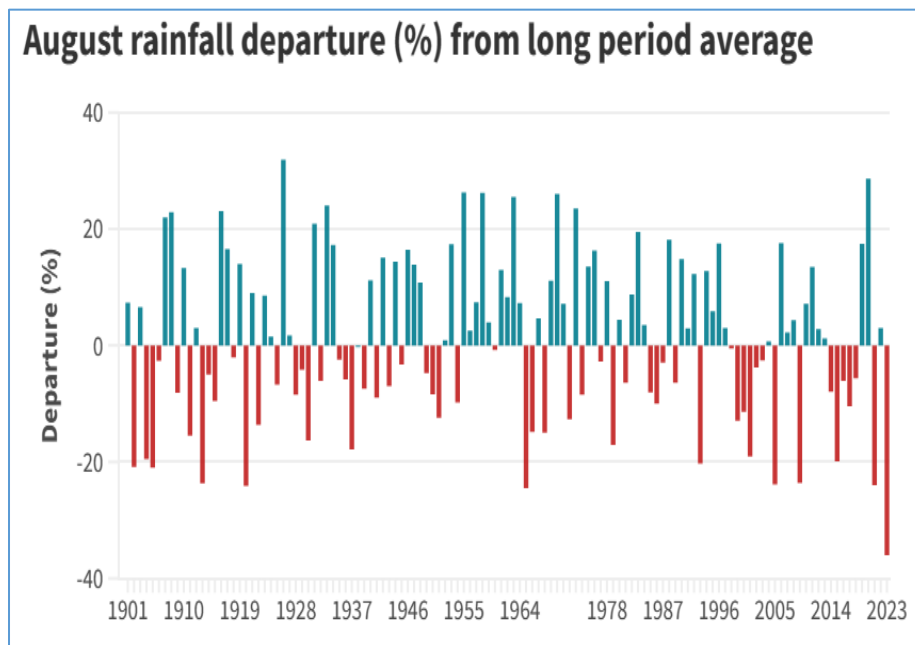
ENVIRONMENT

Rainfall in August 2023

- ❖ Rainfall in August had been the least in over a century.



- ❖ India got 36% less rain than it usually does in the month.
- ❖ Of the four monsoon months, August usually sees the most amount of rainfall (25.4 cm) after July's 28 cm.
- ❖ The last time India recorded such severe deficits in August was in 2005, when the shortfall was about 25% of the normal.
- ❖ In 2009, India saw its biggest drought in half a century and August rainfall was 24% less than what was due.
- ❖ Rainfall in August has brought the overall, national deficit to 10%.
- ❖ The regional deficits are being 17% in east and northeast India, 10% in central India, and 17% in southern India.
- ❖ Strengthening of the El Nino and unfavourable conditions both in the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal August rainfall has been markedly deficient in most of India.



STATES

Aadhaar Linked Birth Registration

- ❖ Nagaland became the first among the eight States in the northeast to start Aadhaar-linked birth registration.
- ❖ It facilitates birth registration-based Aadhaar enrolment for children up to five years of age.

- ❖ The ALBR will play a vital role in enrolling newborn babies and also cover children below the age of five years.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

First woman to head railway board



- ❖ The central government has appointed Jaya Verma Sinha as the new Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board.
- ❖ She is the first woman ever to head the Railway Board in its 166-year history.
- ❖ The Railway Board is the top decision-making body for Indian Railways.
- ❖ She will be responsible for overseeing the overall transportation of freight and passenger services.

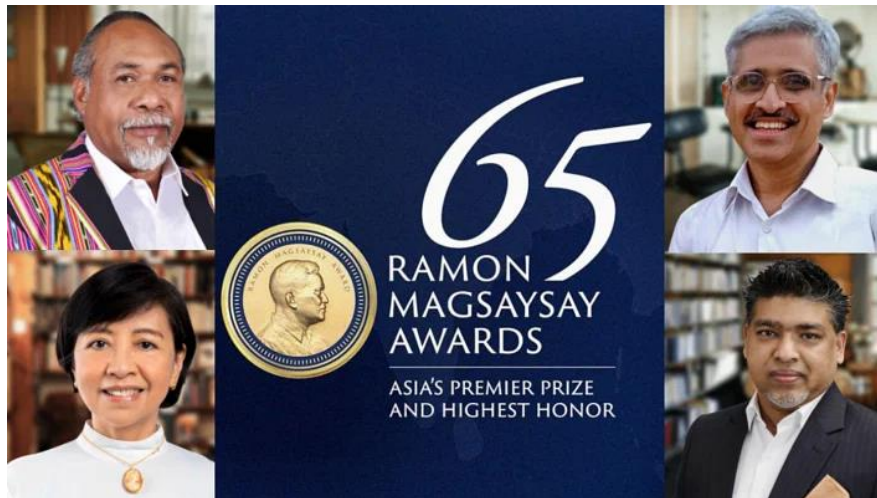
New president of Singapore

- ❖ Former Singapore deputy prime minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam was elected as new president.

- ❖ In 2011, he became Deputy Prime Minister while still overseeing the finance portfolio.
- ❖ He was born in Singapore in 1957, to a Tamil father and a Chinese mother.
- ❖ His father, Kanagaratnam Shanmugaratnam, was a renowned pathologist and cancer researcher.



Ramon Magsaysay Award



- ❖ Renowned oncologist Dr Ravi Kannan, director was declared as one of the awardees of Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023.
- ❖ This is awarded for his contribution towards providing cancer care to patients from the North Eastern states of India.
- ❖ He has been announced as the distinguished recipient of the 'Hero For Holistic Healthcare' award.



- ❖ Ravi hails from Chennai in Tamil Nadu is worked at Chennai's Adyar Cancer Institute.
- ❖ The other winners of the 65th edition of the Ramon Magsaysay Award is
 - Korvi Rakshand – Bangladesh
 - Eugenio Lemos - Timor-Leste
 - Miriam Coronel-Ferrer - Philippines
- ❖ This Award is often called the 'Nobel Prize of Asia'.

SPORTS

India's top chess player

- ❖ Grandmaster D. Gukesh has replaced Viswanathan Anand as India's top chess player after more than three decades.
- ❖ Anand has been India's No.1 since July 1986.
- ❖ The 17-year-old Chennai Grandmaster moved ahead of Anand to be ranked No.8 in the world.
- ❖ Gukesh's entry into the top 10 of the FIDE rating list marks a significant milestone.
- ❖ He has climbed three places in the rating list since August 1.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Tibetan Democracy Day 2023 - September 02

- ❖ Tibetan Democracy Day was marked with the inauguration of the Tibetan government-in-exile in Dharamshala on September 2.

- ❖ On September 2, 1960, the first elected representatives of the Tibetan Parliament-in-exile took their oaths in Bodh Gaya to inaugurate the Tibetan democratic system.
- ❖ In 1963, the Dalai Lama enacted the Tibetan constitution based on the ideals of democracy and universal values.
- ❖ In 1975, Kashag, the apex body of CTA, declared September 2 as the founding day of Tibetan democracy.

