


June – 30

## TAMIL NADU

### Tamizh Maravan

- ❖ Tamil Maravan (Cirrochroa thais) butterfly has been declared as the State Butterfly of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ This tawny-coloured butterfly with a dark brown outer ring is endemic to the Western Ghats and is one of the 32 butterfly species found in Western Ghats.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has become the 5<sup>th</sup> state in the country to announce its state butterfly.
- ❖ Maharashtra was the first to declare Blue Mormon as its state butterfly, followed by Uttarakhand (Common peacock), Karnataka (Southern bird wings) and Kerala (Malabar banded peacock).

SPECIAL STATUS		OTHER RECOGNIZED SPECIES IN TN
<p><b>TIDBITS ABOUT TAMIL YEOMAN BUTTERFLY SPECIES</b></p> <p><b>Habitat</b>   Endemic to Western Ghats. They occur in moist deciduous, evergreen forests and along streams</p> <p><b>Size</b>   60-75 mm</p> <p><b>Habit</b>   Fast, straight flight with few wing beats and long glide</p> <p><b>Larva</b>   They lay eggs in vertical chains of 8-10. Larva initially stay in group, below the leaf and often in shady areas. They eat edges of soft tender leaves</p> <p>No. of butterfly hotspots in TN   32</p>		
		
<p>Scientific name   Cirrochroa thais</p>		

- ❖ The other symbols of Tamil Nadu are
  - Government seal: Srivilliputhur Andal temple tower
  - Animal: Niligiri Tahr
  - Bird: Emerald Dove
  - Flower: Flame lily
  - Tree: Palm tree
  - Fruit: Jack fruit
  - Sport: Kabbadi
  - Dance: Bharata natiyam

## NATIONAL

### Go Tribal Campaign

- ❖ Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Renuka Singh has launched the “Go Tribal Campaign” in partnership with Amazon Global and TRIFED.
- ❖ The collaboration aims to create awareness and promote tribal arts and crafts as well as aid in socio-economic welfare of over 700 Indian tribes and the TRIFED.

### TRIFED

- ❖ The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) was formed in 1987.
- ❖ It is a national-level apex organization functioning under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- ❖ It is head quartered in Delhi and has 13 regional offices.
- ❖ Its objective is to provide fair price to the products made or collected from the forest by the tribals.



## ECONOMY

### Aruna Sundararajan Committee

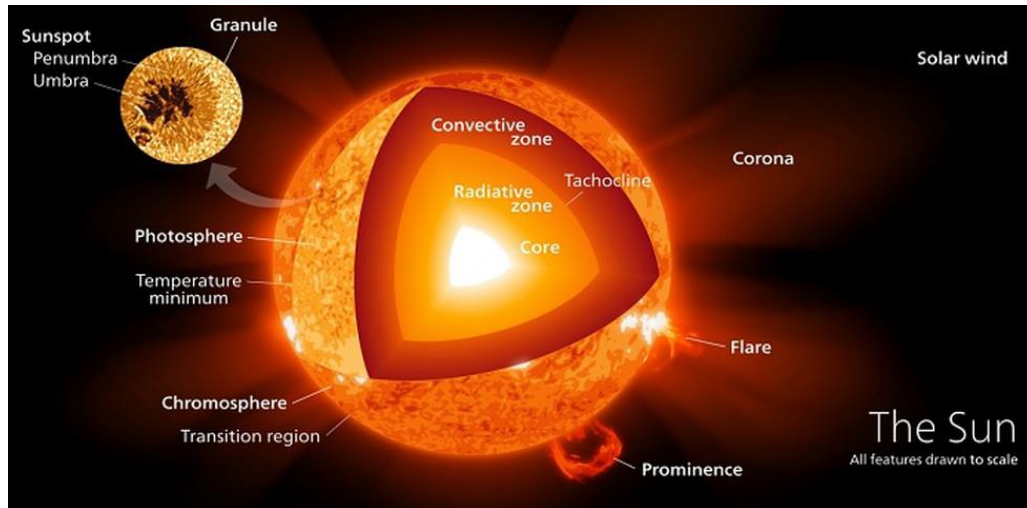
- ❖ The Union Telecom ministry has formed a committee under Aruna Sundararajan to revive the Telecom sector.
- ❖ The committee will review levies, including spectrum usage charge and promote ease of doing business in the telecom sector.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Punch Mission

- ❖ Dipankar Banerjee, an Indian solar physicist from Indian Institute of Astrophysics has been selected as a Co-Investigator of PUNCH mission by NASA.

- ❖ PUNCH stands for “Polarimeter to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere”.
- ❖ It will image regions beyond the Sun’s outer corona.
- ❖ It will image and track the solar wind and the coronal mass ejections.
- ❖ The coronal mass ejections can affect and drive space weather events near the Earth.



## Fast Radio Burst

- ❖ A team of international astronomers have determined for the first time the precise source of a one-off fast radio bursts (FRBs).
- ❖ FRBs flash for only a micro-instant but can emit as much energy in a millisecond as the Sun does in 10,000 years.
- ❖ This first FBR was detected in 2007.

## STATES

### Nagaland's NRC

- ❖ Nagaland has decided to start a variant of the National Register of Citizens similar to the one in Assam.
- ❖ It is named as Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN).
- ❖ It is supposed to be a master list of all indigenous peoples and will check the issuance of fake indigenous inhabitant certificates.



### **First Resilient Kerala**

- ❖ The Union Government, Government of Kerala and the World Bank have signed a Loan Agreement of USD 250 million for the “First Resilient Kerala Program”.
- ❖ It aims to enhance Kerala’s resilience against the impacts of natural disasters and climate change.
- ❖ It is part of Union Government’s support to Kerala’s ‘Rebuild Kerala Development Programme’ aimed at building a green and resilient Kerala.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS**

### **President's award - NALCO**

- ❖ Odisha based Navaratna NALCO has been selected for President's award for utilisation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund in social development.
- ❖ In 2015 it started a program called “Aliali Jiha” similar to Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.
- ❖ It paid education expense from Class 8 to 10 for 416 girls from BPL families of 66 villages in Anugul and Koraput districts.



### **Lifetime Achievement Award - Mark Tully**

- ❖ Veteran British journalist Sir Mark Tully was conferred with 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at UK-India Awards in London for his contributions to UK-India relationship.
- ❖ He was the former Chief of BBC in New Delhi and was conferred Padma Shree in 1992, Padma Bhushan in 2005.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **National Statistics Day – June 29**

- ❖ The National Statistics Day is observed annually on June 29.



- ❖ The theme of this year's Statistics Day is Sustainable Development Goals.
- ❖ This day commemorates the birth occasion of Professor P C Mahalanobis.
- ❖ He was the chief architect of Indian statistical system as well as father of statistical science in India.
- ❖ He established the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) in 1931 in Kolkata.
- ❖ He was a member of the Planning Commission.
- ❖ The “Mahalanobis model” was employed in the Second Five Year Plan, which worked towards the rapid industrialisation of India.

### **International Day of Tropics - June 29**

- ❖ The International Day of Tropics is observed every year on 29 June across the world.

- ❖ The day was proclaimed to mark anniversary of launch of 'State of the Tropics Report' by Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi on 29 June 2014.
- ❖ It is being celebrated since 2016 based on a UN General Assembly resolution.
- ❖ It aims to raise awareness on climate challenges faced by tropical areas and the issues affecting world's tropical zone.



### **International Asteroid Day - June 30**

- ❖ The International Asteroid day is celebrated on June 30 of every year.
- ❖ It is held on the anniversary of the Siberian Tunguska event that took place on June 30, 1908.
- ❖ It was the most harmful known asteroid-related event on Earth in recent history.
- ❖ Asteroid Day aims to raise awareness about asteroids and what can be done to protect the Earth and future generations from a catastrophic event.
- ❖ Asteroid Day was officially declared on December 3, 2014.

### **International Day of Parliamentarism - June 30**

- ❖ June 30 is the day designated by United Nations to celebrate the annual International Day of Parliamentarism.
- ❖ It was proclaimed by UN General Assembly in May 2018 to recognise the role of parliaments in national plans and strategies.
- ❖ It is also the day on which the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the global organization of parliaments was established in 1889.



- ❖ This Day celebrates parliaments and the ways in which parliamentary systems of government improve the day-to-day lives of people the world over.
- ❖ In conflict prone countries like Afghanistan, Iraq robust parliaments can bring peace and functioning government to the people.

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