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Awards and honors

International for Police and Fire Departments

- ❖ The Games started in Winnipeg, Canada on July 27 and ended on July 6.
- ❖ More than 8,500 police and fire fighters from around 50 countries participated in these competitions. In this, 15 people including Superintendent of Police A. Mayilvaganan, police inspectors from Tamil Nadu Police Department's track team participated and won in various competitions.
- ❖ They have won a total of 41 medals including 15 gold, 11 silver and 15 bronze.
- ❖ This is the highest number of medals won by the Tamil Nadu Police Department track team in a single year.



Sports

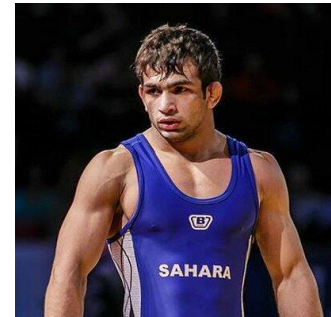
Night motor racing for the first time in Chennai

- ❖ As a special event in the history of Indian motor sports, Chennai Metropolitan Corporation, Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority, Tamil Nadu Sports Development Authority and Racing Promotions (P)Ltd are jointly organizing the Chennai Formula Racing Circuit.
- ❖ A night race (street circuit) of 3.5 km will be held at Thital ground in Chennai on 9th and 10th December.
- ❖ This is the first time that the night race will be held in India and South Asia. Both the championships will feature male and female drivers from India and abroad.
- ❖ Rs 42 crore funding: The F4 Indian Championship is an FIA certified race.



Junior Wrestling: Amit Kumar 'U20' World Champion

- ❖ India's Amit Kumar won gold at the Under-20 (U20) World Wrestling Championships in Jordan.
- ❖ He became the “first Indian to become world champion” after 2019 in the junior category. In the men's 61kg final, he defeated Russia's Eldar Akhmatunino.
- ❖ Earlier Balwinder Seema, Ramesh Kumar (2001) and Deepak Punia (2019) became the junior champion, Amit Kumar has become the 4th Indian to win the title.
- ❖ In the men's 74kg category, Jaideep - won the bronze medal by defeating Jakshilik Raslanovich of Kyrgyzstan.
- ❖ So far in this competition, Indians have won 5 medals namely 1 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze.





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Tamilnadu Current Affairs

Madhi Market is an online sales platform

- ❖ Chief Minister Stalin said that an e-commerce platform 'Mathi Market' will soon be developed to sell the products of self-help groups.
- ❖ Under “Deendayal Antiyothaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Movement” a target has been set to create 10 thousand new SHGs by 2023-24 for social integration and institutional structure.
- ❖ State, district level buyer-seller meetings will be held to sell the products of the groups within themselves and through other large trading companies.

'Mathi Express' vehicles

- ❖ In addition, 'Mathi Ankadis' will be set up at major tourist spots to display and sell manufactured goods.
- ❖ 'Mathi Express Vehicles' will be provided for sale of goods.
- ❖ 'Mathi Thani Canteens', run by Self Help Groups, will be set up in District Collectorate Offices.
- ❖ Special funds have been allocated for Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan (Movement to create a barrier-free environment) through the Department of Handicapped Welfare.

Breakfast Plan

- ❖ The Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme will be expanded this year.
- ❖ Self Help Group members of Tamil Nadu Women Development Institute will be trained on the breakfast program.
- ❖ Through their participation breakfast program will be implemented in primary schools in all village panchayats and municipalities in Tamil Nadu.

India's first drone testing center

- ❖ 4 companies in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation to set up India's first drone testing center at Chipgad Industrial Park near Sriperumbudur.
- ❖ Based on that, 4 companies namely "Keltron, Sense Image, Standard Testing and Compliance and Aviksha Retailers" will set up a drone testing center in collaboration with DITCO at an estimated cost of Rs 45 crore.
- ❖ The test center will provide international standard facilities for research, design, development, manufacturing and testing of unmanned aircraft at one location.
- ❖ The location of India's first public unmanned aerial vehicle test center in Tamil Nadu will "help Tamil Nadu attain a higher position in the aerospace and defense manufacturing environment".



T.M Soundarrajan full length bronze statue

- ❖ A full-length bronze statue of legendary singer T.M. Soundarrajan was erected at a cost of Rs.50 lakhs in the Eastern Zone office complex of Madurai Municipal Hall.



- ❖ Chief Minister Stalin inaugurated the statue yesterday.



National Current Affairs

President Droupadi Murmu to visit West Bengal to launch Addiction Free Bengal Campaign in Kolkata

- ❖ During her visit, she will launch the 'My Bengal, Addiction Free Bengal' Campaign under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, organised by Brahma Kumaris at Raj Bhavan, Kolkata.
- ❖ The President will also grace the launch of Vindhyagiri - the sixth ship of project 17A of the Indian Navy at Garden Reach Shipbuilders Engineers Limited.

Cabinet approves Rs 13,000 crore for PM Vishwakarma scheme to support traditional artisans and craftspeople of India

- ❖ The Government has approved PM Vishwakarma scheme to support traditional artisans and craftspeople of rural and urban India with a financial outlay of 13 thousand crore rupees.
- ❖ The new Central Sector Scheme aims to strengthen and nurture the family-based practice of traditional skills by artisans and craftspeople working with their hands and tools. T
- ❖ He Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi today approved the Scheme for a period of five years.
- ❖ Briefing reporters in New Delhi after the Union Cabinet meeting, Communications and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, eighteen traditional trades will be covered in the first instance under the scheme. They include Carpenters, Boat makers, Sonar, Rajmistri, Toymaker, Lohar, and potters.
- ❖ Under PM Vishwakarma scheme, the artisans and craftspeople will be provided recognition through PM Vishwakarma certificate and ID card, Credit Support upto Rs.1 lakh (First Tranche) and Rs.2 lakh (Second Tranche) with a concessional interest rate of 5%.
- ❖ The Scheme will further provide Skill Upgradation, Toolkit Incentive, and Incentive for Digital Transactions and Marketing Support.
- ❖ The Minister said, more than 30 lakh families will be benefited from this scheme.



Government approves Rs 57,613 crore for 10,000 e-buses across 169 cities to promote green mobility

- ❖ The Government has approved PM-eBus Sewa for augmenting city bus operations by introducing ten thousand e-buses.
- ❖ ten thousand new electric buses will be deployed in 169 cities. He said, the scheme will cover cities having a population of three lakh and beyond as per the census 2011 including all the Capital cities of Union Territories, North Eastern Region, and Hill States.
- ❖ Mr Thakur said, PM-eBus Sewa will promote green mobility. The scheme will generate 45 thousand to 55 thousand direct jobs through the deployment of ten thousand buses in the city bus operation.
- ❖ The Cities will be supported in the development of charging infrastructure under Green Urban Mobility Initiatives.
- ❖ The adoption of Electric mobility will reduce noise and air pollution and curb carbon emission.

Indian Army launches 'Battle of Minds' - Indian Army Quiz 2023 in Delhi

- ❖ Indian Army proudly today launched 'Battle of Minds' - Indian Army Quiz 2023 along with its logo, at the Manekshaw Centre in Delhi Cantonment.
- ❖ The quiz competition celebrates the victory of the Indian Armed Forces in the Kargil War.
- ❖ The initiative underscores Army's commitment to nurturing intellectual growth and inspiring young minds across the nation.
- ❖ The initiative reaches out to approximately 1.5 lakh schools across the country with representation from all districts of India.
- ❖ It aims at registration by approximately 15 thousand schools. The competition is expected to engage approximately 1.5 crore students across the nation.

G20 Health Minister's Meeting to Commence in Gandhinagar from 17 August

- ❖ The G20 India-led Health Ministers Meeting will be held from 17th to 19th August 2023 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ❖ The G20 Health Ministers Meeting will focus on three key priorities: Prevention, Preparedness and Treatment of Health Emergencies, Alternative Antimicrobial Resistance, One Health Framework.
- ❖ The G20 delegation meeting will be held on August 17 and the G20 health ministers meeting will be held on August 18 – 19.
- ❖ Apart from this, there will be four sub-events including One Earth, One Health – Advanced Health Care- India 2023.
- ❖ World Health Organization Global Summit on Traditional Medicine; India Medical Technology Expo-2023, 'Conference on Ending Tuberculosis in Southeast Asian Region' will also be held. A joint meeting of finance and health ministers will be held on August 19 as the centrepiece of the G20 health ministers' meeting.



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- ❖ Representatives of 19 G20 member countries, 10 inviting countries and 22 international organizations are expected to participate in the 4th Health Ministerial Meeting to be held in Gandhinagar.
- ❖ Based on the Indian philosophy of 'Guests are Gods' many artistic programs with flavors of Gujarat culture are planned to showcase India's rich diversity and culture.

Centre approves expansion of Digital India programme with an outlay of Rs 14,903 crore

- ❖ The Centre has approved the expansion of the Digital India programme with an outlay of 14 thousand 903 crore rupees.
- ❖ The Digital India programme was started in 2015 and it has brought a big change in the life of the poorest of the poor.
- ❖ Under the project, six lakh 25 thousand IT professionals will be reskilled and upskilled.
- ❖ Two lakh 65 thousand persons will be trained in Information Security under the Information Security and Education Awareness Programme.
- ❖ One thousand two hundred Startups will be supported in tier 2 and tier 3 cities.

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