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People in the news

Lt Gen MU Nair has been appointed as the new National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC).

- ❖ Lieutenant General MU Nair has been appointed as the new National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC) by the National Cyber Coordination Center (NCCC), a cyber security and e-surveillance agency under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India.
- ❖ He is India's third cyber security chief after Lt Gen (retd) Dr Rajesh Pant, before Gulshan Roy, who was the first chief.



Lt Gen Nair

- ❖ A distinguished alumnus of the esteemed National Defense Academy, Lt Gen MU Nair was honoured with the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and the Sena Medal.
- ❖ He has expertise in cyber warfare, signals intelligence and communications and information technology at national and global levels.

National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC)

The Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC) under the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) coordinates various agencies at the national level for cyber security matters.

Vice Admiral Atul Anand took charge as Additional Secretary, Department of Military Affairs

- ❖ Vice Admiral Atul Anand has been appointed Additional Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, Ministry of Defense (MoD).
- ❖ He will succeed Lt. Gen. Anil Puri, who retires on February 28, 2023.



Vice Admiral Atul Anand

- ❖ He was commissioned into the Executive Branch of the Indian Navy on January 1, 1988.
- ❖ He is an alumnus of the National Defense Academy (71st Course, Delta Force).
- ❖ He is a recipient of Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) and Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM).
- ❖ He also served as the navigating officer of Indian Navy ships Sarada, Ranvijay and Jyoti.



Tamil Nadu girl participating in Miss America pageant

- ❖ Florence Helen Nalini from Chennai has been selected as India's first representative from Tamil Nadu in the Miss World pageant to be held this month in South America.
- ❖ In the last year 2020, when she was paralyzed at home due to corona, she fought with self-confidence and registered for the Miss World pageant through her daughter's encouragement.
- ❖ Out of 6500 people registered, 52 people have been selected for the Miss World pageant. Florence Helen Nalini, a Chennai woman from Tamil Nadu, has been selected as India's representative.



Kameshwar Rao Kodavanti has been appointed Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of SBI.

- ❖ 'Kameshwar Rao Kodavanti' has vast experience in Banking, Forex and Finance, and Accounting.
- ❖ Kodavanti has taken the place of Charanjit Surinder Singh Attra who has resigned from the post.
- ❖ Kodavanti appointment has become effective from 1 July 2023.
- ❖ Before this appointment, he was a Chartered Accountant (CA) of SBI since 1991.



Sports

9th Champion – India

- ❖ In the final match of the 14th South Asian Football Confederation (SAF) Cup, India defeated Kuwait in a penalty shoot-out to become champions for the 9th time.
- ❖ The game was tied 1-1 at the end of regulation time before going into extra time. Subsequently, India won the penalty shoot-out with a score of 5-4 and retained the trophy.
- ❖ Indian captain Sunil Chhetri won the award for scoring the most goals (7) in the tournament and the most valuable player award.
- ❖ Earlier, India had participated in the 1993, 1997, 1999, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2015 and 2021 editions of the tournament.





Art and Culture

Pottery tiles inscribed with Tamil script in Tulukkarpatti

Tulkarpatti Excavation

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has ordered the excavation work at a total of eight places in Tamil Nadu and the preliminary work is being completed.
- ❖ In continuation of this, the second phase of excavation work is currently being carried out in the Nambiyatu basin at TulukkarPatti village near Valliyur in Tirunelveli district.



Found items

- ❖ 8 pits have been set up for the excavation work and a lot of antiquities have been found so far.
- ❖ Copper rings, iron objects, flint playthings, moss beads, sapphire beads, marble beads etc. were found along with potsherds with symbols of the past, potsherds decorated with white paint.

Tiles inscribed with Tamil characters

- ❖ Following this, in the survey conducted yesterday, potsherds inscribed with the Tamil characters "Diya, Disa, Kwiran" have been found.
- ❖ Archaeologists have informed that more new information is likely to be available as the research continues.

A granite pillar has been found in the excavation of the palace mound

Ariyalur

- ❖ Excavation work has already been done in 2 phases in the area of Malayamedu near Gangaikonda Cholapuram near Jeyangondam in Ariyalur district. In this, the walls of the palace of Mamannan Rajendra Chola, Chinese bangles,
- ❖ 461 antiquities were found including iron nails.
- ❖ Subsequently, on April 6, the 3rd system was discovered. Subsequently, Chinese pottery, coin casting, and clay stamp were recently discovered to confirm trade between Tamil Nadu and China in the 11th century.
- ❖ In this case, a granite stone pillar measuring 6.40 meters in length and 72 centimeters in width was found the day before yesterday in the excavation work that has been going on for the past few days in Utkottai near Maligamedu. Archeology department officials said that this stone pillar may be the pillar used for the fort, and the full details will be known only after complete excavation.
- ❖ A fund of Rs.30 lakh has been allotted for this work, 16 pits have been dug and the work is going on with 21 workers.



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Discovery in Agaram village next to Seyyur (Mahishasura Marthini Nadugal)

- ❖ A Mahishasura Marthini Nadukal of the 14th century Vijayanagara Empire period has been found in Akaram village next to Seyyur.
- ❖ In Chengalpattu District, Seyyur Circle, Akaram Village, Dharmapuri Government Arts College Professor and Head of Mythology and History Research Foundation, Archeologist C. Chandrasekhar and Hindu High School graduate teacher Ramesh are conducting continuous research.
- ❖ In one of the researches, Mahishasura Marthini stone of 14th century Dyche was discovered.
- ❖ In this case, the kali found on a slab-like rock found in Akaram village belongs to the Mahishasura Marthini variety.
- ❖ I consider it to belong to Vijayanagara period, 13th or 14th century AD. About 8 feet high, this eight-armed naduktha depicts Kali standing on the head of the buffalo-headed Suran known as Mahishasura.

Science and Technology

Introduction of e-commerce mobile app

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna- National Rural Livelihood Movement (DAY- NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has launched an e-commerce mobile app called eSARAS Fulfillment Center (eSARAS).

The app is an online platform for buying handicrafts and handloom products made by rural women registered in self-help groups.

The launch of this app promotes the spirit of “Voice for Locals” by making it easy to market to customers through “SHG Didis”.



Tamilnadu News

Tamil Nadu is number one in electronics exports

- ❖ In the last period from 2017 to 2023, Tamil Nadu has been ranked first in the country for the financial year 2022-23 in terms of electronics exports across the country.
- ❖ In particular, Tamil Nadu has set a record by pushing the states of Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka behind. In terms of electronic exports, Tamil Nadu has exported worth Rs.44 thousand 44 crores.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh has exported Rs 40,216 crore, Karnataka Rs 37,082 crore, Maharashtra Rs 22,004 crore, Gujarat Rs 19,139 crore and Delhi Rs 9,102 crore. Tamil Nadu, which was ranked third in the financial year 2020-21, has now reached the top spot. Moreover, Tamil exports have increased by 223 percent in the last 2 years.
- ❖ Industry Department and Tamil Nadu Mentoring Institute have said that Tamil Nadu has risen to the top position due to world-class infrastructure, strong supply chain, global connectivity and sound business policy.



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- ❖ In this context, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's social media post published yesterday said, "This achievement of Tamil Nadu being the first in India in the export of electronic products is a small example of the efficiency of the Dravidian model government.
- ❖ We are working to promote Tamil Nadu as the investment hub of South Asia by promoting Tamil Nadu as the first address for investors. We will continue to explore opportunities for this and excel in them," he said.

Measures to protect wildlife from electrocution

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has issued new rules making electric fence registration mandatory.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has issued regulatory rules including mandatory registration of electric fences.
- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu is very much involved in the protection of wildlife. In this case, electrical accidents occur due to high voltage electric fences, especially wild animals including elephants are electrocuted and die. Hence it has become imperative to lay down norms with standardized criteria for erecting electric fences to protect wild animals.
- ❖ As a first attempt, the Government of Tamil Nadu has notified the Tamil Nadu Electric Fences (Registration and Regulation) Rules in the Gazette.
- ❖ This will lead to the establishment of electric fences, including solar electric fences, and the registration, standardization and regulation of existing electric fences around agricultural land.
- ❖ These rules apply only to agricultural lands within 5 km from reserve forests notified by the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ All companies in the business of erecting electric fences shall conform to BIS standard BIS-302-2-76 (India) as prescribed in these regulations. It is also absolutely necessary for those who have already set up electric fences within 5 km from the forest area of the notified reserve to protect the interest of the farmers by protecting their fences. These standardized rules will help farmers protect their crops.
- ❖ Application should be made to the District Forest Officer for obtaining the registration certificate within 60 days from the date of publication of these rules.
- ❖ Once permission is granted, the property owner must install the electric fence within 90 days and apply for registration of the electric fence with an affidavit. The quality of the electric fence will be reviewed once in 3 years after inspection by a joint committee of forest department and power department officials.



National News

DoT Launches Bharat 6G Alliance to Drive Innovation and Collaboration in Next- Generation Wireless Technology to Drive Innovation and Collaboration in Next-Generation Wireless Technology

- ❖ On July 3, 2023, the Department of Telecommunications (DOT), Ministry of Communications (MOC) launches Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA) to propel India's technological progress in the telecom sector. In this regard, the B6GA website (<https://bharat6galliance.com>) was also launched.



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- ❖ A grant of Rs 240.51 crores under the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) has been allocated to support the advancement of 6G technology. This fund will be used for 2 projects: the 6G THz Testbed with Orbital Angular Momentum (OAM) & Multiplexing and the Advanced Optical Communication Test Bed.
- ❖ During the event, grants totalling Rs 48 crore were awarded to 66 startups and MSMEs (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) under Digital Communication Innovation Square (DCIS) initiative which fosters innovation and entrepreneurship.

Ministry of Communications (MoC)

- ❖ Union Minister- Ashwini Vaishnaw (Rajya Sabha, Odisha)
- ❖ Minister of State- Devusinh Chauhan (Constituency-Kheda, Gujarat)

India Post & Canada Post signed a bilateral Tracked Packet agreement

- ❖ According to the Gazette of India notified by the Department of Post, Ministry of Communication, dated June 28, 2023, India Post & Canada Post have signed a bilateral Tracked Packet agreement to introduce International Tracked Packet Service (ITPS) between two countries to facilitate e-commerce exports.
- ❖ The service commenced operation with effect from July 01, 2023.
- ❖ The service will provide a competitive shipping solution for packets up to 2 kg with a tracking facility and fulfil a major demand of exporters. The postage rates for the first 50 gms would be Rs 400 and Rs 35 for every additional 50 gms.
- ❖ India Post already provides ITPS service with 38 partner countries and Canada will be the 39th.
- ❖ On 1st June 2023, the ITPS service was expanded from 16 to 38 countries by bringing on 22 new partners, including the United Kingdom (UK), France, the United Arab.

Govt Launches Scheme to Support Pregnant Minor Victims of Sexual Assault

- ❖ Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smriti Irani has launched a new scheme to address the challenges faced by pregnant minor victims of sexual assault who lack family support.
- ❖ The "scheme for critical care and support for accessing justice to rape/gang rape survivors or minor girls who get pregnant" aims to provide essential assistance to these vulnerable individuals under Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD).
- ❖ Under the initiative, medical and financial support will be provided through the Nirbhaya Fund.
- ❖ The budget of the proposal is Rs 74.10 crore. The allocated funds will also be used to establish dedicated shelters for these victims.
- ❖ The scheme aims to provide an integrated support system under one roof, leveraging the administrative structure of Mission Vatsalya in collaboration with state governments and Child Care Institutions (CCIs).

International news

MoU to promote growth and development in India's food and agriculture sectors



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- ❖ Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ) and the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote growth and development within the food and agriculture sectors of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and India.

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Significance of the MOU

- ❖ The collaboration aims to provide opportunities for capacity-building, enabling tech and agricultural companies in the Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ) business community to enhance their methods and share innovative, sustainable farming techniques with major Indian companies.
- ❖ Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ) and Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) will actively identify and promote investment opportunities for Indian businesses in the economic zone, serving as an attractive gateway to the Middle East through this partnership.
- ❖ This MoU further strengthens the UAE-India relations, which have been raised by The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) signed in February 2022.

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