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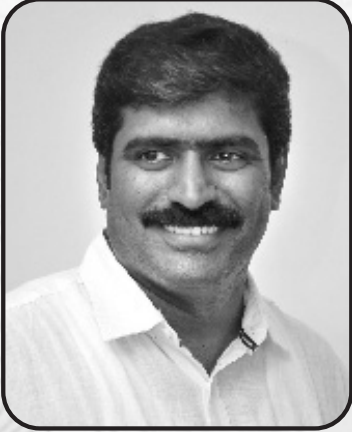
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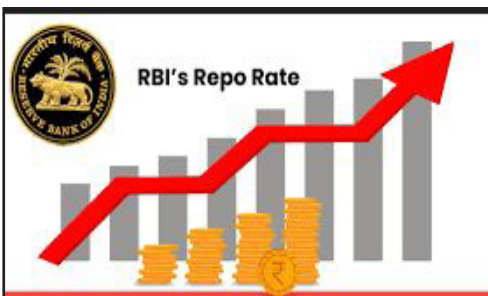
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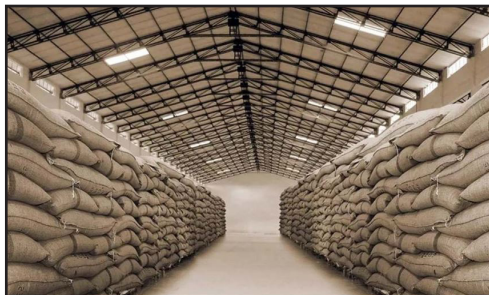


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1. HISTORY



1.1 IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme / Remark
June 1	World Milk Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is observed on June 1 every year to recognize the importance of milk as a global food.The day was first established in 2001 by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).Theme 2024: "Celebrating the vital role dairy plays in delivering quality nutrition to nourish the world". <p>Note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">India is the leading producer of Milk in the world.
June 2	Telangana Foundation Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The day is observed on June 2 to commemorate the formation of the Telangana state on June 2, 2014.Telangana was carved out of Andhra Pradesh with Hyderabad as its capital as India's 29th state. <p>Note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">'Jaya Jaya he Telangana' was announced as the State Song of Telangana on June 2, 2024.The song was written by poet Ande Sri and the music was composed by M M Keeravani.
June 3	World Bicycle Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The day is observed on June 3 every year to spread awareness about the benefits of using bicycles.Theme 2024 : "Promoting Health, Equity, and Sustainability through Cycling."The day was declared by the United National General Assembly in April 2018.

Date	Day	Theme / Remark
June 5	World Environment Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The day is observed on June 5 every year to encourage environmental protection. ▪ Theme 2024: Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience. ▪ The day was first celebrated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in 1973. <p>About UNEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation - June 5, 1972 • Headquarters - Nairobi, Kenya • Executive Director - Inger Andersen
June 6	World Pest Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is observed globally on June 6 every year to raise awareness of pest management. ▪ The day was first observed by Global Summit of Pest Management Services for Public Health and Food Safety in 2017. ▪ Theme 2024 : Global Solutions, Local Impact: Mapping Success in Pest Management. <p>Note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an eco-friendly approach that integrates both chemical and non-chemical practices for control of pests. ▪ National Policy on IPM was released in India in 1985.
June 7	World Food Safety Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The day is observed on June 7 to raise awareness about foodborne illness risks. ▪ Theme 2024 : “Food safety: prepare for the unexpected.” ▪ It was first observed in December 2018.
June 8	World Oceans Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The day is observed on June 8 every year to safeguard the health of the ocean. ▪ Theme 2024 : “Awaken New Depth” ▪ The day was first observed in 2008 by the United Nations
June 12	World Day Against Child Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The day is observed on June 12 to promote efforts to eliminate child labour. ▪ Theme 2024 : Let’s act on our commitments: End Child Labour! ▪ The day was adopted by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in 1999.

Date	Day	Theme / Remark
		<p>Note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Policy on Child Labour was formulated in 1987. ▪ Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Amendment Act 2016 prohibits the employment of Children below 14 years in all employment and prohibits the employment of adolescents (14-18 Years) in the hazardous occupations.

1.2 WORLD SUMMITS AND ORGANISATION

World Health Assembly

- The **77th World Health Assembly** was recently held in **Geneva, Switzerland**.
- **Theme** : All for Health, Health for All.
- World Health Assembly is the **decision-making body** of the **World Health Organization**.

About WHO

- **Formation** - 7 April 1948
- **Headquarters** - Geneva
- **Director** - General - Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- **Objective** - To expand universal health coverage

BRICS Foreign Minister's Meet 2024

- BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting 2024 began in **Nizhny Novgorod in Russia**.
- The Ministers agreed to jointly develop the **New Development Bank** into a new type of **Multilateral Development Bank of the 21st century**.

About BRICS

- **Formation** - June 16, 2009
- **Chairmanship** - Russia (From January 1, 2024)
- **Members** - 10
- **Objective** - To enhance economic cooperation and trade among the member countries

1.3 APPOINTMENTS

New Director for IGCAR

- Chandrashekhkar Gaurinath Karhadkar has been appointed as the new Director of the **Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR)**.

About IGCAR

- **Formation** - 1971
- Functions under **Department of Atomic Energy**.

- **Second largest Nuclear Research Centre** after **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**.

Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee

- **Justice Hima Kohli** has been recently appointed as the **Chairperson** of the **Supreme Court's Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee**.

- The committee is formed under the **Gender Sensitisation & Sexual Harassment of Women at the Supreme Court of India (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Regulations, 2013.**
- He is selected by the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** and is appointed by the President of India.

Note

- The committee should have not less than seven members and not more than 13 members.

Note

- **Justice B.V. Nagarathna** who set to become the **First woman Chief Justice of India** is also a member of the Committee.

About Supreme Court of India

- **Formation** - January 28, 1950.
- Constituted under Article 124 of the Constitution of India.
- **Members** - 34 (33+CJI)
- **Chief Justice of India** - Dhananjaya Y.Chandrachud

Navy's First woman chopper pilot

- Sub-Lieutenant Anamika B. Rajeev became the **Indian Navy's First woman helicopter pilot.**

About Indian Navy

- **Formation** - January 26, 1950.
- **Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)** - Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi
- **Navy Day** - December 4.

New Chief Minister of Sikkim

- **Prem Singh Tamang** took oath as the **Chief Minister of Sikkim** for the second consecutive term.
- He is the leader of **Sikkim Krantikari Morcha.**

About Sikkim

- **Capital** - Gangtok
- **Governor** - Lakshman Acharya.

New Army Chief

- Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi was recently appointed as the next Chief of Army Staff.

- Army Chief is the member of

- **Member of Defence Acquisition Council.**
- **Defence Planning Committee**
- **National Security Council**

Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh

- The **Telugu Desam Party (TDP)** national president **N. Chandrababu Naidu** was elected as the new Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

Note

- He became the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for third term after 1996 and 2014.
- He is the **longest-serving chief minister** of the state

About Andhra Pradesh

- **Capital** - Amaravati
- **Chief Minister** - N. Chandrababu Naidu
- **Governor** - S. Abdul Nazeer

Odisha's new CM

- **Mohan Charan Majhi** was sworn in as the **16th Chief Minister of Odisha.**
- He is the third tribal **Chief Minister of Odisha** after late **Hemanand Biswal** and **Giridhar Gamang.**
- He is Odisha's first **BJP CM.**

About Odisha

- **Capital** - Bhubaneswar
- **Governor** - Raghubar Das
- **Chief minister** - Mohan Charan Majhi

Arunachal's New CM

- **Pema Khandu** took oath as the **Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh** for the third consecutive term.

- He was sworn in by the **Governor K.T. Parnaik**.
- **Ajit Doval** was appointed as the **National Security Adviser (NSA)** for a third term.

About Arunachal Pradesh

- Capital - **Itanagar**
- Chief minister - **Pema Khandu**
- Governor - **K.T. Parnaik**

Key Officials appointed

- **P.K. Mishra** was appointed as the **Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister** for a second term.
- **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** headed by the Prime Minister approved their appointments.

Note

- **Principal Secretary** - Administrative head of the Prime Minister's Office.
- **NSA** - Chief advisor to the Prime Minister of India on national security policy and international affairs.



2. POLITICAL SCIENCE

2.1 GOVT – WELFARE ORIENTED GOVT SCHEMES, THEIR UTILITY

Tele MANAS

- A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)** and **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** to facilitate collaboration between them in operating a special cell of Tele MANAS.
- Tele MANAS stands for **Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States**.

About Tele MANAS

- **Launch** – October 2022.
- **Implemented by** - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)
- **Objective** – To provide free 24X7 tele-mental health services.
- Implemented under **National Mental Health Programme (NMHP)**.
- Toll-free number – **14416**.

Tuberculosis (TB) elimination

- India's goal to achieve the **elimination of TB** in the country by 2025 has slowed down.
- According to the **Health Ministry**, India has been engaged in TB control activities for more than **50 years**, yet the disease continues to be the **country's severest health crisis**.

Note

- **TB** kills an estimated **4,80,000** Indians every year or **over 1,400 patients** every day.
- **TB** is bacterial disease caused by

Mycobacterium tuberculosis.

- **National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP)** is guided by the **National Strategic Plan 2017-25** to accelerate the TB elimination.

National Health Claim Exchange (NHCE)

- It is a digital health claims platform developed by **National Health Authority**
- It will be jointly operated by the **National Health Authority (NHA)** and the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)**.
- **Objective** – To serve as a gateway for exchanging claims-related information among various stakeholders in the healthcare and health insurance ecosystem.

Note

- **Ayushman Bharat** is an insurance scheme launched by the **National Health Policy 2017**.
- It was launched to achieve **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)**.

PM Kisan Nidhi

- The Union government released the **17th instalment** of the **PM Kisan Nidhi** scheme.
- The scheme is expected to benefit **9.3 crore farmers** and distribute around **Rs.20,000 crore**.

About PM Kisan Nidhi

- **Launch** – February 24, 2019.

- **Objective** - To supplement the financial needs of the farmers in procuring various inputs.
- **Benefit** - Financial benefit of Rs 6000/- per year is transferred in three equal four-monthly installments

Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina scheme

- The **Assam government** has announced the **Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina scheme** recently.
- Under this scheme girl students enrolled in Class 11, the first year of a degree programme, and the **first year of a post-graduate programme in government-run schools, colleges,** and universities will be provided with a monthly stipend.
- It is a fiscal scheme for girl students which aims to prevent their early marriages.

About Assam

- **Capital** - Dispur
- **Chief Minister** - Himanta Biswa Sarma
- **Governor** - Gulab Chand Kataria

Jan Aushadhi Kendras in Nepal

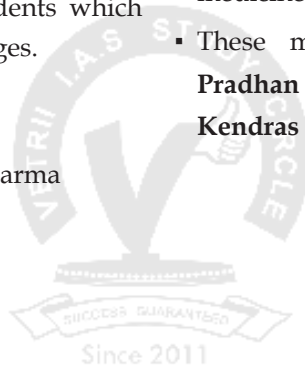
- **Nepal** has approached India to set up **Jan Aushadhi Kendras** in their country, which would allow their citizens to benefit from low cost **Indian generic medicines**.

- Mauritius is the first foreign country to adopt '**Jan Aushadhi Scheme**'.

About Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya

Janaushadhi Pariyojana

- **Launch** - November 2008
- **Launched by**- Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
- **Objective** - To provide quality generic medicines at affordable cost.
- These medicines are distributed through **Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJK)**.



2.2 PUBLIC AWARENESS & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

NOTA

- The **Indore Lok Sabha** constituency recorded **more than 2 lakh** votes polled for “None Of The Above” (NOTA).
- It is the highest number of votes that the “None Of The Above” (NOTA) option has ever received in any constituency till now.

Note

- **Launch** - September 2013.
- The Supreme Court directed the **Election Commission of India (ECI)** to introduce NOTA.
- If the **highest number of votes** in a constituency is polled for **NOTA**, the second most successful candidate wins.

New Government

- President Droupadi Murmu formally invited Narendra Modi to form the new government for the third consecutive term.
- National Democratic Alliance (NDA) elected him as its leader.

Key Highlights

- NDA won 293 seats out of the 543 seats.
 - BJP - 240 seats
 - Indian National Congress (INC) - 99 seats
 - Samajwadi Party (SP) - 37 seats
 - All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) - 29 seats.
- Majority of 272 seats is required to form the government and none of the parties got the majority of seats
- NDA consist of **Telugu Desam Party's (TDP)** N. Chandrababu Naidu and **Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar.**

- The **Indore Lok Sabha** constituency saw 218674 votes polled for “None Of The Above” (NOTA).
- The total number of women elected to Lok Sabha in this election **74 women** make just **13.63% of Lok Sabha.**
- According to Chief Election Commission, India created a world record with 64.2 crore voters, which includes **31.2 crore women voters.**
- It is **1.5 times** the voters of all **G7 countries.**

18th Lok Sabha

- **Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju** announced the **First session** of the **18th Lok Sabha** will be held from **June 24 to July 3.**
- **President Droupadi Murmu** will address a joint sitting of the two Houses on June 27 under Article 86 and 87.
- The 18th Lok Sabha has 280 first time MPs and 74 women MPs.

Note

- **Article 86** confers a right on the President to address either House of Parliament or the joint sitting of the House.
- **Article 87** provides two instances when the President of India specially addresses both Houses of Parliament.
 - Beginning of the first session of each year.
 - Beginning of the first Session after each general election.



3. GEOGRAPHY

3.1 POLICY ON ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY

The Red List of Ecosystems

- IUCN recently released the, “Red List of Mangrove Ecosystems”.
- It is the first-ever global assessment of the mangrove ecosystems across the world.

Key findings

- 50% of mangrove ecosystems are at risk of collapse.
- By 2050 about 7,065 km² (5%) more mangroves will be lost and 23,672 km² (16%) will be submerged due to sea level rise.
- Mangroves in coastal regions around **Tamil Nadu, Sri Lanka** and the **Maldives** were designated as ‘critically endangered’.

Note

- The Tamil Nadu Forest Department has constituted 20 village mangrove committees to protect the mangrove cover.
- In Tamil Nadu, according to the **Indian State of Forest Report**, the extent of mangroves had

doubled from 23 sq.km. in 2001 to 45 sq.km. in 2021.

- Mangrove restoration has been completed in 25 sq.km so far under the **Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission**.

Nitrous Oxide Emissions

- According to the study published in the journal **Earth System Science Data**, India is the **world’s** second largest source of **Nitrous Oxide (N₂O)**.
- Nearly 11% of such global man-made emissions in 2020 were from India
- The major source of these emissions comes from fertilizer usage.
- **N₂O emissions** from human activities have increased by 40% in the past four decades.

Note

- **N₂O** is a greenhouse gas that heats up the atmosphere more than **carbon dioxide**.



4. ECONOMICS

4.1 REPORTS AND INDICES

RBI's Annual Report for 2023-24

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently present its Annual Report for 2023-24 to the Central Government.
- It is presented under Section 53(2) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

Key Highlights

- Action Plan for promoting internationalisation of Indian Rupee (INR)

- Real GDP growth accelerated to 7.6% in 2023-24 from 7.0% in 2022-23.
- The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50%.
- INR depreciated by 1.4% during 2023-24.
- The Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) is 60.1 in March 2023.

4.2 CURRENT TRENDS IN INDIAN ECONOMY

GST collections

- The Ministry of Finance stated that the Goods & Services Tax (GST) collections for May 2024 is Rs.1.73 lakh crore.
- It was lower than Rs.2.10 lakh crore in April but higher than the Rs.1.57 lakh crore collected in May 2023.
- The gross GST collections in the financial year 2025 till May stood at Rs.3.83-lakh crore which is 11.3% higher than the previous year.
- It is driven by a strong increase in domestic transactions and marginal increase in imports.

About GST:

- **Launch** - July 1, 2017
- Under **Constitution (101st Amendment) Act 2016**.
- Three types of GST are CGST (Central) SGST (State) and IGST (integrated)
- **Tax Slabs** - 0%, 5%, 12%, 18%, 28%.
- GST Council constituted under **Article 279A**.

Expansion Unified Payment Interface (UPI)

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in collaboration with NPCI International Payments Ltd. (NIPL) is planning to expand the **United Payment Interface (UPI)** to 20 countries by 2028-29

Countries that accept UPI

- Bhutan
- France (E-commerce)
- Mauritius
- Nepal
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- UAE

About United Payment Interface (UPI)

- **Launch** - April 11, 2016
- A system that powers multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application.

- **Launched by** – National Payments Corporation of with 21 member banks.
 - **First MPC** - **September 29, 2016.**
 - **Quorum** – 4 members
 - **Members** – 6 (3 – RBI, 3 – Central Government)
 - **Chairperson** - Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (Shaktikanta Das)
- 100 metric tonnes of gold**
- India has moved 100 metric tonnes of its gold stored in the **U.K.** to domestic vaults in Fiscal Year **2024.**
 - India's overall gold holding increased **27.46 metric tonnes** in FY24 and it stands at **822 metric tonnes.**

Note

- The interest rate that the RBI charges when commercial banks borrow money from it is called the repo rate

Note

- All banknotes issued by RBI are backed by assets such as gold, Government Securities and Foreign Currency Assets, as defined in **Section 33 of the RBI Act, 1934.**

Repo Rate

- The **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** has kept the repo rate unchanged at **6.5 per cent** for the eight consecutive time.
- The committee has also decided to maintain the monetary policy stance of 'withdrawal of accommodation'.

About MPC

- Constituted under **Section 45ZB** of the amended **RBI Act, 1934.**

Global Economic Prospects report.

- **World Bank** recently released the Global Economic Prospects report.
- The report states that India will remain the **fastest-growing major economy** recording a steady growth of **6.7 per cent** in the next three years including the current financial year.
- In India, growth is estimated to have increased to **8.2 per cent** in fiscal year **2023 to 2024.**

About World Bank

- **Formation** - July 1944
- **Headquarters**- Washington
- **President** - Ajay Banga



5. SCIENCE

5.1 LATEST DISCOVERIES IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Three new craters on Mars

- The scientists of the Ahmedabad-based Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) have discovered three new craters in the Tharsis volcanic region on Mars.
- The three craters are named as follows,

- **Lal crater**- Named after Devendra Lal who is a renowned Indian geophysicist and Director of PRL.
- **Mursan crater** – Named after a town in Uttar Pradesh.
- **Hilsa crater** – Named after a town in Bihar.

5.2 SPACE

PraVaHa

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has developed the software named Parallel RANS Solver for Aerospace Vehicle Aero-thermo-dynamic Analysis (PraVaHa).
- PraVaHa aims to simulate external and internal flows on launch vehicles.
- It was developed in ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).
- It has been used extensively in the Gaganyaan program.

About ISRO

- **Formation** - August 15, 1969
- **Headquarters** – Bengaluru
- **Chairman** - S. Somanat

French Open

- Carlos Alcaraz won the French Title.

- He became the youngest sports person to win Grand Slam on all three surfaces - grass, hard, clay

About French Open

- It is also known as Roland-Garros.
- **Formation** – 1891.

Aditya-L1

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently released the images of the sun and its dynamic activities during the solar storm.
- These images were captured by Aditya-L1.

About Aditya – L1

- **Launch** – September 2, 2023.
- **Launch Vehicle** – PSLV C-57
- **India's first solar Mission**
- **Project Director** - Nigar Shaji



6. NATIONAL – DIARY OF EVENT

World's Largest Grain Storage Plan

- The National Level Coordination Committee (NLCC) held its first meeting for the implementation of the World's largest grain storage plan in New Delhi.
- This plan envisages to transform **Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS)** into **Multi-Service Societies** through convergence of various existing schemes of the Government of India (GoI), such as,
 - **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)**
 - **Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Scheme (AMI)**
 - **Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM)**
 - **Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME)**

About Grain Storage Plan

- Introduced as a pilot project in 11 states in 2023.
- **Implementation** - National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)
- **Objective** - To address the shortage of food grain storage capacity in India

Digital payments intelligence platform

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has proposed to establish a **Digital Payments Intelligence Platform**.
- This platform will provide network level intelligence and real-time data sharing across the digital payments' ecosystem to handle the growing instances of digital payment frauds.

About RBI

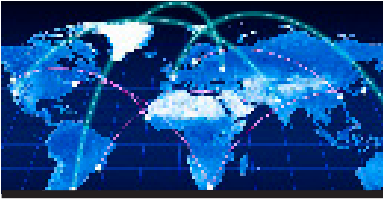
- **Formation** - April 1, 1935.
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai.
- **Governor** - Shaktikanta Das.

New Government

- Narendra Modi took the oath of office as Prime Minister for a third successive term.
- Council of Ministers consisting of 71 members also took oath.

Note

- Narendra Modi is the second Prime Minister after Jawaharlal Nehru to form a government at the Centre for the third time in a row.
- Article 75 of the constitution of India states that the Prime Minister shall be appointed by the President, and the other Ministers shall be appointed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister.



7. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

President of Mexico

- **Claudia Sheinbaum** was recently elected as the **first woman president of Mexico**.
- In 2018 she became the first female mayor of Mexico City.

About Mexico

- **Capital** - Mexico City
- **Currency** - Mexican peso

International Year of Quantum Science and Technology

- The **United Nations** has stated that **2025** will be designated as the '**International Year of Quantum Science and Technology**'.
- **Werner Heisenberg** laid the foundation stone for Quantum Science and Technology.

About United Nations

- **Headquarters** - New York
- **Formation** - 1945.





8. TAMILNADU AFFAIRS

Soil Nailing Scheme

- Tamil Nadu government recently launched the **Soil Nailing Scheme** to prevent landslide in Nilgiris district.
- Under this scheme, slope stabilisation being implemented in the Nilgiris through 'soil nailing' and 'hydroseeding' techniques.
- It will **reduce construction cost by 50%**, when compared with conventional methods.

DigiYatra facility

- The **Airport Authority of India (AAI)** stated that the DigiYatra facility will be launched in Chennai Airport after getting clearance from the **Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)**.
- It has already been introduced in other Airports in India.

About DigiYatra facility

- **Launch** – December 1, 2022.
- **Objective** - To provide hassle-free travel experience to air travellers.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Civil Aviation and DigiYatra Foundation.

Unified India Organic Logo

- **Unified India Organic logo** was introduced recently for **organic products in India**.
- It was jointly developed by the **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** and **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)**.
- At present,
 - India Organic logo is used on organic products complying with **National Programme for Organic Products (NPOP)**

- **Jaivik Bharat logo** is used on organic products certified by **FSSAI**.

- **Unified India Organic logo** will replace the **India Organic and Jaivik Bharat logos**.

About FSSAI

- **Formation** – September 5, 2008.
- **Headquarters** – New Delhi
- A statutory body under **Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006**.
- Functions under **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.

About APEDA

- **Formation** – February 13, 1986
- **Chairman** - Dr. Abhisek Dev
- A **premier body** of export promotion of **fresh vegetables and fruits**

T.N. Assembly Session

- The State Government stated that the next session of the **Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly** to discuss the Demands for Grants for various departments will commence on **June 24**.
- "**Demand for Grants**" is a formal request for funds made by various ministries or departments of the government.

Note

- **Article 203 of Constitution of India** states that no demand for a grant shall be made except on the recommendation of the Governor.

DigiYatra facility

- **DigiYatra facility** was launched in **Chennai Airport**.
- It has already been introduced in **other Airports in India**.

About DigiYatra facility

- **Launch** - December 1, 2022.
- **Objective** - To provide hassle-free travel experience to air travellers.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Civil Aviation and DigiYatra Foundation

School Infrastructure

- The **Director of Elementary Education (DEE)** states that the smart classrooms would be set up in **20,000 panchayat union** primary schools and hi-tech laboratories in 6,992 panchayat union primary schools across Tamil Nadu.
- DDE further stated that for the academic year 2024-25, 1,920 additional classrooms, 251 laboratories, 692 toilets for boys, 646 toilets for girls and compound walls would be constructed in 794 panchayat union primary and middle schools across the State under the **Professor Anbazhagan School Development Scheme**.

About Professor Anbazhagan School Development Scheme.

- **Launch** - 2023
- **Objective** - To provide infrastructure development in schools to provide a conducive environment for teaching and learning activities

Scheme to improve soil health

- Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated the Chief Minister's Mannuyir (மண்ணுயிர்) Kaathu Mannuyir (மண்ணுயிர்) Kaappom Scheme (CM MK MKS)
- **Aim** - To improve soil quality, and move towards sustainable and chemical-free agricultural practices for the well-being of society.
- It will be implemented with the outlay of ₹206 crore.

- A sum of ₹20 crore would be allotted for preservation of soil fertility through the use of green manure.
- In the First phase in 2024-25, **green manure seeds** will be distributed to **2 lakh farmers** covering around **2 lakh acres**

TN recovers IGST revenue

- The **Tax Research Unit** which was set up by the Commercial Taxes Department, has helped **Tamil Nadu** recover ₹1,523.95 crore under the **Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST)**.
- The IGST is **levied and collected by the Centre** on inter-State supply of goods and services and settled with the States.

About Tax Research Unit

- **Launch** - December 30, 2022.
- **Objective** - To study the revenue trend and suggest revenue augmentation measures.

About GST:

- **Launch** - July 1, 2017
- **Under Constitution (101st Amendment) Act 2016.**
- Three types of GST are CGST (Central) SGST (State) and IGST (integrated)
- **Tax Slabs** - 0%, 5%, 12%, 18%, 28%.
- **GST Council** constituted under Article 279A.

Tamil Pudhalvan scheme

- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin** announced that the Tamil Pudhalvan scheme would be launched in August 2024.
- **Objective** - To promote higher education among boy students from economically disadvantaged sections.
- **Benefit** - ₹1,000 a month in financial assistance would be provided to students pursuing higher education after completing Classes VI to XII in State-run schools.