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State news

1. Thakaisal Award

- **Veteran Communist leader Nallakannu** donated **Rs 5000** from his savings to the Chief Minister's General Relief Fund along with **Rs 10 lakh** for the Thakaisal Tamil Award given by the Tamil Nadu government on Independence Day.

2. 160th Anniversary Day

- **Chief Justice Muniswarnath Bhandari** paid homage by hoisting the national flag at Madras High Court on the occasion of Independence Day and also released a special postage stamp on the occasion of the 160th anniversary of the court.
- Senior High Court Judge **Duraisamy** got the Chief Justice to issue a special stamp commemorating the **160th** anniversary of the Madras High Court which was established in **1862**.

3. Amudhap Peruvizha Park

- Chief Minister M.K.Stalin named the park on the bank of **Buckingham Canal** adjacent to **Chennai Thiruvanmiyur** Railway Station as the Independence Thirunal Amuta Peruvizha Park.

4. Statue of Mahatma

- Chief Minister M.K.Stalin inaugurated the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Egmore Museum Complex, Chennai.
- Gandhiji came to **Tamil Nadu 20 times** in his lifetime.
- Auwai called the old woman as **'Auwai Mother'.**
- He announced the Non-Cooperation Movement from Chennai to the whole of India.
- It was from the soil of Tamil Nadu, especially **Madurai** that Gandhiji took the most important decision in his life to **wear half-dress.**
- It has been 100 years since this event took place on **22 September 1921.**
- As a symbol of this, a memorial statue of Gandhiji has been erected in the Chennai Museum premises.

5. Independence Day: Various Awards

- Chief Minister M. K. Stalin presented the **Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Award** to **Dr. S. Engnasi Muthu** for his outstanding contribution in science and technology.
- Created a team of young scientists in the fields of high technology, narcotics and entomology.
- Has demonstrated his passion for scientific research with enthusiasm and determination.
- **Kalpanasavla Award** for Courage and Adventure was won by **P.Ezhilarasi** from Kilvellur, Nagapattinam District.
- He bravely saved the lives of three children who were drowning in the temple pond at Kumbakonam by jumping into the pond despite not knowing how to swim.
- **'Ungal thoguthiyil muthalvar'** award was given to Lakshmi Priya who is working as

Grievance Redressal Supervisory Officer in Chief Minister's Address Department.

- **Lakshmi Priya** was selected for the award because the website of the Chief Minister's Department is easily accessible and addresses people's grievances.
- **Chief Minister's Good Personality Award:**
  - Appreciating the excellent work of rescuing and **rehabilitating the bonded laborers** in **Tiruvallur district**, the district collector,
  - The Chief Minister's Good Governance Award was also announced to the **Chengalpattu District Social Welfare** Office for its work of providing hope in the lives of **transgenders and fulfilling** their basic needs.
  - **Dindigul District** for better implementation of **rain water harvesting** structures,
  - **Sivagangai District** for **restoration and reconstruction** of water bodies,
  - **Tirunelveli district** was also announced for good governance awards for introducing the **'Thai CARE' Nellie scheme** to monitor the health of expectant mothers with the help of technology.
  - Good Governance Award was announced to the Chief Engineering Department, Agriculture Department for the successful implementation of the **scheme of online rental of agricultural machinery through mobile platform.**
  - The Chennai Metropolitan Police Department is also working on a plan to keep the differently abled, mentally challenged elderly and women in shelters and bury the bodies of the unclaimed dead with due respect.
  - Good Governance Award of Chennai Metropolitan Police Commission was announced in recognition of this work.
  - Worked well for the welfare of differently abled persons Pediatrician **P. Jayaganesh Murthy Pudukottai Renaissance Foundation,**
  - Social Worker **S. Amudasanthi**, **Madurai Dafagerihop Center** as Best Private Placement Agency,
  - Dindigul District Bank was selected as the Best District **Central Co-operative Bank.**
- For rendering excellent services for the welfare of women
  - **Vanavil Foundation** of **Nagapattinam District,**
  - The award for best social services was given to **G. Pankajam** from **Dindigul district.**
- Best local bodies:
  - **Salem** Corporation won the Best Corporation Award.
  - **Srivilliputhur** was selected as the best municipality.
  - Second place – **Kudiatham.**
  - Third place – **Tenkasi.**
- Among the best municipalities
  - **Karunkuzhi Municipality of Chengalpattu District** took the first position.
  - Second Place - **Cholavanthan of Kanyakumari Municipality,**
  - Third Place - **Madurai District**
- Engaged in excellent social service work
  - **Ranipet District B. Vijayakumar,**
  - **Nilgiris District M. Mohammed Asik,**

- Chief Minister presented State Youth Awards to **G. Srikanth of Vellore District.**

- Similarly **S.Sivaranjani** from Nagapattinam district won the award in women's category.

6. 3 per cent increase in gratuity for government employees

- Tamil Nadu Government organized an Independence Day function at Kottai **Kothalam,** where the Chennai Chief Secretariat is located.
- CM Stalin addressed by hoisting the national flag there.
- **Independence Day Museum:**
  - He said that an Independence Day Museum would be set up in Chennai.
- Increase in cost:
  - The monthly pension for freedom fighters will be increased from **Rs 18 thousand to Rs 20000.**
  - Family pension will be increased from Rs **9000 to Rs 10 thousand.**
  - Subsidy for government employees, pensioners and family pensioners will be increased from **31 percent to 34 percent.**

Central news

1. 76th Independence Day

- The 76th Independence Day of the country was celebrated with great pomp across the country.
- Prime Minister Modi hoisted the national flag at the Red Fort for the **ninth consecutive year.**
- Prime Minister Modi remembered many freedom fighters in his 82-minute speech.
- He also mentioned Velunachiyar, Subramania Bharatiyar and others from Tamil Nadu at that time.

2. Nasal anti-coronavirus trial success

- The third phase clinical trial of the nasal vaccine **'PPV 154'** manufactured by Bharat Biotech as a vaccine against Corona has ended.
- The drug has been proven to be safe.
- This vaccine is developed by **Bharat Biotech in collaboration with Washington University St. Louis.**
- The central government had provided partial funding for the development and clinical trials of this drug through the Corona Suraksha scheme under its Department of Biotechnology.

3. 'Tornier' aircraft to Sri Lanka Navy: India donates

- India donated **'Tornier 228'** aircraft to strengthen maritime surveillance of Sri Lankan Navy.