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Persons in news

New US Consul General takes charge in Chennai

- ❖ Christopher W. Hodges assumed charge as Consul General at the US Embassy in Chennai.
- ❖ Newly appointed Hodges said: "I am proud to represent the United States in South India during an exciting period in US-India relations.
- ❖ He said the Deputy Consul General aims to strengthen ties across the region, which includes Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and the three Union Territories of Puducherry, Andaman-Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.



Awards and honors

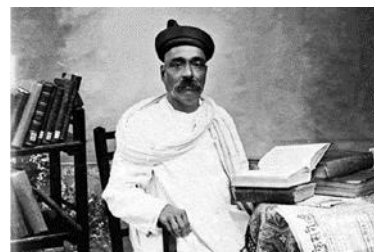
'Tagaisal Tamil' award to K. Veeramani

- ❖ To honor those who have contributed immensely to the development of Tamil Nadu and the Tamil community, the 'Takaisal Tamilan' award has been given since 2021.
- ❖ On Independence Day...: This award, which includes a check of Rs.10 lakh and a certificate of appreciation, will be presented by Chief Minister M. K. Stalin during the Independence Day celebrations.
- ❖ Thakaisal Tamil Award will be given from the year 2021. For the first year, the award was presented to Sankaraiah, a senior leader of the Communist Party of the Communist Party of India.
- ❖ It is noteworthy that the award last year (2022) was given to the senior leader of the Communist Party of India, Nallakann.



"Lokmanya Tilak National Award"

- ❖ The 41st Tilak National Award Ceremony was held in Pune yesterday. In this function, "Loka Manya Tilak National Award was presented to Prime Minister Modi".
- ❖ The Lokmanya Tilak National Award is presented annually on Tilak's memorial day (August 1) by the Tilak Samarg Mandir Charitable Trust.
- ❖ The British called Tilak the "Father of Indian Peace".
- ❖ Mahatma Gandhi called Tilak the "Father of Modern India".





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Sports

The Indian team continues to perform well in the shooting competition at the World University Games held in China

- ❖ Indian women's shooting dominated the women's 50m rifle 3 positions team by winning gold. The Indian University team represented by "Manini Kaushik, Ashi Chowksey and Sift Kaur Chamra" won the final.
- ❖ The Indian University team represented by "Varun Tomar, Arjun Singh Seema and Anmol Jain" bagged bronze in the men's 10m air pistol team final. South Korea won gold and China won silver in the tournament.



Reports

The Rohini Commission, constituted to examine the sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs), has submitted its report to President Droupadi Murmu.

- ❖ The Commission for Other Backward Classes was appointed through an **October 2, 2017** notification to examine the **sub-categorisation of OBC**.
- ❖ **Justice G Rohini**, a retired chief justice of the Delhi High Court is its chairperson.
- ❖ The Commission had been entrusted with the task to study the various entries in the Central List of OBCs.
- ❖ The Commission has meticulously categorized the 27 OBC castes into **four distinct classes**, based on their historical utilization of reservation benefits.
- ❖ **Class 1:** Those Who Never Received Reservation Benefits.
- ❖ **Class 2:** Those Who Received Limited Reservation Benefits.
- ❖ **Class 3:** Those Who Received Significant Reservation Benefits.
- ❖ **Class 4:** Overall Recommendation.



Environment

Male tiger tragically killed in snare meant for deer in Tamil Nadu's Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve.

This heartbreaking incident marks the fourth tiger death in Tamil Nadu this year and the second within the confines of the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve.

Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve

- ❖ Sathyamangalam wildlife sanctuary was declared a tiger reserve in **2013**.





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- ❖ Located in the Nilgiri biosphere, the Reserve shares its border with Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, and BR Tiger Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ❖ Together, these reserves form the Nilgiris biosphere landscape and have the biggest tiger population in the world, at over 280 tigers.

State Current Affairs

Operation Muskan - IX

- ❖ Telangana Police rescued over 2,000 children under Operation Muskan - IX conducted across the state in July.
- ❖ Of them, 2,230 children, including 212 girls, were handed over to parents or guardians and 387 children were admitted to rescue homes.
- ❖ More than 400 First Information Reports (FIRs) have been registered under various sections of the law, while 436 criminals have been identified and arrested in a single day.
- ❖ They were rescued from 'another state or country' as part of the operation.



Amazon India will open its "first floating store" in Dal Lake, Srinagar.

- ❖ Amazon India has announced that it will open its first floating store on Tal Lake in Srinagar, Kashmir, as part of its last-mile delivery initiative 'I Have Space'.
- ❖ The store will open at Houseboat and "Murdaza Khan Kashi", owner of Houseboat Selecttown, will deliver packages to customers at their doorstep every day.
- ❖ The "I Have Space" project was launched in 2015.
- ❖ The program has 28,000 local and grana partners in around 420 cities and towns across India.
- ❖ It partners with local shops and small businesses to deliver products within a radius of 2 to 4 kilometers.



'Just ask!'

- ❖ United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Government of Madhya Pradesh (MP) National Health Mission (NHM) and Department of Public Health and Family Welfare (MP) launched 'Just Ask!' (Khulke Poochho in Hindi) introduced an Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- ❖ It will greatly help adolescents and young adults (ages 15-29) in India to "explore information and gain awareness on issues related to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)".
- ❖ The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) was created by sexual and reproductive health experts.





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- ❖ It engages users in "interactive conversations" and provides them with accurate and reliable information within minutes for free.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

- ❖ Executive Director- Dr. Natalia Ganem
- ❖ Headquarters – New York, United States of America (USA)
- ❖ Motto "Ensuring Rights and Choices for All"
- ❖ Year of Establishment – 1969

National Current affairs

Amazon India has launched its first floating store on Dal Lake in Srinagar, for a seamless delivery experience to its customers in Kashmir.

- ❖ This is the company's first-ever floating store.
- ❖ The store is part of their 'I Have Space' delivery program, which started in 2015.
- ❖ The program helps them deliver packages to customers in faraway places using local shops and partners.
- ❖ They have about 28,000 partners in 420 towns and cities all over India.



2.46 lakh farmers have been benefitted from PM-KUSUM Scheme, says govt.

- ❖ The scheme provides for installation of solar pumps, solarization of existing grid-connected agricultural pumps and installation of grid connected renewable power plants.
- ❖ New and Renewable Energy Minister R. K. Singh said this in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

PM-KUSUM -Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan.

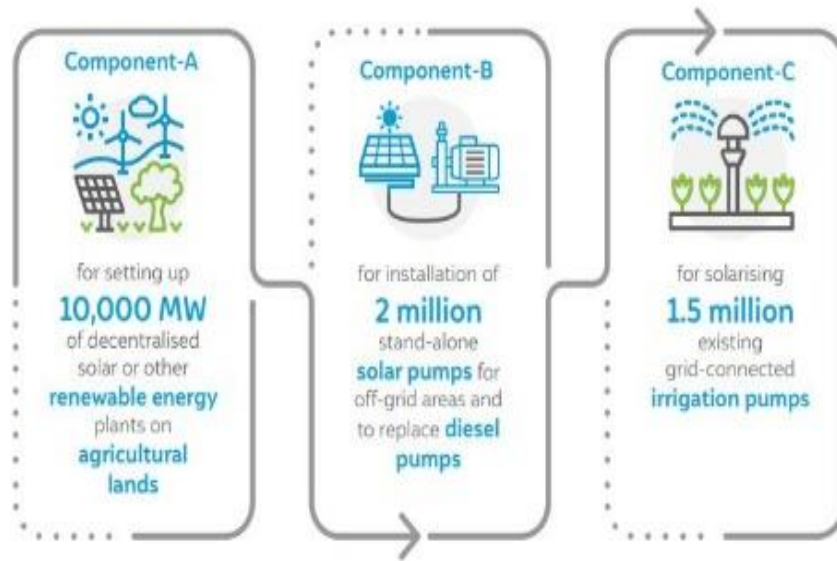
- ❖ It was launched by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in 2019.
- ❖ PM-KUSUM Scheme has been extended till 31st March 2026.
- ❖ The PM-KUSUM project aims to completely transform India's rural economy and ensure the country's energy security.
- ❖ The scheme comprises of 3 components.
 - Component A: Addition of 10,000 MW of solar capacity through installation of small solar power plants of capacity up to 2 MW. Procurement Based Incentive (PBI) will be provided for the first five years by MNRE to DISCOMs, for buying the power from farmers/developers.
 - Component B: Installation of 20 lakh standalone solar powered agricultural pumps.
 - Component C: Solarisation of 15 lakh existing Grid-connected Agriculture Pumps.
- ❖ Each farmer will receive a 60% subsidy to set up tube wells and pump sets. They will also get 30% of the total cost as a loan from the Government.



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India-Moldova ministers meet to discuss bilateral cooperation in agriculture.

- ❖ Meeting between MoS (Agriculture) Sushri Shobha Karandlaje and Deputy PM and Minister for Agriculture & Food Industries of Moldova, Mr Vladimir Bolea held at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- ❖ The Indian Minister mentioned about the declaration of the year 2023 as International Years of Millets (IYOM) by the United Nations on the proposal from Govt. of India
- ❖ Both Ministers emphasized on the potential for increasing bilateral trade in agricultural commodities and for strengthening of bilateral agricultural cooperation through exchange of knowledge and technology.





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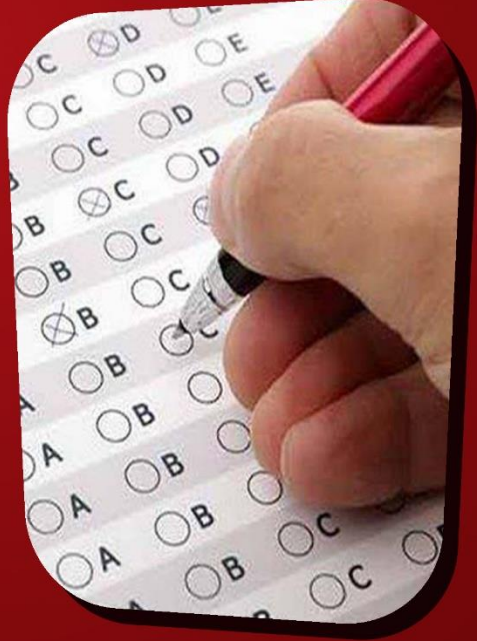
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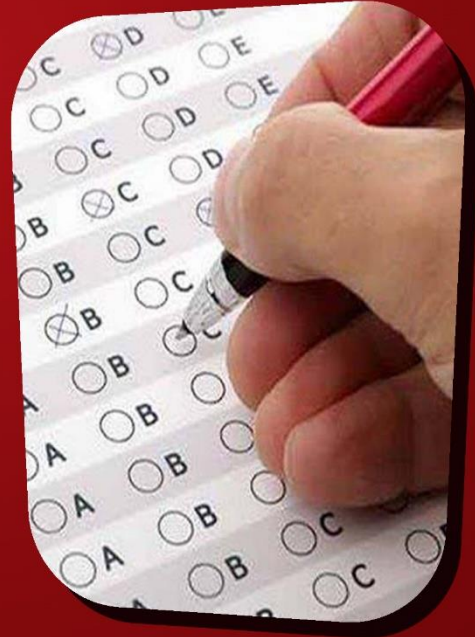
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