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Tamil Nadu News

Pallikaranai Margazhi Thiruvizha

1. The TN State Forest Department will host "Pallikaranai Margazhi Thiruvizha" from December 18 to January 9.
2. The Conservation Authority of Pallikaranai Marshland and Care Earth Trust, a city-based biodiversity organisation will co-host the event.
3. The Tamil month Margazhi also coincides with the bird migratory calendar when Chennai's wetlands play host to thousands of birds.
4. This is the third edition of the guided bird watching experience.

Pallikaranai Wetlands

- It is a freshwater marsh in Chennai.
- Pallikaranai marshland is the only surviving wetland ecosystem of the city and is among the few and last remaining natural wetlands of South India.
- It is identified under National Wetland Conservation and Management Programme (NWCMP).
- The other two identified wetlands in the state of Tamil Nadu are Point Calimere and Kazhuveli.

Illam Thedi Kalvi Scheme

1. Following its implementation in 12 districts, TN School Education Department's initiative Illam Thedi Kalvi will soon begin in Chennai as well.
2. It was drawn up to bridge learning gaps among students that had arisen among students due to the closure of schools during the Covid-induced lockdowns in the state.
3. Around 4,982 volunteers have enrolled so far for the initiative.
4. They will engage students of classes I to VIII every evening for an hour, in spaces that will be identified and created in the community.
5. The volunteers will focus on basic knowledge and skills through songs, skits and activities

Minister of School Education : **Thiru Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi**

Minister of Higher Education : **Thiru K.Ponmudi**

Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary

1. Chief Wildlife Warden of TN has decided to drop the proposal to cut down the boundaries of Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary.
2. The proposal was to reduce the buffer zone of the sanctuary from 5 km surrounding the main tank area to 3 km.
3. This was done keeping the ecological security and habitat ecology in view.

Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary

- Vedanthangal was declared a bird sanctuary in 1936.
- It is known as the oldest bird sanctuary in India.
- It is located in Chengalpattu District.
- Grey Pelican, Large Cormorant, Grey Heron are some of the spotted birds.
- Chief Wildlife Warden of TN = **Shekhar Kumar Niraj**

Emergency Care Scheme

1. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched 'Innuyir Kaapoom-Nammai Kaakkum 48'.
2. The state government will bear the expenses of emergency care for accident victims for the first 48 hours.
3. The scheme was aimed at reducing deaths due to road accidents.
4. Both private hospitals and government hospitals were linked to the scheme.
5. All persons injured in road accidents, whether they are covered or not under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS), would receive treatment for the first 48 hours free of charge.
6. There is a ceiling limit of ₹1 lakh per individual.

Minister of Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare: **Thiru Ma.Subramanian**

Apatsahayeswarar temple

1. IIT-Madras is preparing a detailed project report for the conservation of the Apatsahayeshwarar temple at Tukkachchi in Kumbakonam.
2. The temple is closely associated with Kulotunga I and Vikrama Chola.
3. It is perhaps the only big temple built during the days of Vikrama Chola.
4. He renovated the old Thenkallathi temple and named it Vikramacholeeswaram.
5. Vikrama Chola's father Kulotunga had made contributions to the temple for the singing of 'Thevaram'

National

Child Marriage Amendment Bill, 2021

1. The bill aims to raise the marriageable age of women to 21 years
2. It envisages to achieve gender equality in marriage age,
3. Presently, there are different legal age in various religions.
4. For Hindus, The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 sets 18 years as the minimum age for the bride and 21 years as the minimum age for the groom.
5. In Islam, the marriage of a minor who has attained puberty is considered valid.
6. The Special Marriage Act, 1954 and the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 also prescribe 18 and 21 years as the minimum age of consent for marriage for women and men, respectively.
7. The amendment bill also seeks to alter the definition of "child" to "mean a male or female who has not completed 21 years of age".
8. The proposal to raise the marriageable age was taken from the Jaya Jaitely Committee recommendations.

Intangible Cultural Heritage

1. Durga Pooja in Kolkata received recognition by making it to UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
2. It is one of the largest cultural carnivals and street art festival of the country.
3. With the inclusion of Durga Puja, the number of elements in the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage from India has increased to 14.
4. The creative and commercial economy of Kolkata will get a boost with the well-deserved recognition.
5. The latest inclusion in the list prior to the Durga Puja is the Kumbh Mela, the largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims on earth, which was inscribed in 2017.
6. Yoga was included in 2016.

West Bengal

- Capital: Kolkata
- Chief minister: Mamata Banerjee
- Governor: Jagdeep Dhankar

UNESCO

- Founded : 1945
- Headquarters : Paris, France
- Director-General : Audrey Azoulay

Good Governance Week 2021

1. From December 20 to December 26, 2021, the government will commemorate Good Governance Week.
2. A nationwide campaign to address public grievances and improve service delivery, particularly in rural areas, has been launched.
3. The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievance(DARPG) , in collaboration with the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), among others, will host a series of events to commemorate the week.

4. The theme of Good Governance week is -"Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur."
5. Good Governance Day is celebrated on December 25th to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Ganga Expressway

1. PM Modi has laid the foundation stone of Ganga Expressway in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
2. It is set to be country's longest expressway that will connect western Uttar Pradesh to eastern UP via central UP.
3. Industrial clusters would be developed along the expressway and an airstrip would be developed in Shahjahanpur for emergency landings.
4. Last month, PM Modi inaugurated the Purvanchal Express in Sultanpur district.

Uttar Pradesh:

- Capital: Lucknow
- Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath
- Governor: Anandiben Patel

International

UNSC resolution 2615

1. United Nations Security Council unanimously passed resolution 2615 proposed by the United States.
2. It has allowed money to flow to Afghanistan for humanitarian purposes.
3. The resolution with changes in the draft was proposed by the US after China, Russia, Britain, France, and India opposed the country's first resolution in this regard.
4. Based on the new resolution, the US will ease financial restrictions on Afghanistan for humanitarian purposes.
5. It will also allow the Taliban officials and their entities that are involved in the process.

Afghanistan

- Capital : Kabul
- Leader : Hibatullah Hakundzada
- Currency: Afghan afghani

Malta

1. Malta has decriminalised the possession and cultivation of cannabis for personal use by adults.
2. It became the first European country to allow limited cultivation and possession of cannabis for personal use.
3. Growers for personal use can store up to 50 grams of dried marijuana
4. Non-profit clubs will be able to distribute cannabis and cannabis plant seeds among their members.
5. The move by Malta is likely to be followed by reform across Europe next year.
6. Under the new legislative package, it will become legal for anyone 18 and over to possess up to 7 grams of cannabis and to cultivate up to four plants.
7. Growers for personal use can store up to 50 grams of dried marijuana.
8. However, consuming cannabis in public or in the presence of minors remains illegal and subject to fines.

Malta

- Capital: Valletta
- Currency: Euro
- PM: Robert Abela

Gabriel Boric

1. Gabriel Boric, 35, has won Chile's presidential elections, becoming the country's youngest President-elect.
2. In the elections, he defeated his opponent, Jose Antonio Kast.
3. Gabriel Boric will become Chile's youngest president when he takes office in March 2022.
4. Chile has one of the world's biggest income gaps, as about one percent of the country's population owns 25 percent of the total wealth.
5. Boric had promised to address economic inequality, boost green investment and raise taxes on the rich.

Chile

- Capital : Santiago
- Currency : Chilean Peso

UNSC Draft on Climate Change

1. Recently, India and Russia opposed a draft proposal at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to bring climate change into its purview.
2. The draft resolution allows UNSC to enforce and hold countries accountable for their promises to mitigate global warming.
3. The current proposal is a revised version of a draft proposed by Germany that was opposed in the UNSC in 2020.
4. This time the proposal was sponsored by Niger and Ireland. However, the proposal was vetoed by Russia.
5. India and Russia does not want UNSC to be given too broad a mandate to "intervene" and overreach on sovereign issues.
6. There is already a UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) which gathers voluntary contributions of countries to battle climate change and promote sustainability.

Gwadar Port

1. The Gwadar port features prominently in the China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) plan.
2. It is considered to be a link between the Belt and Road Initiative and the Maritime Silk Road projects.
3. For the past month, fishermen and other residents of Gwadar, Baluchistan, have protested regarding the controversial Chinese-built port.
4. Gwadar Port is seen by India as part of String of Pearls, a strategy used by China to protect its interests and encircle India in the Indian Ocean.
5. Hence, India responded by working on Chabahar Port in Iran which is just 170kms from Gwadar Port in Pakistan.

Chile

- Capital : Islamabad
- Currency : Pakistani Rupee
- PM : Imran Khan

Shijian-6 05

1. From the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, China successfully launched a new group of satellites Shijian-6 05 into space for space exploration and new technology experiments.
2. A Long March-4B rocket launched the satellites, marking the 400th mission of the Long March series carrier rockets.

Defense

Abhyas

1. 'Abhyas' is an indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT).
2. DRDO has successfully conducted the flight test of 'Abhyas' from Integrated Test Range off the coast of Odisha.
3. The vehicle can be used as an aerial target for evaluation of various missile systems.
4. This indigenous target aircraft, once developed, will meet the requirements of HEAT for the Indian Armed Forces.
5. It will be used as a target for the evaluation of various missile systems.
6. It offers a realistic threat scenario for practice of weapon systems.
7. The indigenous data link designed by Bengaluru based Industry partner has been successfully flown and tested during the flight.

DRDO

- Chairman of DRDO: Dr G Satheesh Reddy.
- It is headquartered at New Delhi.
- It was established in 1958.

Pralay Missile

1. Pralay is an indigenously developed conventional Surface-to-Surface missile.
2. DRDO has conducted the maiden test flight of Pralay missile successfully.
3. It is a quasi-ballistic missile and is a boost for India's tactical battlefield strategy.
4. A quasi-ballistic missile has a low trajectory, and while it is largely ballistic, it can manoeuvre in flight.
5. The 'Pralay' missile was tested for heavier payload and different range to prove the precision and lethality of the weapon.
6. It has a range of 150-500 kms with an accuracy of less than 10 metres.
7. Pralay will be the longest-range surface-to-surface missile in the inventory of the army.

ASIGMA

1. The Indian Army launched a contemporary messaging application named ASIGMA.
2. ASIGMA stands for Army Secure IndiGeneous Messaging Application.
3. It is a new generation, state-of-the-art, web-based application developed entirely in-house by team of officers of the Corps of Signals of the Army.
4. The application is being deployed on the Army's internal network as a replacement of Army Wide Area Network messaging application which has been in service for past the 15 years.
5. The application has been fielded on Army owned hardware.
6. It meets all futuristic user requirements and provides enhanced user experience. It has a variety of contemporary features including multi-level security, message prioritisation and tracking.
7. It is in line with the Government's Make in India initiative.

Indian Army

- Founded : 1950
- Motto : Service before Self
- Chief of Army Staff (COAS) : General Manoj Mukund Naravane

Science & Technology

James Webb Space Telescope

1. It is a space telescope jointly developed by NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA), and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA).
2. It is going to be the world's largest and most powerful space science telescope.
3. It will succeed the famous Hubble telescope that was launched in 1990, which is expected to continue for a few more years.
4. The James Webb space telescope will help scientists learn about the stars and galaxies that formed 100 million years ago.
5. It could help reveal what the universe looked like 14 billion years ago after the Big Bang.
6. It will also investigate the atmospheres of planets around other stars to understand their origins and potential habitability.

NASA

- It is an independent agency of the U.S. federal government.
- It was established in 1958.
- It is headed by Bill Nelson.
- It is headquartered in Washington D.C, USA.

Non Fungible Token (NFT)

1. NFTs are digital items that can be bought and sold using blockchain technology.
2. Like cryptocurrencies, NFTs are bought and sold on specialised platforms.
3. But they are not fungible, making them a different type of asset.
4. Something that is "fungible" can be exchanged with an equivalent item. For example, a \$5 bill with another \$5 bill.
5. However, there is no equivalent item for an NFT as it is a unique token.
6. Ownership of an NFT does not inherently grant copyright or intellectual property rights to whatever digital asset the token represents.
7. So the original owner is allowed to create more NFTs of the same work.

Blockchain Technology

- A blockchain is a growing list of records, called blocks, that are linked together using cryptography.
- The goal of blockchain is to allow digital information to be recorded and distributed, but not edited.
- In this way, a blockchain is the foundation for immutable ledgers, or records of transactions that cannot be altered, deleted, or destroyed.
- This is why blockchains are also known as a distributed ledger technology (DLT).

Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)

1. ISRO is developing a small satellite launch vehicle (SSLV) with private participation that will be launched in the first quarter of 2022.
2. SSLV is a cost-effective launch vehicle with high launch frequency and quick turnaround capability.

3. It is a 3-stage all-solid vehicle with a capability to launch upto 500kg satellite mass into 500km LEO.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

- Headquarters : Bengaluru
- Founded : 1969
- Founder : Vikram Sarabhai
- Director : Kailasavadivoo Sivan

Xenobots

1. The first ever reproduction was witnessed in robots called "xenobots."
2. Baby xenobots were created by a process called "kinetic replication" - a phenomenon never observed before but known to happen at the molecular level.
3. The best possible way to explain a xenobot is by calling it a "living, programmable organism."
4. They are derived from stem cells of the African clawed frog.
5. The basic ingredient of these xenobots are stem cells.
6. Using artificial intelligence, the xenobots were turned into c-shape robots.
7. When put into a petri dish, the c-shaped xenobots were able to gather hundreds of tiny stem cells inside its mouth, creating new xenobots a few days later.
8. Xenobots are used to study how cells cooperate to build complex bodies. The primary characteristic is to corral a group of cells and to confine them.

Appointments

President of the Indian Newspaper Society

1. The Economic Times' **Mohit Jain** has been voted President of The Indian Newspaper Society for the year 2021-22.
2. He takes over L. Adimoolam of Health & The Antiseptic.
3. It is the country's highest group representing publishers of newspapers, magazines, and periodicals, etc.

The Indian Newspaper Society

- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Founded in 1939

India's Ambassador to China

1. Pradeep Kumar Rawat, a senior Indian diplomat has been named India's next Ambassador to China.
2. The appointment of Rawat comes amid a continuing border standoff in eastern Ladakh.
3. Rawat is the country's current envoy to the Netherlands.
4. Rawat, who speaks fluent Mandarin, had served as Joint Secretary in the East Asia division in the headquarters of the MEA in Delhi from 2014 to 2017.

Bangladesh:

- President : XI Jinping
- Capital: Beijing
- Currency: Renminbi

Chef de Mission

1. The Indian Olympic Association of India (IOA) has named Harjinder Singh as Chef de Mission of the country's representation for the upcoming 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.
2. He is also the General Secretary of the Ice Hockey Association of India.
3. Singh was also the Chef de Mission for India's delegation at the 23rd Winter Olympic Games, which were held in Pyeongchang, South Korea, in 2018.

International Olympic Committee (IOC):

- IOC is a non-governmental sports organisation based in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- It is constituted in the form of an association under the Swiss Civil Code.
- It is the authority responsible for organising the modern (Summer, Winter, and Youth) Olympic Games.
- The IOC is the governing body of the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and of the worldwide "Olympic Movement."
- Founded in : 1894
- Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland
- President : Thomas Bach

Important Days

Vijay Diwas

1. Swarnim Vijay Varsh commemorates 50 years of India's victory in the 1971 war and the formation of Bangladesh.
2. Every year **December 16** is celebrated as Vijay Diwas` to remember the courage and sacrifice of our armed forces during the 1971 war.

Bangladesh:

- PM: Sheik Hasina
- Capital: Dhaka
- Currency: Bangladeshi taka

International Day to End Violence against Sex Workers

1. It is observed annually on **December 17** by sex workers, their advocates, friends, families and allies.
2. Originally conceived as a memorial and vigil for the victims of the Green River Killer in Seattle, Washington, US, it has evolved into an annual international event.
3. The day calls attention to hate crimes committed against sex workers worldwide.
4. The red umbrella is an important symbol for sex worker rights and is used for events that are held on December 17.

International Migrants Day

1. The UN General Assembly in 2000 proclaimed **December 18** as International Migrants Day taking into account the large and increasing number of migrants in the world.
2. On that day, in 1990, the Assembly adopted the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.
3. It is celebrated to emphasized that respect for the fundamental rights and freedoms of all migrants that they are entitled to.
4. The theme for 2021 is "Harnessing the potential of Human Mobility"

United Nations

- Headquarters : New York, USA.
- Secretary General : Antonio Guterres
- Founded in : 1945

National Minorities Rights Day

1. Minorities Rights Day is observed every year across the nation on **December 18**.
2. The day is celebrated to to ensure that persons belonging to a national minority enjoy effective equality with those persons belonging to the majority.
3. It was on December 18, 1992 that the United Nations declared the Statement on the Individual's Rights belonging to Religious or Linguistic National or Ethnic Minorities.
4. In 2006, a Ministry of Minority Affairs was set up in our country. This ministry was formed out of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
5. Also, the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) was constituted under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.

Goa Liberation Day

1. **December 19** 2021 was celebrated as the 60th anniversary of liberation of Goa.
2. Even as India became independent, Goa continued to be under Portuguese rule 14 years after that.
3. After multiple agitations, India made peaceful attempts for Goa's liberation through diplomatic channels.
4. As a last resort, the Indian government then led by Jawaharlal Nehru, sent in its armed forces to Goa after which the Portuguese surrendered on December 19, 1961.
5. This moment also marked the exit of the Portuguese, the last of the European colonisers to leave India.
6. Hence, December 19 is celebrated as Goa Liberation Day.

Bangladesh:

- CM: Pramod Sawant
- Governor: Shri P. S. Sreedharan Pillai
- Capital: Panaji

National Mathematics Day

1. India celebrates National Mathematics Day on December 22 every year.
2. The day marks the birth anniversary of famous mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
3. In 2012, then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh declared the date as National Mathematics Day to honour the great man.

Srinivasa Ramanujan

- Srinivasa Ramanujan was born on December 22, 1887 at Erode, Tamil Nadu.
- He was elected to the London Mathematical Society in 1917.
- Next year, he was elected a Fellow of the prestigious Royal Society for his research on Elliptic Functions and theory of numbers.
- In the same year, in October, he became the first Indian to be elected a Fellow of Trinity College.
- '1729' termed the Hardy-Ramanujan Number, is the smallest number which can be expressed as the sum of two different cubes in two different ways.

Awards

Time Magazine 'Person of the Year' 2021

1. Tesla CEO and founder **Elon Musk** has been named Time Magazine's "person of the year 2021".
2. The magazine, described Musk as a "clown, genius, edgelord, visionary, industrialist, showman."
3. He recently surpassed Amazon Founder Jeff Bezos in terms of net worth to become the world's wealthiest person.

Elon Musk

- He is the founder, CEO and Chief Engineer at SpaceX; early-stage investor, CEO and Product Architect of Tesla, Inc.; founder of The Boring Company; and co-founder of Neuralink and OpenAI.
- With an estimated net worth of around US\$274 billion as of December 2021, Musk is the wealthiest person in the world.

SpaceX

- SpaceX is an American aerospace manufacturer, space transportation services.
- In 2020, it became the first private company to send astronauts to orbit and to the International Space Station (SpaceX Crew Dragon Demo-2)
- It is headquartered in Hawthorne, California.

SJFI Awards 2021

Sunil Gavaskar was awarded the prestigious 'SJFI Medal' 2021.

SJFI Sportsman of the Year	Neeraj Chopra
SJFI Sportswoman of the Year	Mirabai Chanu
SJFI Team of the Year	Indian Men's Hockey Team
SJFI Para-athlete of the Year (Men)	Sumit Antil and Pramod Bhagat
SJFI Para-athlete of the Year (Women)	Avani Lekhra
SJFI Medal	Sunil Gavaskar

Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI)

- It was formed at the Eden Gardens, Calcutta in 1976
- President : Subodh Malla Barua

Young Geospatial Scientist Award 2021

1. **Ropesh Goyal** from IIT-Kanpur won the 'Young Geospatial Scientist' award in recognition of his unique contribution to developing the Indian Geoid Model and computation software.
2. Member of Space Commission, Government of India, and former ISRO Chairman AS Kiran Kumar presented the award to Goyal.
3. The 'Young Geospatial Scientist' award and a gold medal have been presented every year since 2011 to promising scientists below 35 years of age.

4. It is presented in memory of Rachapudi Kamakshi, a strategic analyst with a strong inclination towards geography and geospatial studies.

Bhutan Highest Civilian Award

1. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** was on Friday conferred Bhutan's highest civilian award, 'Order of the Druk Gyalpo' as it celebrated its National Day.
2. This came in recognition to India's constant cooperation and humanitarian support to Bhutan.

Other prestigious awards conferred on PM Modi

- Legion of Merit - USA
- Order of St. Andrew – Russia's highest civilian award
- Champions of the Earth – UNEP
- Global Goalkeepers Award – Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Bhutan

- PM- Lotay Tshering
- Capital-Timphu
- Currency- Bhutanese ngultrum

Sports

Khelo India Women's Hockey League

1. Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur formally launched the first-ever national-level Khelo India Women's Hockey League.
2. It was launched at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi.
3. The winner will receive a cash reward of Rs. 30 lakhs.
4. It will serve as a preparatory tournament for Junior Women's team for the upcoming FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup.
5. 'India Juniors' star **Deepika** scores most goals after conclusion of phase 1 of WHL.

Khelo India

- National Programme for Development of Sports is known as Khelo India.
- It aims at improving India's sports culture at the grass-root level through organized talent identification and infrastructure development.
- It is a Government of India programme launched in 2017-18.
- First ever Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) was launched in New Delhi. Till now, 4 editions of KIYG have been held with the latest in Haryana.
- First ever Khelo India University Games (KIUG) was launched in Odisha.
- First ever Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) was launched in Leh and Gulmarg.

BWF Athletes Commission

1. Former world champion **PV Sindhu** has been appointed as member of the Badminton World Federation's (BWF) Athletes' Commission, along with five other people.
2. The Chair and Deputy Chair will be decided among the six members.
3. The Chair of the BWF Athletes' Commission, following a vetting process as required for all Council members, will become a member of the Council until the next elections in 2025.

Time Magazine's 2021 athlete of the Year

1. Simone Biles of USA was named Time magazine's 2021 Athlete of the Year.
2. With a combined total of 32 Olympic and World Championship medals, Biles is tied as the most decorated gymnast of all time.
3. Biles is the gymnast with the most World medals (25) and most World gold medals (19), having surpassed Vitaly Scherbo's record of 23 World medals.

US Open Squash Tournament

1. Indian teenager Anahat Singh won the U-15 girls category of the prestigious Junior US Open Squash tournament in Philadelphia.
2. The 13-year-old girl from Delhi overcame powerhouse Egypt's Jayda Marei in the final match at the Arlen Spectre Centre.

Asia Champions Trophy

1. India won the bronze medal and Suraj Karkera of India was declared as the Best Goalkeeper of the tournament.
2. Korea defeated Japan to emerge Asian Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

BWF World championship 2021

1. **Kidambi Srikanth** became the first Indian to win a silver medal in the BWF World Championships.
2. He was defeated in the final by Singapore's Loh Kean Yew.
3. This was the first time a Singaporean man won gold in the BWF World Championships.
4. Lakshya Sen lost to Kidambi and won a bronze medal in his maiden BWF Championship.
5. The badminton tournament was held in Huelva, Spain.

Badminton World Federation (BWF)

- BWF is the international governing body for the sport of badminton recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- It was founded in 1934 as the International Badminton Federation (IBF) with nine member nations.
- Later it was merged into World Badminton Federation and renamed as BWF.
- Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- President: Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen

Miscellaneous

Foundational Literacy and Numeracy

1. The report on the 'Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy' was prepared by 'Institute for Competitiveness'.
2. It was released by Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) chairman Bibek Debroy.
3. There are four categories in which regions have been divided -- large states, small states, Union Territories and North East.
4. Large states: Top: West Bengal ; Bottom: Bihar.
5. Small states: Top : Kerala ; Bottom : Jharkhand.
6. UTs: Top: Lakshadweep ; Bottom : Ladakh.
7. NE: Top: Mizoram ; Bottom : Arunachal Pradesh.
8. The Index includes five pillars comprising 41 indicators.
9. The five pillars are -- educational infrastructure, access to education, basic health, learning outcomes and governance.

WADA Report on Rule Violations

1. India ranks 3rd among the world's biggest doping violators in a World Anti-Doping Agency Report.
2. The first two spots were occupied by Russia and Italy.
3. 17 per cent of the world total Anti-doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) were reported in India.
4. Bodybuilding, weightlifting and athletics are the top 3 sports with rule violations.

WADA

- WADA is a foundation initiated by International Olympic Committee.
- It promotes, coordinates and monitors the fight against drugs in sports.
- Headquarters : Montreal, Canada
- President : Criag Reedie