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State news

1. Devang Sanctuary

- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu has announced that India's first Devang sanctuaries will be established in **Dindigul and Karur** districts on an area of **11,806 hectares**.
- ❖ Devang is a nocturnal mammal. This benefits farmers by hunting pests that damage crops.
- ❖ Thus devangs play an important role in ecological and terrestrial ecosystem.
- ❖ The International Center for Conservation of Nature has listed the Dewang as an endangered species.
- ❖ Government of Tamil Nadu has also taken steps to protect many other endangered species like Devang.
- ❖ According to the Environment Climate Change and Forest Department, steps have been taken to include Sea Cow Sanctuary, Ushveli Bird Sanctuary, Agathiyar Hill, Elephant Sanctuary, Tirupur Sanctuary, **13 wetland areas** as Ram Char Chartered Areas.

2. SRM Tamil Barayam Award

- ❖ On behalf of SRM Tamil Archdiocese, '**Parivender Bainthamil Award**' will be presented to the poet and Tamil scholar **Prof. Sirppi Balasubramaniam**, said the founder of Tamil Archdiocese **DR. Parivendar**.
- ❖ A committee headed by former judge **K. Gnanaprakasam** has examined and selected the awardees.
- ❖ '**Vadachennai**' written by **Nivedita Lewis** for the Innovator Literary Award, '**Veduvam Udoor**' by **Maunan Yatrika** for the Bharatiyar Poetry Award, '**Uthai Bandhu**' by **AR Murugesan** and '**Malaipoo**' by **Villyan** for the **A. Valliappa Kulanthai** Literature Award, **G. Siddharthan's** book '**Yadum Ure**' has also been selected for the **U.Pope** Translation Award.
- ❖ '**Tamil Medicine**' written by **Bala Sivakatsam** for **A.P.J. Abdul Kalam** Science Tamil and Technology Award, '**Kavithai Marabum Tolkappiyamum**' written by **Rama.Krunathan** for Parithimaal Artist Tamil Scholar Award, and **Tamilarin Sutruvatta paathayil Thanthai Periyar**' written by **Karuvur Karnal** for Muthamizhal Artist Social Justice Award. '**World Leader Annal Ambedkar**' written by **Kudantha Balu**.
- ❖ The book '**Manal Veedu**' written by **M. Arikrishnan** has been selected for Sudeshamithran Tamil magazine award and the book '**Puduvai Tamil Sangam**' written by **V.Muthu** has been selected for the Tholkappiyar Tamil Sangam award.

3. 'Little Guard' Road Safety Awareness Programme

- ❖ Chief Minister M.K.Stalin started a road safety awareness program for students



called 'Kuti Kavald'.

- ❖ Government of **Tamil Nadu and Coimbatore Life Trust** have jointly designed this road safety awareness programme.
- ❖ The objective of the 'Kuti Kavald' program is to sensitize young school children about **road safety awareness** through a tailored curriculum and thereby make them ambassadors of road safety.
- ❖ **Asian Book of Records:**
 - More students participated in **Coimbatore** to create awareness about road safety.
 - This event in which the students took part was included in the Asian Book of Records.

Central News

1. Subsidy for gas cooking compensation

- ❖ The central government has sanctioned a one-time payment of **Rs 22,000 crore** from **June 2020 to June 2022** to cover losses incurred due to sale of domestic cooking gas at prices below the market price.
- ❖ This amount will be given to three public sector oil companies namely **IOC, PPCL and HBCL**.

2. No case can be filed under Section 66A of the IT Act

- ❖ **Section 66A** of the Information Technology Act, 2000 provides for imprisonment of up to three years and fine for any person who discloses illegal information through a computer or telecommunication device.
- ❖ However, pointing out the importance of freedom of expression, the Supreme Court said that Section 66A directly affects the right of the general public to know anything and canceled that **section in 2015**.
- ❖ But a petition has been filed in the Supreme Court on behalf of a voluntary organization that continues to register cases under that section.
- ❖ The petition came up for hearing before a bench headed by Chief Justice U.U. Lalit.
- ❖ Then the judges said that no case can be **registered against any person under the repealed** Section 66A of the Information Technology Act.
- ❖ **Chief Secretaries of all States, DGPs and concerned officers** in Union Territories are directed to instruct the entire police force not to register any complaint under the alleged violation of that section.

3. Oil-Gas : Four agreements between India, USA Signature

- ❖ **Four major oil and gas deals** were signed between the two countries, demonstrating how **India and the US** can harness the power of the private sector to

address climate action and energy security issues.

- ❖ In this, an agreement was signed between Indian Oil Company and **Lanza Tech**, an American biotech company, which is an international leader in gas fermentation technology.
- ❖ The agreement was signed to produce sustainable aviation gas through **Lanza Jet's patented technology**.
- ❖ An agreement was entered into between Cave Company's joint venture company, Avantika Gas Company, to provide solutions for measurement and reduction of vehicle emissions.
- ❖ Similarly MoU has been signed between Engineer India Company and UOP Company of America.
- ❖ Fourthly, an agreement has been signed between BPCL's joint venture **Indra Prastha Gas Company and Baker House Company**.

4. Delhi Government Schools top in All India Ranking

- ❖ Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has proudly mentioned that **2 schools** in Delhi have topped the ranking of state government day schools in the country.
- ❖ He praised the Education Committee for this.
- ❖ The '**World Education**' website for educators, teachers and parents publishes the ranking of schools every year.
- ❖ In its latest ranking, **Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya, Dwarka Sector 10** run by the Delhi government has been ranked first and **Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya, Yamuna Vihar has been ranked second**.
- ❖ **Five of the top 10 ranked** schools are from Delhi.

5. Appointment of new Indian Ambassador to Kuwait

- ❖ Senior Foreign Service officer **Adarsh Swaika** has been appointed as the new Indian Ambassador to one of the Gulf countries, Kuwait.

6. Services Champion; Tamil Nadu is fifth

- ❖ **The 36th National Games** held in Gujarat concluded.
- ❖ Services won the overall champion title for the fourth consecutive time in the tournament.
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu ranked fifth**.
- ❖ Around **8000 people** participated in these competitions which were held after seven years of birth.
- ❖ Kerala swimmer **Sajan Prakash** won a total of eight medals including 5 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze and was selected as the best player.
- ❖ Karnataka swimmer **Ashika Ramachandra** was adjudged the best athlete of the tournament with six gold and 1 bronze.

- ❖ **Souvriyajit** from Gujarat who won bronze became the youngest medalist at the **Khairy event**.

Medal list team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Services	61	35	32	128
Maharastra	39	38	63	140
Haryana	38	38	40	116
Karnataka	27	23	38	88
Tamilnadu	25	22	27	74
Kerala	23	18	13	54
Madhya Pradesh	20	25	21	66
Uttar Pradesh	20	18	18	56
Manipur	20	10	20	50
Punjab	19	32	25	76

7. Meta in list of terrorist organizations

- ❖ Russia has taken steps to include Meta in the list of terrorist organizations.
- ❖ **Facebook, Instagram's parent company Meta** America, has announced that it will be able to publish controversial posts on Facebook and Instagram, such as the death of Russian invaders in the war against Ukraine.
- ❖ The announcement was followed by a **Moscow court** banning Facebook and Instagram in Russia.
- ❖ In this context, Russia's financial watchdog '**Rosfin Monitoring**' has added Meta to the list of organizations involved in extremism and terrorism.
- ❖ Following this move, Meta joins a list of foreign terrorist organizations including the Taliban, right-wing nationalist groups, and the Russian opposition.