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## State news

### 1. Ramsar recognition for 4 more wetland forests in Tamil Nadu

- ❖ Another 11 mangroves in India have got Ramsar, Charter recognition.
- ❖ The Union Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change has announced that the number of mangroves included in the Ramsarsasan list in India has increased to 75 to coincide with the country's 75th independence anniversary.
- ❖ Four swamp forests in Tamil Nadu are included in 11 swamp forests.
- ❖ They are
  - Ramanathapuram District **Chitrangudi, Kanchirankulam** Bird Sanctuaries,
  - Kumari District **Suchindram Theroor** Bird Sanctuary,
  - **Tiruvarur, Vaduvur** Bird Sanctuary
- ❖ In Tamil Nadu, 20 years ago, Kotiyakarai was included in the Ramsar list for the first time. In Tamil Nadu 20 years ago Kodiakarai and Ramsar Listed.
- ❖ In the last three months of this year, 9 mangroves have been recognized.
- ❖ A total of 14 mangrove forests in Tamil Nadu have been given Ramsar certification and are included in the list.
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu has the largest number of swamp forests in the country.**
- ❖ UP State (10th) is ranked after Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Among the newly added 11 mangrove forests are the mangrove forests of Odisha (3), Jammu and Kashmir (2), Madhya Pradesh (1) and Maharashtra (1).
- ❖ Ramsar is an international organization working to prevent the destruction of wetland forests and create awareness among the people about their conservation.
- ❖ On February 2, 1971, the decision was taken at the Ramsar Nagar Conference in Iran and the organization was formed in its name.
- ❖ From 1982 to 2013 only 26 sites were included in Ramsar list in India.
- ❖ From 2014 to 2022, 49 additional sites were added to the list and now 75 Ramsar sites covering an area of 13,26,677 hectares have been included in the country in the 75th year of independence.

### 2. Chief's Breakfast Program:

- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu has ordered to appoint a Coordinating Officer for the implementation of Breakfast Scheme in Government Primary Schools and to define the tasks for him.
- ❖ As Coordination Officer, Special Officer, Home Search Education Program **Yumbhagwat** has been appointed.
- ❖ Expeditious identification of Schools, Beneficiaries, Coordinating Centers, Project Implementation Organizations will be ensured by Coordinating Officer.
- ❖ The Coordinating Officer will also carry out tasks such as discussing the purchase of raw materials for breakfast with the District and Zonal Officers of the Consumer Goods Trading Corporation, and monitoring their proper delivery.
- ❖ The Co-ordinating Officer will also carry out tasks like identifying simple methods of procurement of locally available and growable vegetables, small grains, centralized kitchens for implementation of the scheme in urban areas, panchayat level

associations for implementation of the scheme in village panchayats.

- ❖ The Coordinating Officer will carry out the tasks of taking the breakfast from the cooking hall to the schools by vehicles and ensuring that the beneficiaries reach the beneficiaries on time, coordinating with the Departments of School Education, Rural Local Municipality Administration and monitoring the functioning of the project.

### 3. Saroj Narayanasamy passed away

- ❖ **Saroj Narayana Swamy**, the first woman newsreader of All India Radio, passed away in Mumbai due to old age.
- ❖ Hailing from **Thanjavur**, he worked as a Tamil newsreader in Indian Radio for about 35 years.
- ❖ Government of Tamil Nadu honored him with **Kalaimamani** title.

## Central news

### 1. LED lamp that uses sea water as an electrolyte

- ❖ Union Minister Jitendrasingh launched the country's **first salt water LED lamp** in Chennai using sea water as an electrolyte.
- ❖ Speaking at the launch of this project, the minister said that this lamp named **Roshini** will make life easier for the poor and needy, especially the fisherfolk living in the 7500 km coastal areas of India.

### 2. Imprisonment up to 10 years for the crime of forced conversion

- ❖ The Himachal Pradesh Legislature unanimously passed an amendment bill to make the offense of forced conversion punishable by up to 10 years in prison.
- ❖ The **'Himachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion (Amendment) Bill 2022'** has been introduced to strengthen the punishment for those who attempt to convert two or more persons simultaneously by coercion or false promises.
- ❖ This amendment was brought to make the punishment more severe in the **'Himachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act 2019'** which was implemented 18 months ago.
- ❖ He said that in the Himachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act 2019, amendments have been made in sections 2, 4, 7 and 13 and a new section 8 A has been added.