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1 World Cerebral Palsy Day – 6 October

Important Days

News

World Cerebral Palsy Day is observed on **6 October**. The **2026 theme is '#UniqueANDUnited'**: it celebrates each person's own experience while building one shared voice for access and inclusion. In India the **National Trust** is holding a virtual **National Meet** on **6 October 2026**.

Key facts

Began	**2012**, by the **Cerebral Palsy Alliance**, Sydney, Australia
Colour	**Green**
People with CP	About **50 million** worldwide; the most common lifelong physical disability of childhood
2026 theme	**#UniqueANDUnited**

Background

- **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016** lists **21 disabilities** (up from 7 in the 1995 Act); **cerebral palsy** is under **locomotor disability**. It gives **4% reservation** in government jobs and **5%** in higher education; 'benchmark disability' means at least **40%.**
- **National Trust Act, 1999** covers **Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities**; schemes include **Niramaya** (health insurance), **Disha**, **Vikaas** and **Gharaunda**.
- India ratified the **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** in **2007**.
- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities: 3 December**.

What is cerebral palsy? A group of **permanent, non-progressive** disorders of **movement and posture** caused by damage to the **developing brain**, mostly before or around birth. Types: **spastic** (most common), dyskinetic, ataxic and mixed. It is not contagious.

Tamil Nadu link: Vidya Sagar (formerly the **Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu**) was founded in **Chennai in 1985** by **Poonam Natarajan**, who later chaired the National Trust. The **National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD)** is at **Muttukadu**, Chennai. The term **'Maatru Thiranaali'** (differently abled) was adopted by the Tamil Nadu Government.

2 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2026 for optogenetics

Awards

News

On **5 October 2026** the **Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet**, Stockholm, awarded the **2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine** jointly to **Karl Deisseroth**, **Peter Hegemann** and **Georg Nagel "for their discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and optogenetics"**.

Key facts

Karl Deisseroth (54)	USA
Peter Hegemann (71)	Germany
Georg Nagel (73)	Germany

Background

- The Medicine prize is chosen by the **Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet**; Physics and Chemistry by the **Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences**; Peace by the **Norwegian Nobel Committee (Oslo)**. Prizes are given on **10 December**, Alfred Nobel's death anniversary. The prize is reported as **SEK 12 million** this year.
- First Medicine Nobel (1901): **Emil von Behring** (diphtheria antitoxin).
- **Har Gobind Khorana** (born in Raipur, Punjab, British India) shared the **1968** Medicine prize for the **genetic code**. **Ronald Ross**, born at **Almora** (India), won in **1902** for work on **malaria**.
- **2025:** Mary Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, Shimon Sakaguchi (peripheral immune tolerance). **2024:** Victor Ambros, Gary Ruvkun (microRNA). **2023:** Katalin Karikó, Drew Weissman (mRNA vaccines).

The science: Hegemann and Nagel found **channelrhodopsin**, a protein in the green alga ***Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*** that opens an ion channel when light falls on it, helping the alga swim towards light. **Deisseroth** put this gene into nerve cells; in **2005** he showed that pulses of **blue light** could switch neurons on within milliseconds. This method, **optogenetics** (light + genetics), lets scientists turn chosen brain cells on or off to study memory, depression, Parkinson's disease and vision.

Tamil Nadu link: Nobel laureates with Tamil Nadu roots: **C.V. Raman** (Physics 1930, born **Tiruchirappalli**), **S. Chandrasekhar** (Physics 1983) and **Venkatraman Ramakrishnan** (Chemistry 2009, born **Chidambaram**). Ronald Ross worked for a time at **Ooty** (Nilgiris) before his 1897 malaria discovery at **Secunderabad**.

3 Uttar Pradesh renames Bhadohi as Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi

Governance

News

On **4 October 2026** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** announced at Bhadohi that the district will now be called **'Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi'**, in honour of the Bhakti saint **Sant Ravidas**. He also opened or laid stones for **112 projects worth over ₹1,340 crore**.

Key facts

30 June 1994	Bhadohi carved out of **Varanasi** district as UP's **65th district**
Mayawati (BSP) rule	Known as **Sant Ravidas Nagar**
2014	Samajwadi Party government restored the name **Bhadohi**
4 Oct 2026	Renamed **Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi**

Background

- **Bhadohi** is the **'Carpet City of India'**, between Varanasi and Prayagraj; HQ **Gyanpur**. **Bhadohi handmade carpets** got a **GI tag in 2010**. The **Indian Institute of Carpet Technology** is at Bhadohi.
- **Sant Ravidas** (15th–16th century) was a **nirguna Bhakti** saint born at **Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi**. **40 of his hymns** are in the **Guru Granth Sahib**. Tradition calls him a guru of **Meera Bai**. He dreamt of **'Begampura'**, a city without sorrow or caste.
- A **district** is renamed by the **State government** by notification. A **State's** name can be changed only by **Parliament under Article 3** (simple majority, after the President refers the Bill to the State legislature for its views).

Tamil Nadu link: Madras State became **Tamil Nadu** under the **Madras State (Alteration of Name) Act, 1968**, effective **14 January 1969**, under **C.N. Annadurai**. The city **Madras** became **Chennai** in **1996**.

4 Premier League opens its first Premier League Park in Delhi

Sports

News

England's **Premier League** opened India's first **Premier League Park (PL Park)** at **Chhatarpur, New Delhi** on **1 October 2026** (reported 5 October). It is built and run by **GoalTech Innovation India** through its **Claygrounds** brand.

Key facts

Facilities	Two **7-a-side** football pitches, **pickleball** and **padel** courts, an events and social area
Purpose	A year-round place for fans to play, watch live matches and join tournaments
PL India	MD **Hrishikesh Shende**; Premier League's **Mumbai office** opened in **April 2025**; broadcast partner **JioStar**

Background

- The **Premier League** was founded in **1992** (first season 1992-93) when clubs broke away from the Football League; **20 clubs**, HQ **London**.
- **Manchester United** has won the most Premier League titles (13).
- In India, football is run by the **All India Football Federation (AIFF, 1937)**, HQ **Dwarka, New Delhi**; the **Indian Super League** began in **2014**.
- India's oldest football tournament is the **Durand Cup (1888)**, among the oldest in the world.

Tamil Nadu link: Chennaiyin FC (ISL champions **2015 and 2017-18**) represents Tamil Nadu. Chennai's **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium** hosts its home matches.

5 India wins 4 gold and 1 silver at the 19th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics

Science

News

India is reported to have won **4 gold medals and 1 silver** at the **19th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA 2026)**, held at **Phenikaa University, Hanoi, Vietnam** (closing ceremony **4 October 2026**). All five members of the Indian team won medals. This was the **first IOAA in Vietnam** and the largest so far: about **67 teams from 66 countries**.

Key facts

Edition	**19th** IOAA, **Hanoi, Vietnam** (first time in Vietnam)
India	**4 gold + 1 silver** (5 students per team)
Host Vietnam	6 gold, 4 silver
Rounds	Theory, data analysis, telescope observation, planetarium observation
Previous edition	**18th IOAA 2025, Mumbai** – India's first time as host (HBCSE); India also won 4 gold + 1 silver

Background

- The **IOAA** began in **2007**; the first edition was at **Chiang Mai, Thailand**. It is for pre-university students.
- India's team is chosen by the **Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE)**, Mumbai, part of **TIFR** under the **DAE**, the **nodal centre for India's science olympiads** (with **IAPT**). Stages: **NSEA → INAO → selection camp → pre-departure training**.
- India also won **all 5 golds at the International Physics Olympiad 2026** (56th IPhO, Bucaramanga, Colombia, July 2026).

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu has a strong astronomy heritage: the **Kodaikanal Solar Observatory (1899)** and the **Vainu Bappu Observatory at Kavalur** (Tirupattur district), whose 2.34 m telescope was once Asia's largest. **S. Chandrasekhar** (Nobel Physics 1983), of a Tamil family, gave the **Chandrasekhar limit**.

6 Three High Court Chief Justices appointed Supreme Court judges

Polity

News

On **5 October 2026** the Centre notified the appointment by **President Droupadi Murmu** of three High Court Chief Justices as **Supreme Court judges**, on the **collegium's** recommendation of **28 September 2026** led by **CJI Surya Kant**. The Court's working strength rises to **37** against a sanctioned strength of **38**.

Key facts

Justice Sunita Agarwal	**Gujarat HC** (now the 3rd sitting woman judge of the Supreme Court)
Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya	**Delhi HC** (earlier Bombay HC CJ)
Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh	**Telangana HC** (earlier Tripura HC CJ)

Background

- **Article 124(1):** a Supreme Court with a CJI and judges in a number fixed by **Parliament by law**. The **Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Act, 2026** raised the strength from **34 to 38** (CJI + 37).
- **Article 124(2):** judges are appointed by the **President**; they retire at **65**.
- **Article 124(3):** qualifications – 5 years as an HC judge, or 10 years as an HC advocate, or a distinguished jurist.
- **Collegium** (CJI + 4 senior-most judges) came from the **Three Judges Cases (1981, 1993, 1998)**; the **NJAC (99th Amendment, 2014)** was struck down in **2015**.

- Strength over time: **8 (1950)**, 11 (1956), 14 (1960), 18 (1978), 26 (1986), 31 (2009), 34 (2019), **38 (2026)**.

Tamil Nadu link: The **Madras High Court** (1862) is one of the **three chartered High Courts** under the **Indian High Courts Act, 1861** (with Calcutta and Bombay) and covers Tamil Nadu and **Puducherry**; its **Madurai Bench** opened in **2004**. None of the three new judges comes from the Madras HC.

7 Indian Telecom Services Yearly Performance Indicators 2025-26

Technology

News

On **5 October 2026** the **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)**, under the **Ministry of Communications**, released **'The Indian Telecom Services Yearly Performance Indicators 2025-26'**, with data as on **31 March 2026**.

Key facts

Telephone subscribers	**1,330.58 million** (+10.81%)
Tele-density	**93.26%** (urban 151.47%, rural 60.46%)
Internet subscribers	**1,092.79 million**; broadband 1,065.88 million
Internet per 100 people	76.59
Data use per wireless user	**25.51 GB a month**
ARPU (wireless)	**₹180.73 a month**
Revenue per GB of data	₹8.02 (down 10.59%)

Background

- **Market share: Reliance Jio 39.41%**, **Bharti Airtel 37.04%**, then Vodafone Idea and **BSNL (7.55%)**.
- **Delhi** has the highest tele-density (**206.90%**); **Himachal Pradesh** has the highest rural tele-density.
- **TRAI** was set up on **20 February 1997** under the **TRAI Act, 1997**; HQ New Delhi. The **TDSAT** (appellate tribunal) came by a **2000** amendment.
- The **Telecommunications Act, 2023** replaced the **Indian Telegraph Act, 1885**.
- **Tele-density** = telephone connections per 100 people.

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu's tele-density (108.48%) is well above the national average. Chennai is linked to the world by several **submarine cables**, including the **Chennai–Andaman & Nicobar Islands cable (2020)**. **Puducherry's** tele-density is 77.31%.

8 PM Awas Yojana – Urban awards for Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

Welfare Schemes

News

At the **World Habitat Day** function of the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** at **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi** on **5 October 2026**, the **PMAY-U Awards 2026** were presented. **Tamil Nadu** and **Puducherry** were among the States and UTs honoured for carrying out the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban**. Minister of State **Tokhan Sahu** presented the awards. (Exact award categories for Tamil Nadu and Puducherry were not given in the reports we found.)

Key facts

Event	World Habitat Day (first Monday of October), MoHUA, Vigyan Bhawan
Other winners	**Arunachal Pradesh** (2 best-performing State awards), **Uttar Pradesh** (1st in BLC house completion), **Madhya Pradesh**, **Odisha** (most PMAY-U 2.0 reforms), Bihar
Union Minister, MoHUA	**Manohar Lal**
PMAY-U 2.0	Approved **9 August 2024**: **1 crore** urban houses in 5 years; government help up to **₹2.5 lakh per house** (Centre and State together)

Background

- **PMAY-U** was launched on **25 June 2015** for **'Housing for All'**.
- PMAY-U 2.0 has four verticals: **BLC** (Beneficiary Led Construction), **AHP** (Affordable Housing in Partnership), **ARH** (Affordable Rental Housing) and **ISS** (Interest Subsidy Scheme).
- Houses are registered in the name of the **woman** of the family or jointly.
- **World Habitat Day** was set by the **UN in 1985** and first held in **1986**; it is led by **UN-Habitat** (HQ **Nairobi**).

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu carries out PMAY-U through the **Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board** (formerly the **Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, 1970**, India's first such board). In the PMAY-U Awards 2021, Tamil Nadu was **3rd best performing State**. A Tamil report says about 25,000 houses were approved for Tamil Nadu under PMAY-U 2.0.

9 Kuno National Park: female cheetah gives birth to 5 cubs

Environment

News

On **5 October 2026** Union Environment Minister **Bhupender Yadav** announced that **KJP21**, a **32-month-old India-born** female cheetah, gave birth to **5 cubs** at **Kuno National Park**, Sheopur district, **Madhya Pradesh**. The father is a male from **Botswana**, so these are the **first cubs of the Botswana line** in India. India's cheetah count is now **60**, of which **41 were born in India**.

Key facts

Mother	**KJP21**, born in Kuno; the **3rd India-born female** to give birth (after **Mukhi** and KGP12)
Father	A male brought from **Botswana** (9 cheetahs arrived on **28 Feb 2026**)
Count	**60** cheetahs in India; **41** India-born
Second home	**Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary** (Mandsaur–Neemuch, MP) from April 2025
Agency	**National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** with the MP Forest Department and Wildlife Institute of India

Background

- **Project Cheetah** began on **17 September 2022**, when **8 cheetahs from Namibia** were released at Kuno – the world's first intercontinental move of a large wild carnivore. **12 from South Africa** followed in **February 2023**.
- The cheetah was declared **extinct in India in 1952**.

- **Kuno** is named after the **Kuno river**, a tributary of the **Chambal**; sanctuary in 1981, **national park in 2018**.
- **IUCN:** African cheetah – **Vulnerable**; Asiatic cheetah – **Critically Endangered**, now found only in **Iran**. Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) is the **fastest land animal**.
- **Banni grasslands** (Kutch, Gujarat) is being prepared as another cheetah site.

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu runs similar recovery work for its own threatened species: the **Nilgiri tahr** (State animal) under **Project Nilgiri Tahr (2023)**, and vultures at the **Mudumalai–Sathyamangalam** landscape. Tamil Nadu has **5 tiger reserves**: Kalakad–Mundanthurai, Anamalai, Mudumalai, Sathyamangalam and Srivilliputhur–Megamalai.

10 Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026: India and UAE armies train together

Defence

News

The **Indian Army** and the **UAE Land Forces** began the joint exercise **'Mountain Guardian 2026'** on **5 October 2026** at the **Foreign Training Node, Chaubatia**, near **Ranikhet**, Almora district, **Uttarakhand**. It runs until **18 October 2026**.

Key facts

Troops	**92** personnel in all; India: a **Bhairav Battalion**; UAE: a Mountain Infantry Battalion
Women	Women officers and soldiers of both armies take part
Focus	**Mountain warfare** and joint action in sub-conventional operations
Training	Drone operations, surveillance grids, rock climbing, obstacle and endurance drills, firing, a final field exercise
Edition	Reports call it the **third edition** of the India–UAE army exercise (earlier editions were held as **Desert Cyclone**; the first, in January 2024, was at Mahajan, Rajasthan)

Background

- **Bhairav battalions** are new light commando units the Indian Army began raising in **2025**.
- Other India–UAE exercises: **Desert Knight** (Air Force, with France), **Zayed Talwar** (Navy), and **Desert Flag** (multinational air exercise hosted by the UAE).
- India and the UAE signed a **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in February 2022**, India's first such deal in the region; they have been **Comprehensive Strategic Partners since 2017**.
- **UAE:** federation of **7 emirates**, capital **Abu Dhabi**; formed in **1971**.

Tamil Nadu link: The **Madras Regiment** (HQ **Wellington, Nilgiris**) is the oldest infantry regiment of the Indian Army (from 1758). The **Defence Services Staff College** is also at Wellington, and the **Officers Training Academy** is in **Chennai**.

11 UCIL begins its Diamond Jubilee (60th) year at Jaduguda

Energy

News

On **4 October 2026** the **Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL)** began its **Diamond Jubilee** year at **Jaduguda**, East Singhbhum district, **Jharkhand**, marking six decades of uranium mining. UCIL was incorporated on **4 October 1967**. The chief guest was **Seema Jain**, Member (Finance), **Atomic Energy Commission**. UCIL's CMD is **Dr Kacham Anand Rao**.

Key facts

UCIL	Public sector company under the **Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)**; HQ **Jaduguda**
First mine	**Jaduguda** – India's first uranium mine (production from 1967; uranium found there in 1951)
Other mines	Bhatin, **Narwapahar**, **Turamdih**, Bagjata, Mohuldih, **Banduhurang** (first opencast uranium mine) – all in the **Singhbhum Thrust Belt**, Jharkhand
Andhra Pradesh	**Tummalapalle** (YSR Kadapa) – one of the world's largest uranium deposits
New plan	A proposed **dark matter laboratory** of the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, about **815 m underground** in the Jaduguda mine

Background

- **DAE** was set up in **1954** and works directly under the **Prime Minister**; the **Atomic Energy Commission** dates from **1948**.
- **Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD)**, Hyderabad, finds uranium deposits; other deposits include **Domiasiat (Meghalaya)** and **Rohil (Rajasthan)**.
- **Homi J. Bhabha** framed India's **three-stage nuclear programme**: natural uranium (PHWR), then plutonium (fast breeders), then **thorium**.
- India has large **thorium** reserves in the **monazite sands** of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Odisha.

Tamil Nadu link: Kalpakkam (Chengalpattu district) has the **Madras Atomic Power Station** (India's first fully indigenous PHWR plant, 1984), the **Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (1971)** and the 500 MWe **Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor**, the second stage of the programme. **Kudankulam** (Tirunelveli) is India's largest nuclear power plant, built with **Russia**. **IREL** mines monazite at **Manavalakurichi** (Kanyakumari).

12 Loans up to ₹5 crore for women entrepreneurs: Tamil Nadu issues guidelines

Tamil Nadu

News

On **4 October 2026** the Tamil Nadu Government released guidelines for the **Vetri Magalir Thozhil Munaivor Membattu Thittam** (Vetri Women Entrepreneurs Development Scheme), which gives women loans of **₹10 lakh to ₹5 crore** to start or expand a business. It is run through the **Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC)**. Industries Minister **S. Keerthana** announced the scheme on 27 September 2026.

Key facts

Loan	Minimum **₹10 lakh**, maximum **₹5 crore** (new unit or expansion)
Interest	**9.95%** a year, on reducing balance
Repayment	Up to **9 years**, including a **2-year moratorium**
Ownership	Women must hold at least **51%** of the business
Security	Property worth **40%** of the loan (units under 3 years old); **20%** for older units
Selection	**10 women per Assembly constituency × 234 = 2,340** in the first round, recommended by MLAs and then checked by TIIC on merit

Background

- **TIIC** began in **1949** as the **Madras Industrial Investment Corporation**, one of India's oldest State-level financial corporations; HQ Chennai.
- **Stand-Up India (2016):** bank loans of **₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore** for at least one SC/ST and one woman borrower per bank branch.
- **PM Mudra Yojana (2015):** loans for micro units (Shishu, Kishore, Tarun, Tarun Plus).
- **Article 15(3)** allows the State to make special provisions for women.

Tamil Nadu link: The **Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women (1983)** runs the **Mahalir Thittam** self-help groups, which began in **Dharmapuri (1989)** with IFAD support.

13 Goa international Silambam meet: Gudiyatham students win 24 gold medals

Tamil Nadu

News

24 students from **Gudiyatham** (Vellore district) won **24 gold medals** at an international **Silambam** championship in **Goa** (reported **3 to 5 October 2026**). They won **21 golds in single-stick (otrai silambam)** and **3 in double-stick (irattai silambam)**. Teams from **Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Nepal** also took part. The students train at the Thalai Silambam training school, Gudiyatham, and were given a public welcome on their return.

Key facts

Sport	**Silambam**: an ancient Tamil martial art fought with a long **bamboo staff**
Medals	24 gold: 21 single-stick + 3 double-stick
Other countries	Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Nepal
Next goal	Asian-level competition

Background

- The word comes from **'silam'** (hill) and **'bam'** (bamboo): the staff was made from hill bamboo. The ideal staff reaches the user's **forehead**.
- **Sangam literature** mentions it: the **Silappathikaram** refers to silambam staves being sold to foreign traders.
- Silambam was a **demonstration sport for the first time at the Khelo India Youth Games 2023**, held in **Tamil Nadu** (Chennai, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore) in January 2024.

- It is popular in **Malaysia**, where Tamil migrants took it.

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu gives Silambam players a place in the **3% sports quota** for government jobs. **Gudiyatham** is a taluk town on the **Koundinya river**, known for its **match and beedi** industries. Vellore district is also home to the **Vellore Fort** and the **Vellore Mutiny (10 July 1806)**, the first large-scale sepoy mutiny against the British.

14 Pushpavanam Kuppusamy appointed Chairperson of the Iyal Isai Nataka Manram

Tamil Nadu

News

On **5 October 2026** the Tamil Nadu Government appointed folk singer **Dr Pushpavanam Kuppusamy** as Chairperson of the **Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram**. He succeeds actor **Vagai Chandrasekar**. The Manram works under the State's Tamil Development Department.

Key facts

Who	**Dr Pushpavanam Kuppusamy**: folk singer, playback singer, lyricist and researcher; credited with reviving **Naattupura Paattu** (Tamil folk song) on stage and screen
Home town	**Vedaranyam**, Nagapattinam district
Education	MA, MPhil and **PhD in music** from the **University of Madras**
Family	Wife **Anitha Kuppusamy**, also a folk singer; the couple have given thousands of stage shows in India and abroad
Honour	**Kalaimamani** awardee
Body	**Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram**, Chennai

Background

- **1955:** set up as the **Tamil Nadu Sangeetha Nataka Sangam**, the State counterpart of the central **Sangeet Natak Akademi** (1953, New Delhi).
- **1973:** renamed **Iyal Isai Nataka Manram**, after the three branches of Tamil, **Muthamizh**: **Iyal** (literature), **Isai** (music) and **Nadagam** (drama).
- It gives the **Kalaimamani** awards, the State's highest honour for artists, and also the **Bharathi, M.S. Subbulakshmi and Balasaraswathi** national awards.
- At the national level, the **Sangeet Natak Akademi** (music, dance, drama), **Sahitya Akademi** (1954, letters) and **Lalit Kala Akademi** (1954, fine arts) work under the Ministry of Culture.

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu's folk arts such as **Karagattam, Oyilattam, Therukoothu, Villupattu, Kavadi attam and Silambattam** are promoted by the Manram and by the State's **Kalai Panpattu Thurai** (Art and Culture Department). Vedaranyam, Kuppusamy's home town, is also famous for **Rajaji's Salt Satyagraha (1930)**.

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