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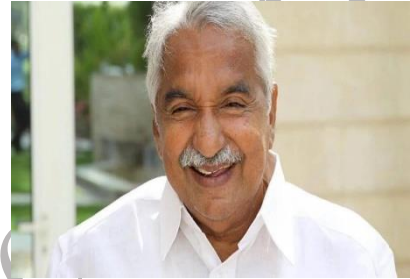
18 July 2023 - Tamilnadu day

- ❖ Tamil Nadu was created on 1 November 1956 with the name Madras State.
- ❖ On 18 July 1967, Madras State was officially renamed to Tamil Nadu.

Persons in the news

Former Kerala CM Oommen Chandy passes away at 79

- ❖ He was a well-respected public figure and a prominent legislator, representing the Puthupally constituency in Kottayam district.
- ❖ Chandy held the office of Chief Minister twice during his political career.
- ❖ Born on October 30, 1943, to Karottu Vallakalil K.V. Chandy and Baby Chandy, he entered politics through active participation in the Kerala Students Union (KSU) and the Youth Congress.
- ❖ His journey in politics saw him serving as the State general secretary of Kerala Students Union (KSU) in 1965
- ❖ Chandy received his education at St. George High School in Kottayam and went on to study at CMS College, Kottayam, SB College Changanassery, and the Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram.



Bharatiyar's son-in-law K.V. Krishnan (97) passed away

- ❖ Mahakavi Bharatiyar's younger son K.V. Krishnan (97) passed away (on July 15) at Bharatiyar's residence in Varanasi due to old age."
- ❖ Mahakavi Bharatiyar's younger sister Lakshmi Ammal Kedarashivan's son K.V. Krishna. He is fluent in 6 languages including Tamil, English, Hindi and Sanskrit.
- ❖ Retired Professor of Music, Banaras Hindu University.
- ❖ He translated and published Mahakavi Bharatiyar's poetry and biography in Hindi. He has received various awards including the Tamil Nadu Government Award for his work in the field of arts.



Three Indian-origin MPs elected as Singapore Parliament MPs

- ❖ Appointed by the Parliament of Singapore 3 Indians of Indian origin have been selected as MPs.
- ❖ 9 nominated MPs are usually elected to the Parliament of Singapore. The names of 30 people were taken into consideration for this.



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- ❖ 9 of them will be selected by a special selection committee headed by former Speaker Than Xuan Jin. 3 of the 9 nominated MPs so elected are of Indian origin.
- ❖ "Nimil Rajinikanth Parekh", President of Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, "Chandradas Usha Rani", co-founder of Plural Art Path Trikai, and lawyer "Raj Joshua Thomas" are the three.



Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary B R Sharma appointed as State Election Commissioner of J&K

- ❖ Retired IAS officer and former Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Braj Raj Sharma(B R Sharma) was appointed as the State Election Commissioner (SEC) of J&K with effect from the date he assumes charge till he attains the age of 65.
- ❖ **Note:** The appointment was made by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in exercise of the powers conferred by proviso to sub-section (3) of section 36 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989.
- ❖ BR Sharma, a 1984-batch IAS officer of the Jammu and Kashmir cadre.
- ❖ He has also served as the Chairman of Staff Selection Commission(SSC) from 2019 to 2020. He has also served as the Chief of J&K Public Service Commission (PSC) from 2020 to 2022.



Eminent Mathematician Mangala Narlikar Passed Away

- ❖ Renowned Indian mathematician and educationalist Mangala Narlikar, passed away at the age of 80 in Pune, Maharashtra. She was born on 17th May 1943 in Bombay Province, British India (now in Pune, Maharashtra).
- ❖ She is the spouse of Prof Jayant V. Narlikar, Indian cosmologist & astrophysicist, the founder director of the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune(Maharashtra).
- ❖ In 1980, she obtained her PhD in Analytic Number Theory from Mumbai University (MU).
- ❖ Dr Mangala Narlikar carried out research in pure mathematics and her core fields of interest were real and complex analysis, analytic geometry, number theory, algebra and topology.



Books and Authors

R. Chidambaram and Suresh Gangotra's book "India Rising Memoir of a Scientist".

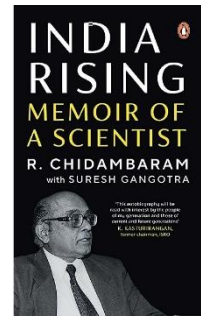


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- ❖ One of India's greatest scientists, Dr. R. Chidambaram served as the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to the Government of India and served as the Chairman of the "Science Advisory Committee (SAC-C)" to the First Cabinet from November 2001 to March 2018.
- ❖ As one of India's most renowned experimental physicists, Dr. Chidambaram has made outstanding contributions to many aspects of basic science and nuclear technology.



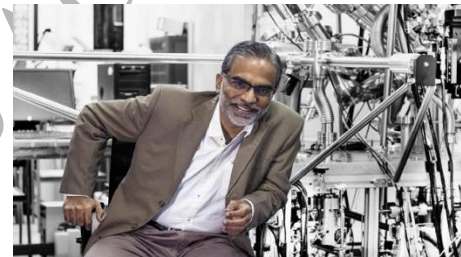
R. Chidambaram

- ❖ A Padma Vibhushan awardee, he played a leading and integral role in designing and executing the peaceful nuclear explosion test at Pokhran in 1974 and also led the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) team.

Awards and honors

Technology in Water Purification - IIT Chennai International Award for Prof

- ❖ The prestigious 'ENI' honors international excellence in scientific research related to energy and environment. Awards are being given.
- ❖ In that way, Chennai I.I.T. Department of Chemistry Prof. Thalappil Pradeep 'E.N.I.' He has been selected for the award.
- ❖ The award is to be presented to Thalappil Pradeep in recognition of his work "purifying water using modern raw materials".
- ❖ He has invented modern sustainable raw materials to remove toxic substances from water. The technology he invented is not only sustainable but also less expensive.
- ❖ 13 lakh people in India are benefiting daily from this project which has been implemented as a solution to drinking water problem.
- ❖ The Prime Minister of Italy will soon present the award to Pradeep Thalappil.
- ❖ It is noted that Pradeep has previously received various awards including "Padma Shri, Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Award for Water, Nikkei Asia Award".



Sports

Indian shooter Prithviraj Thondaiman won bronze medal in the ISSF Shotgun World Cup in Italy.

- ❖ In shooting competition, "Indian shooter Prithviraj Thondaiman" won the bronze medal in men's trap event at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup Lonato 2023 held in Italy yesterday.
- ❖ Prithviraj Thondaiman's bronze was India's only medal in Lonato shooting.
- ❖ This is his second individual ISSF (International Shooting Sports Federation) World Cup medal.





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- ❖ Prithviraj Tondaiman finished third in the final with 34 points. Britain's Nathan Hales won the gold medal with 49 points and Qi Ying of the Republic of China won the silver medal with 48 points.
- ❖ Overall, India finished ninth in the medal tally in Lonato, topped by the US with two golds and a silver.
- ❖ The ISSF (International Shooting Sports Federation) Shotgun World Cup in Italy is a qualifying event for the Paris 2024 Olympics.

World Shooting: Indian Link Gold

- ❖ India's Abhinav Shah/Gowtami Banod combination won the gold medal at the Junior World Shooting Championships in South Korea.
- ❖ In the 10m air rifle mixed team category, Abhinav/Gowtami edged France's Osien Muller/Romain Aubriere 17-13 to top the event.
- ❖ India is currently ranked 2nd in the competition with 6 medals including 3 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze.



Chief Minister's Cup Football: Namakkal, Cuddalore tops

- ❖ Teams from Namakkal and Cuddalore districts won first place in Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Cup state football tournament.
- ❖ The matches were also held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai.
- ❖ Namakkal stands first in the female category with 7 points. Tiruvarur is second with 5 points and Cuddalore teams are third with 2 points.
- ❖ Cuddalore tops with 7 points in students category. Kanyakumari was second with 7 points and Chennai was third with 3 points.
- ❖ The first team won Rs.9.00 Lakhs, the second team won Rs.6.75 Lakhs and the third team won Rs.4.50 Lakhs along with medals and the Chief Minister's trophy.



Algaras is a new chapter in the world of tennis

- ❖ Spain's "Carlos Alcaraz", the 20-year-old top seed, has made the tennis world look back after winning the men's singles title at Wimbledon.
- ❖ In the final, Alcaraz defeated the second seed Novak Djokovic of Serbia 1-6, 7-6(6), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.
- ❖ The match lasted for 4 hours and 43 minutes.
- ❖ With Wimbledon over, the last Grand Slam of the year, the US Open, will be held at the end of next month.



Wimbledon.

- ❖ Wimbledon: Chairman- Debbie Jevans



- ❖ Founded- 1877
- ❖ Court- Grass Outdoor

Wimbledon 2023		
Category	Winners	Runners
Gentlemen's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz(Spain)	Novak Djokovic(Serbia)
Ladies Singles	Marketa Vondrousova(Czech Republic)	Ons Jabeur(Tunisia)
Gentlemen's Doubles	Neal Skupski(United Kingdom) and Wesley Koolhof(Dutch)	Marcel Granollers(Spain) and Horacio Zeballos (Argentina)
Ladies doubles	Hsieh Su-Wei of (Taiwan) and Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic)	Elise Mertens(Belgium) and Storm Hunter (Australia)
Mixed Doubles	Mate Pavic(Croatia) and Lyudmyla Kichenok(Ukraine)	Joran Vliegen(Belgium) and Xu Yifan(China).

Science and Technology

Artificial Intelligence Technology in the Israel Defense Forces

- ❖ The Israel Defense Forces has started using AI technology in the military.
- ❖ It is being used in tasks such as selecting targets during air strikes and regularizing the logistics of war.
- ❖ It selects an airstrike target and predicts how much explosives to use on that area and when to use them.
- ❖ It is said that all this takes place under human supervision.



National current affairs :

International airport at Port Blair

Prime Minister of India is set to inaugurate the Veer Savarkar International airport at **Port Blair** today.

‘CRCS-Sahara Refund Portal’

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah will launch ‘**CRCS-Sahara Refund Portal**’ in New Delhi today.



Cooperation Ministry has taken a number of initiatives to strengthen the cooperative movement in the country

- ❖ To protect the interests of the members of the cooperatives.
- ❖ In order to address the grievances of genuine members and
- ❖ Depositors of the Sahara Group of Cooperative Societies for payment of their legitimate deposits.

Uniform Civil Code

- ❖ The Uniform Civil Code (UCC) aims to enforce a **uniform legal framework** to all citizens, irrespective of their religion.
- ❖ Right now, matters including marriage, divorce and succession are governed by religion-based personal laws.
- ❖ UCC is part of **Part IV** of the Constitution which includes the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP). **Article 44** in DPSP states that **“The State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India”**

‘Bharat Dal’

- ❖ Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal launched the sale of subsidised chana dal at Rs 60 per kg under a brand name **‘Bharat Dal’** to provide pulses at an affordable rate to consumers.
- ❖ Chana dal is being sold in Delhi-NCR through the retail outlets of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED).

Hindi language in the world organisation

India has contributed USD 1 million as part of a voluntary contribution to the United Nations to promote the use of the Hindi language in the world organisation and to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding.

Aap ka mobile Dost app

The Mobile Dost App aims at empowering people of Jammu & Kashmir by providing a comprehensive platform to access all the Government to citizen Services (G2C) directly from their mobile devices.

Tamilnadu current affairs

Export Preparedness Index[EPI]:2022

- ❖ Tamilnadu been ranked the number one state on Niti Ayog's Export Preparedness Index for 2022.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu was placed fourth in 2021 and the third in 2020.



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- ❖ The EPI 2022 report evaluated the performance of states on four counts - policy, business ecosystem, export ecosystem and export performance.

Archaeology Discovery:

A Griddle made up of clay has been found in **Vembakottai** in virudhunagar district.

International news

BIMSTEC Foreign Ministers meeting starts in Bangkok, Thailand

- ❖ Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Foreign Ministers first ever meeting today started in Bangkok, Thailand.
- ❖ On the second day of his Bangkok Visit, Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar meets with foreign ministers of BIMSTEC member nations in Bangkok.
- ❖ Mr. Jaishankar Co-chaired the "12th Mekong Ganga Cooperation (MGC)" meeting in Bangkok along with Foreign Minister of Saleumxay Kommasith.



Coordinated international efforts to address food insecurity

- ❖ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has emphasized the need for concerted international efforts to tackle food insecurity.
- ❖ G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meet in Gandhinagar, capital of Gujarat for 2 days Takes place.
- ❖ In this meeting Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman spoke:
- ❖ Global economic growth has been below long-term averages and uneven. A concerted international effort is essential to get through the current challenging period.
- ❖ In this context, the G20 Working Group explored addressing the macroeconomic challenges of food and energy insecurity and climate change.
- ❖ He said the policy lessons drawn from these issues clearly highlighted the need for enhanced international economic cooperation.

