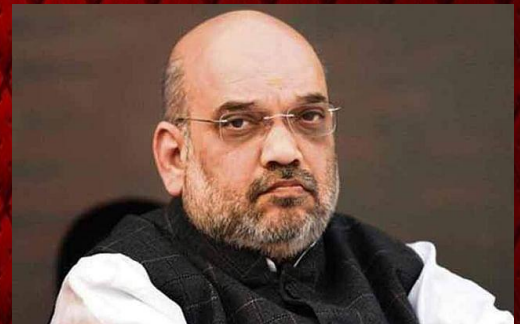
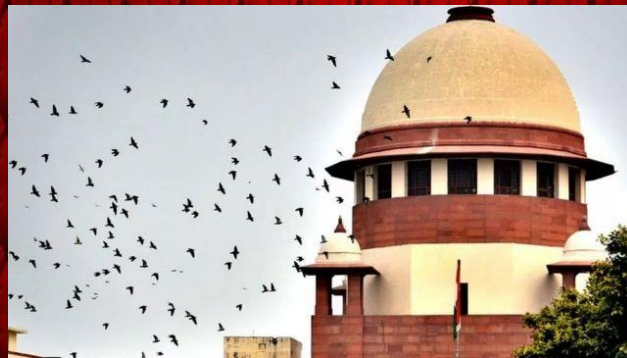




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INTERNATIONAL

PM Modi tops list of most popular world leader

Synopsis:

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has topped the list of Global Leader Approval ratings for the second time in a row, according a survey released by an American research firm Morning Consult.
- ❖ The list showed Modi well ahead of the world's powerful leaders such as US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and French Prime Minister Emmanuel Macron. Modi is the most popular leader in the world with 70 percent approval ratings,



Key Highlights:

- ❖ PM now for eight years, Modi remains disruptor-in-chief with a regularity that expands his presence and crimps his critics.
- ❖ Be it the vaccination programme after the brutal second wave or, most recently, the airlift of over 22,000 young Indians from Europe, the PM has come to stand as the veritable Prime Mover.
- ❖ The road to power passes through Lucknow. And Power List 2022 is paved with it. As dust settles on the fire-and-brimstone election of Uttar Pradesh, the poll of polls has changed the political landscape: Yogi Adityanath towers over the horizon, having entered the top five Sangh Parivar club

NATIONAL

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Stalin Meets PM Modi

Synopsis:

- ❖ Tamil Nadu chief minister and DMK supremo MK Stalin met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and sought the Centre's approval for the state government to provide humanitarian aid to Sri Lankan Tamils in the wake of an economic crisis in that country.
- ❖ Stalin gave a detailed memorandum on various issues, including those related to the economic crisis in the island nation, during his meeting with PM Modi





Key Highlights:

- ❖ Water Resources Problems: The Union Ministry should not approve the Megha Dadu Dam project by Karnataka across the Cauvery.
- ❖ Fisheries: a) Protecting the traditional fishing rights of Indian fishermen in the Gulf of Bagh and ensuring their protection.
- ❖ Restoration of "Kachchativu" and restoration of traditional fishing rights of Tamil Nadu fishermen.
- ❖ Energy: a) Coal Issues - Proceedings for procurement of large quantities of coal and request for allotment of additional railway lines to the Tamil Nadu Power Generation and Distribution Corporation.
- ❖ Reykjav --k - Declare the prestigious high voltage power line as an asset of national importance.
- ❖ Finance: (i) Sharing revenue from states through surcharges and surcharges.
- ❖ GST will continue to be levied after June 2022. Continuing to provide compensation.
- ❖ Health: (i) Opposition to Medical Student Admission Policy and National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET).
- ❖ (ii) Finding a way for the affected students in Ukraine to continue their studies in medical colleges in India from the drop-out stage.

Reservation for Vanniyars

Synopsis:

- ❖ HC judgement, a bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao and B R Gavai said it is of the opinion that the law did not provide any substantial basis to treat Vanniyar as a separate group compared to others among MBCs.
- ❖ The Supreme Court Thursday upheld the Madras High Court judgement striking down the law brought in Tamil Nadu last year providing 10.5 per cent reservation to Vanniyars, within the Most Backward Classes (MBC) community, in government jobs and admissions to educational institutions



Key Highlights:

- ❖ The top court it was done solely on the basis of numbers without adequate data to show the relative backwardness of the Vanniyar community.
- ❖ HC judgement, a bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao and B R Gavai is of the opinion that the law did not provide any substantial basis to treat Vanniyar as a separate group compared to others among MBCs. Thus, the 2021 Act is ultra vires the Constitution
- ❖ The SC the state government had committed an error in accepting the recommendations of the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission chairman on the basis of which it made the



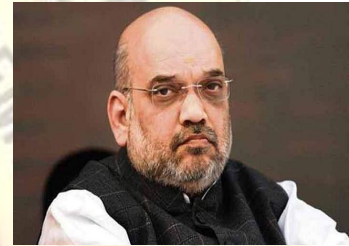
law as they were based on the Janarthanam Commission Report that relied on antiquated data.

- ❖ The Madras HC had ruled that the law brought in by the then AIADMK government shortly before the elections was without quantifiable data on the socio-educational status of the Vanniyars.
- ❖ Justice L Nageswara Rao and BR Gavai observed that the State Government failed to provide data that Vanniyars required to be treated as a separate group within the MBCs.
- ❖ It was of the opinion that the Constitution (105th Amendment) Act, 2021 has prospective effect and therefore during the enactment of the 2021 Act .

Reduction of AFSPA applicable areas in Nagaland, Assam, Manipur

Synopsis:

- ❖ The home minister reduction in areas under AFSPA is the result of the improved security situation and fast-tracked development due to the consistent efforts and several agreements to end insurgency and bring lasting peace in Northeast by the Modi government.
- ❖ The Centre has decided to withdraw the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (Afspa) from 7 out of 16 districts in Nagaland, 23 out of 33 districts in Assam and 6 out of 16 districts in Manipur.



Key Highlights:

- ❖ Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), AFSPA is being removed from 15 police station areas in seven districts of Nagaland; 15 police station areas in six districts of Manipur; and 23 districts entirely and one district partially in Assam.
- ❖ Assam and Meghalaya resolved a part of their 50-year boundary dispute in the Centre's push for a "dispute-free Northeast", Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced on Thursday that the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) will be removed from several districts across Assam, Nagaland and Manipur.
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- ❖ The decision comes in the backdrop of vociferous demands for AFSPA to be lifted after six civilians were gunned down in Nagaland's Mon district last December in a botched operation by security personnel.
- ❖ Seven more civilians and a security personnel died in the retaliatory violence that followed, prompting the Nagaland Assembly to pass a resolution for the repeal of AFSPA.
- ❖ The notification of "disturbed areas" under AFSPA has been in force in Assam since 1990, in Nagaland since 1995, and in Manipur, except the Imphal Municipality area, since 2004.



- ❖ Starting 2015, the Government removed AFSPA entirely from Tripura and Meghalaya, and partially from Arunachal Pradesh, which currently has three districts and two police station areas in a fourth district under the Act.

CJI N V Ramana launches software to transmit court orders swiftly

Synopsis:

- ❖ Chief Justice of India N V Ramana recalled that the court had hit upon the concept after coming across a newspaper report about delay in release of prisoners owing to the delay in physical orders reaching the prison authorities.
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Highlights:

- ❖ Chief Justice of India N V Ramana on Thursday launched FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) — a digital platform to communicate interim orders, stay orders, bail orders etc., of the Supreme Court to authorities concerned through a secured electronic communication channel.
- ❖ The court had hit upon the concept after coming across a newspaper report about delay in release of prisoners owing to the delay in physical orders reaching the prison authorities.
- ❖ “As directed by the Bench, the FASTER system is developed on war footing by the Registry in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre,” it added.
- ❖ To reach all districts of India through this system, so far 73 nodal officers have been nominated at various levels. All nodal officers have been connected through a specific Judicial Communication Network (JCN) by creating a secured pathway.
- ❖ A total of 1,887 e-mail IDs have been created for this system across the country and a FASTER cell has been established in the Registry of the Supreme Court.
- ❖ The cell will transmit digitally signed record of proceedings or orders related to bail and release passed by the court to the nodal officers and duty holders concerned through email.
- ❖ The CJI hoped that in the near future, as part of the second phase of the project



Endosulfan tragedy

Synopsis:

- ❖ The state government has decided to provide compensation of Rs 5 lakh each to 3,714 people affected by endosulfan pesticide use in the Kasaragod area of Kerala. The list of victims includes 6,727 people.
- ❖ There is dissatisfaction with the classification of victims and the fact that the announced compensation has not yet been fully disbursed.



Highlights:

- ❖ Human rights groups there have raised questions about the need for the government to re-examine the victims' eligibility for compensation.
- ❖ Discussions are reminiscent of the great upheaval in Kerala caused by the use of endosulfan.
- ❖ 1,442 people have already been compensated Rs 5 lakh each. A further 1,568 people have been compensated Rs 3 lakh. It has been informed that a team consisting of Health and Revenue Department officials will personally inquire into the remaining victims in the list and decide on the eligibility for compensation and the victims will be compensated immediately through the District Collector.
- ❖ In the first phase, the relief will be given to those who are bedridden, mentally ill, severely ill and suffering from cancer.
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Discovery of archeological objects

Synopsis:

- ❖ In the last assembly session, Tamil Nadu First Minister MK Stalin had announced that archeological excavations would be carried out at 7 places in Tamil Nadu to identify the ancient biological civilization of the Tamils to the world



Key Highlights:

- ❖ On the road from Tulukkar Patti village to Kannanallur village in Nellore district, there is a lifeless hill. This area is called Vilangadu.
- ❖ The excavation work was started by the Speaker of Tamil Nadu Appavu and the Minister of Industry Thangam Tennarasu.
- ❖ Rs. 15 crore has been allocated for excavation work. Preliminary excavations are being carried out accordingly.



- ❖ Numerous reddish-black, black-and-white, white-spotted, black-and-red-colored pottery, pottery, and pottery with symbols have been found in abundance.
- ❖ Jewelry in a variety of colors and up to 36 rare types of archeological artifacts have been found. All of these items are being collected separately
- ❖ . Its director Vasantha Kumar said that it is to be sent to the Archaeological Survey of Delhi for study.
- ❖ Many more rare types of archeological artifacts are likely to be available as they are considered to be part of the Iron Age burial ground. This work will continue until the end of April.

APPOINTMENT

New Director General of the Geological Survey of India takes charge

Synopsis:

- ❖ Dr.S. Raju, Additional Director General and National Mission Head-III and IV, GSI has taken over the charge of Director General (DG) of Geological Survey of India (GSI) .
- ❖ He has also supplemented in geology of Tamil Nadu especially, establishing the metamorphic and tectono-magmatic history of the Satyamangalam Group of rocks.



Highlights:

- ❖ He hails from Pasuvanthanai village, near Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu and heowns under graduation in Geology from V.O.C. College, Thoothukudiand Masters in Geologyfrom Presidency College, Chennai.
- ❖ He was awarded doctoral degree in Geology from University of Lucknow for his outstanding contribution to the field of petrography and geochemistry of dykes of BundelkhandCraton.
- ❖ He has several research publications on national/international journals to his credits.
- ❖ Dr.S. Raju joined Geological Survey of India in 1988. During the initial period of hiscareer, he was instrumental in geological mapping of Bundelkhand Granitic Complex in Uttar Pradesh and alsoexecuted investigation on gold mineralization and carried out geo-environmental appraisal of Jhansi district of Bundelkhand Region, Uttar Pradesh.With his expertise,
- ❖ He has also served as Deputy Director General of State Unit: Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, GSI Chennai from 2015 to 2018, during his tenure he has expedited several mapping and mineral exploration projects of Tamil Nadu



- ❖ He has given special emphasises on developments of Geological monuments of Tamil Nadu including National Fossil Wood park atThiruvakkarai, National Geological Monuments of Charnockite at St. Thomas Mount, Chennai.
- ❖ He has conceptualized and instrumental in construction of new office cum laboratory complex with modern laboratory facilities at Chennai in the State Unit: Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

AWARDS

Kudavayil Balasubramanian Painter Trotsky Literary Award

Synopsis:

- ❖ Aranganathan Memorial Literary Award for the year 2022 to be given to Archaeologist Kudavayil Balasubramanian and Ovia Trotsky



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Key Highlights:

- ❖ The Aranganathan Literary Award has been given since 2018 to those who have excelled in the fields of poetry, short stories, novels, essays, plays, translations, research texts, poetry, and criticism.
- ❖ These awards Ma. Aranganathan's son and magistrate court judge. Mahadevan is offering. The Ma Aranganathan Literary Award for the year 2022 is to be given to Archaeologist Kudavayil Balasubramanian and Ovia Trotsky.
- ❖ Supreme Court Judge V. Ramasubramanian is scheduled to present the awards at a function to be held on April 16 at the Rani Seetha Arena in the Thousand Lights area of Chennai.

The Asia's Most Valuable Brand Awards

Synopsis:

- ❖ The award presentation ceremony of “The Asia's Most Valuable Brand Awards”, presented by MythFocus, was successfully held at The Mira Hong Kong
- ❖ A number of both local and international corporations were honoured for their outstanding performance or innovative achievements in their industries. The winning companies were carefully selected by an independent awards panel, professionally and impartially.



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- ❖ Standing out from the rest of the candidates has proven these winners to be highly competitive, thus worth recognizing.

Key Highlights:

- ❖ The superior geographical location of Hong Kong allows companies across different industries to stand out and thrive on success. With the handover of Hong Kong to China in 1997, local companies have been expanding their market towards the Mainland, in accordance with the national development strategy implemented by the Chinese government.
- ❖ In addition to maintaining competitiveness in the service level, in recent years more and more enterprises have been fulfilling their social responsibilities and contributing more to the development of cities and the environment.
- ❖ The winning companies came from a wide range of industries, which include China Life Insurance (Overseas) Company Limited, New World Development Company Limited, Gamania Digital Entertainment (HK) Co Ltd, I-Access, etc.
- ❖ Various renowned celebrities were invited to present the awards, which includes the current Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Dr Bernard Chan Pak-li, and Mr. Micky Yan Wai Kiu, the former chairman of The Outstanding Young Persons' Association whom at the same time is the founder and chairman of VQ Foundation Limited.
- ❖ Our honorable guests also shared their expertise and experience in managing business locally and in the Mainland. Through exchanging ideas and inspirations, both parties looked forward to co-operating in the near future.

SPORTS

Tamil Nadu students' achievement in the national statue competition

Synopsis:

- ❖ Tamil Nadu students' achievement in the national statue competition
- ❖ Bearded students won 24 medals in the national level fungus competition held in Bangalore.
- ❖ Bearded Lakshmi Vidyalaya Matriculation High School students from Dindigul district participated in the national level fun competition held in Bangalore



Key Highlights:

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Bearded Lakshmi Vidyalaya Matriculation High School students from Dindigul district participated in the national level fun competition held in Bangalore.
- ❖ Received a total of 24 medals, including eight gold, seven silver and nine bronze medals.
- ❖ The winning students were felicitated by the school's Rector Chandrasekaran, Principal Ramesh, Deputy Principal Vidya and teachers.



- ❖ V. Haripalan won the gold medal in the 9-year-old Nedungambu and Thodukambu categories. Youngster won the gold medal and V. Nidarshini won the gold medal in the 14-year-old women's swordsmanship category.
- ❖ The competition was divided into two teams as there were more than 35 people in the same weight category.
- ❖ In the 20-year-old women's category, P. Deekshita won the gold medal in the scrolls category, in the 16-year-old category, M. Paraniraj won the gold medal in the scrolls category, and in the 17-year-old category, Velkambu and Suriya won the gold medal. Apart from these, there are many more bronze medalists.

Hockey Women's Junior World Cup:

Synopsis :

- ❖ The ninth edition of the FIH Women's Junior Hockey World Cup starts on April 1 in Potchefstroom, South Africa. It's an event that was originally scheduled to take place in December, but had to be postponed four months because of the Covid-19 pandemic and the outbreak of Omicron variant.



Key Highlights:

- ❖ There are a few changes in the roster this time, as traditional powerhouses Australia, New Zealand and Spain opted to skip the event because of the pandemic.
- ❖ A few days before the start of the tournament, the FIH announced that, "Ukrainian Hockey Association has informed us today that their Women's Junior team will not be able to participate in the upcoming FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup eventually, despite its tireless efforts to try to make it possible."
- ❖ The team of Ukraine will not be replaced. Therefore, the event will be played with 15 teams, with Pool B comprising of South Africa, England and Ireland. The matches of Ukraine will be cancelled.
- ❖ But there won't be any shortage of big teams present at the competition, as the four different winners of the event - the Netherlands (three-time champions), two-time winners South Korea and Argentina, and champions at the inaugural edition in 1989, Germany will compete.
- ❖ Teams and format The 15 teams present in Potchefstroom - just over 120 km away from Johannesburg - have been slotted into four groups.
- ❖ Each team will play the other once, and the top two teams at the end of the league stage move forward to the knockout rounds that start with the quarterfinals. A win earns three points, a point for a draw and none for a loss.