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Tamil Nadu News

Mayor of the Greater Chennai Corporation

1. **Priya Rajan** was sworn in as the mayor of the Greater Chennai Corporation on Friday.
2. She was elected unopposed to the post as no other applications were received.
3. Priya is the councillor of ward 74 that comes under **Thiru Vi Ka Nagar zone**.
4. She is the **youngest ever (28 years), first Dalit and third woman** mayor of the Greater Chennai Corporation.
5. The other women were Tara Cherian (1957-1958) and Kamakshi Jayaraman (1971-1972).

Greater Chennai Corporation

- The Greater Chennai Corporation was formerly known as the Corporation of Madras (1668-1996) and Corporation of Chennai (1996-2016).
- It was inaugurated **on 29 September 1688**, under a royal charter issued by **King James II of England**.
- It is the oldest municipal body of the Commonwealth of Nations outside Great Britain.
- It is among the oldest municipalities in Asia after Daman Municipality, which was established in 1588.
- It is the largest municipal corporation in Tamil Nadu with an area of 426 km².
- It is headed by a mayor, who presides over 200 councillors, each of whom represents one of the 200 wards of the city.
- It is the second oldest civic corporation in the world after the City of London.

Stone Inscriptions

1. Archaeologists have discovered two stone inscriptions belonging to the 13th century AD at the **Sundaravalli Amman temple near Tiruchuzhi** in Virudhunagar district.
2. The stones were discovered to be 700 years old, dating from the reign of **Maravarman Sundarapandian**, a notable Pandiya ruler (1216-1238 AD).
3. It refers to land gifts made to the temple god Easwaramudaiya Nayanar.
4. The inscription contains information regarding the irrigation process and the borders of the given land.
5. It also states that a guardian, known as Mahana Devan, will be selected to look after the land areas and distribute the revenue to the temples.
6. The Pandiya King was known for making generous donations, including thousands of acres of land, to temples.

TN State Budget

1. The state budget for the financial year 2022-2023 will be presented on March 18 in the legislative assembly hall at Fort St George.
2. It will be an **e-budget** for the second consecutive year.
3. Tamil Nadu Finance Minister is **Dr P Thiaga Rajan (PTR)**.
4. The **Business Advisory Committee** will also decide on the date of presentation of the Agriculture budget.
5. Tamil Nadu is one of the debt-laden states with its borrowing as on March 31, 2022, standing at Rs 5,77,987 crore.
6. The Tamil Nadu Finance Department is vested with the responsibility of managing the public finances of the Government of Tamil Nadu.
7. It has an important role in the preparation of the State Budget and presenting it to the Legislature every year.

Eco Park: Sustainable Mine Closure

1. Chief Minister M K Stalin - inaugurated an eco-park on "sustainable mine closing practices" set up by **Ramco Cement in Virudhunagar**.
2. Abandoned and Unused Limestone mines have been converted into green cover on an area of 72 acres.
3. Around 2.5 lakh trees, herbs and shrubs have been planted in the park.
4. The park aims at having 5 lakh native breeds of trees by next year.

National

Operation Ganga

1. Over 3,700 Indians returned after fleeing Ukraine and reaching its neighbouring countries.
2. As part of the government's 'Operation Ganga', 14 civilian flights mounted by Indian airlines three C-17 flights by the Indian Air Force brought them back.
3. A dedicated Twitter handle 'OpGanga Helpline' to assist Indian evacuation from Ukraine has also been announced.

Other recent evacuation and rescue operations by India include:

- **Operation Devi Shakthi** – It is as an operation of the Indian Armed Forces to evacuate Indian citizens and foreign nationals from Afghanistan after the collapse of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the Taliban.
- **Operation Vande Bharat** – It was for the Indian nationals stranded overseas due to the global coronavirus lockdown.

Mekedatu Project

1. Tamil Nadu expressed discontent as Karnataka government allocated ₹1,000 crore for the Mekedatu project.
2. The Mekedatu balancing reservoir project is a controversial project on River Cauvery between the two states.
3. The project will come up at Ontigondlu, about 1.5 km from what is known as Mekedatu at the confluence of the **Cauvery and Arkavathi rivers**.
4. It is aimed at supplying 4.75 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet) of drinking water to Bengaluru and surrounding areas and will also generate 400 MW of hydroelectric power.
5. Karnataka submitted the Detailed Project Report (DPR) to the Central Water Commission (CWC) and later to the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA).
6. The CWMA is yet to approve the DPR because Tamil Nadu, which is the co-basin state, has opposed the project.

WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine

1. The Government has approved the establishment of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (WHO GCTM) in **Jamnagar, Gujarat**.
2. The WHO GCTM will be established in Jamnagar under the **Ministry of AYUSH**.
3. This would be the **first and only global outposted Centre (office)** for traditional medicine across the globe.
4. WHO- GCTM and various other initiatives in collaboration with WHO will aid India in positioning traditional medicine across the globe.

Pal-Dadhvav massacre

1. The Gujarat government marked **100 years of the Pal-Dadhvav killings** on **March 7**.
2. Before this, the incident had been featured on the state's Republic Day tableau.
3. On March 7, 1922, villagers from Pal, Dadhvav, and Chitariya had gathered on the banks of river Heir.
4. They gathered as part of the '**Eki movement**' which was led by **Motilal Tejawat**.
5. The movement was to protest against the land revenue tax (lagaan) imposed on the peasants by the British and feudal lords.
6. While the British claimed some 22 people were killed, the Bhils believe 1,200-1,500 of them died in the firing that followed.
7. Gujarat has a near 14% tribal population that resides along its northern-eastern stretch, called the 'poorvi patti'.
8. **Bhils** are the dominant tribe in this stretch.

UDISE+ Report

1. **Ministry of Education** released the report on Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2020-21 on school education of India.
2. The UDISE+ system of online data collection from the schools was developed by Department of School Education & Literacy in the year 2018-19.
3. **Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)** which measure the general level of participation has improved in 2020-21 at all levels of school education compared to 2019-20.
4. Level wise GER in 2020-21 are: 92.2% in upper primary, 99.1 % in elementary, 79.8% in secondary and 53.8% in higher secondary respectively.
5. In 2020-21 the Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) stood at 26 for primary, 19 for upper primary, 18 for secondary and 26 for higher secondary, showing an improvement since 2018-19.

National Youth Parliament Festival

1. National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) is being held in the **Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi**.
2. It provides a platform for the youth to voice their thoughts, opinions and dreams for the country.
3. It is the 3rd edition. It is being organised jointly by the **Lok Sabha Secretariat and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.

Jharoka festival

1. As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav **Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Textiles** are organizing "Jharokha-**Compendium of Indian handicraft/ handloom, art and culture**".
2. It will be a PAN India celebration which will be held at 16 locations in 13 states and UTs.
3. Jharokha is a celebration of the traditional Indian handicrafts, handlooms, and art & culture.
4. The first event under this celebration is being organized in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh** starting from 8th March 2022 on the occasion of International Women's Day.
5. It will be organized at Rani Kamalapati Railway Station which is named after the brave and fearless **Queen Kamalapati of the Gond kingdom** of Madhya Pradesh.
6. A dedicated corner for Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) encompassing the culture and art of Manipur and Nagaland will also be setup at the venue.
7. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate **75 years** of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture, and achievements.

India's largest Reclining Buddha

1. India's largest reclining statue of Lord Buddha is being built in **Bodh Gaya, Bihar**.
2. Built by Buddha International Welfare Mission, the statue will be 100 feet long and 30 feet high.
3. Lord Buddha is in the sleeping posture in the statue (Mahaparinirvana mudra). The construction of the giant statue started in the year 2019.
4. It is being made with fiberglass and built by sculptors from Kolkata.
5. Before Mahaparinirvana, Lord Buddha preached to his disciples in this posture. Bodh Gaya is the place of enlightenment of Lord Buddha.
6. The idol of this posture of Lord Buddha is in **Uttar Pradesh's Kushinagar where he attained his Mahaparinirvana**.

Women-owned Industrial Park

1. **India's first 100% women-owned industrial park** is inaugurated in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.
2. It is promoted by FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) in partnership with the Telangana government.
3. It consists of 25 units which represent 16 different sectors of green category, and all of them are owned and controlled completely by women.

International

Mobile World Congress 2022

1. **MWC Barcelona** (commonly referred to as Mobile World Congress) is an annual trade show organised by GSM Association.
2. It is dedicated primarily to the mobile communications industry.
3. The event is held in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain at the Fira de Barcelona Gran Via, usually in February or early March.
4. It is attended primarily by device manufacturers, network equipment providers, representatives of wireless carriers, etc.
5. GSMA has extended the MWC brand to two other trade shows in Shanghai, China and Las Vegas, United States.

The Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA)

- Founded: 1995
- Headquarters: London, UK
- Chairperson: Stephen Richard

Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant

1. Russian forces took control of **Europe's largest nuclear power plant**, Zaporizhzhia in southern Ukraine.
2. There is no sign of damage to the plant's six reactors, which generate 20% of Ukraine's power in normal times.
3. Russia already controls Ukraine's defunct Chernobyl nuclear facility, which has stopped functioning now.
4. On 24 February 2022, Russia began an open military invasion of Ukraine, in a major escalation of the Russo-Ukrainian conflict that had begun in 2014.
5. It is the largest military attack in Europe since World War II.
6. Following the Ukrainian Revolution of Dignity in February 2014, Russia annexed Crimea.

Hungary's First Female President

1. The Hungarian parliament has elected **Katalin Novak**, a close ally of Prime Minister **Viktor Orban**, as the EU member's first-ever female president.
2. Novak will succeed Janos Ader, a co-founder of Orban's governing right-wing Fidesz party who has held the job since 2012.

Hungary

- It is a landlocked country in Central Europe.
- Capital: Budapest
- Prime Minister: Victor Orban
- Currency: Forint (HUF)

Pakistan on Grey List

1. FATF has retained Pakistan on its terror funding 'grey list'.
2. Pakistan has been on the grey list of the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF) since June 2018**.

FATF

- FATF was founded **in 1989 on the initiative of the G7** to develop policies to combat **money laundering**.
- In 2001, its mandate was expanded to include **terrorism financing**. It is headquartered in **Paris, France**.
- It maintains the **FATF blacklist (formally called the "Call for action")** and the **FATF grey list (formally called the "Other monitored jurisdictions")**.

- Currently **Iran and North Korea** are on the black list.
- Among our neighbours, Pakistan and Myanmar are on the grey list.
- Zimbabwe was removed from the grey list, while UAE was added.
- As of 2021 FATF has 39 full members, comprising 37 jurisdictions and 2 regional organizations.
- India is also a member of FATF, while Pakistan is not a member.

Russia: the most sanctioned country

1. Russia has become the most sanctioned country in the world, due to its invasion on Ukraine.
2. Russia has now surpassed countries like Iran and North Korea in terms of a number of sanctions.
3. Before this, **Iran** was the most sanctioned country.

Sanctions:

- Economic sanctions are commercial and financial penalties applied by one or more countries against a targeted self-governing state, group, or individual.
- Some of the important sanctions currently on Russia include: The European Union (EU) on February 25 introduced an export ban on Russia.
- No permission for Russian air carriers to land, take-off or overfly in EU member territories.
- Exclusion of Russia from SWIFT payment systems, etc.
- Capital of Russia: Moscow
- President: Vladimir Putin
- Currency: Russian ruble.

Noor-2

1. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) of Iran successfully launched Noor-2, a military satellite.
2. The Islamic Republic has launched its second military satellite. Noor, the first military satellite, was launched into orbit in April 2020
3. In Persian, the word "noor" signifies "light."
4. Capital of Iran: Tehran
5. Currency: Iranian rial
6. President: Ibrahim Raisi

Science & Technology

Hansa-NG

1. Flying trainer aircraft Hansa New Generation (Hansa-NG) has successfully completed the sea level trials at Puducherry.
2. It is **India's first indigenous flying trainer**.
3. It is designed and developed by **CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL)**, Bengaluru.
4. It is designed to meet the Indian flying club needs and it is an ideal aircraft for Commercial Pilot Licensing (CPL) due to its low cost and low fuel consumption.

YUVIKA

1. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is organising a special programme for school children called "**YUva Vigyani Karyakram**" (YUVIKA) or "**Young Scientist Programme**".
2. It aims to impart basic knowledge on space technology, space science and space applications to young students, especially for those from rural areas.
3. The programme aims to select 150 students across the country, who are studying in **Class IX**.
4. The programme is also expected to encourage more students to pursue **science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)** based careers and research work.

PARAM Ganga

1. The **National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)** has now deployed "PARAM Ganga", a supercomputer **at IIT Roorkee**, with a supercomputing capacity of 1.66 Petaflops.
2. NSM is being steered jointly by the **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeiTY) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST)**.
3. It is implemented by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (**C-DAC**) and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore.
4. The four major pillars of the NSM are Infrastructure, Applications, R&D, HRD.
5. The Mission plans to build and deploy 24 facilities with cumulative computing power of more than 64 Petaflops. Till now C-DAC has deployed 11 systems.
6. Some of the large-scale applications which are being developed under NSM include the following:
 - a. NSM Platform for Genomics and Drug Discovery.
 - b. Urban Modelling: Science Based Decision Support Framework to Address Urban Environment Issues (Meteorology, Hydrology, Air Quality).
 - c. Flood Early Warning and Prediction System for River Basins of India.
 - d. HPC Software Suite for Seismic Imaging to aid Oil and Gas Exploration.

Supercomputer

- A supercomputer is a computer with a high level of performance as compared to a general-purpose computer.
- The performance of a supercomputer is commonly measured in floating-point operations per second (FLOPS) instead of million instructions per second (MIPS).
- As of November 2020 when ranking by number of supercomputer systems in the TOP500 list, India is ranked 63rd in the world, with the **PARAM Siddhi-AI being the fastest supercomputer in India**.
- As of June 2021 there are 3 systems based in India on the TOP500 supercomputer list:
 - Param Siddhi-AI
 - Pratyush (Cray XC40)
 - Mihir (Cray XC40)

Personalities & Places

Mithali Raj

1. India captain Mithali Raj became only the **third cricketer** and the **first woman** to appear in **six World Cups**.
2. The only other two cricketers to have achieved the feat are iconic **Sachin Tendulkar and Pakistani great Javed Miandad**.
3. Raj is a 39-year-old veteran who made her maiden World Cup appearance in 2000, before playing the event in 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017 and now in 2022.
4. She hails from Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
5. Mithali is nicknamed "**Lady Tendulkar of Indian Women's cricket**", as she is currently the all-time leading run-scorer for India in all formats, including Tests, ODIs and T20Is.

T Raja Kumar

1. T Raja Kumar, a Singaporean, has been named **President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**.
2. His appointment is for a set two-year term, which begins on July 1.
3. During the FATF plenary, he was chosen to succeed Dr Marcus Pleyer of Germany.
4. This is the first time Singapore has assumed the president of the organisation.

Ashwani Bhatia

1. The government has named Ashwani Bhatia, the managing director of the **State Bank of India**, to the **Securities and Exchange Board of India as a full-time member**.
2. In August 2020, he was promoted to the post of managing director of State Bank of India.
3. He was the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of SBI Mutual Fund prior to this.

SEBI

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is the **regulatory body for securities and commodity market** in India.
- It is owned by the Ministry of Finance , Government of India.
- It was established on 12 April 1988 and given Statutory Powers in 1992 through the SEBI Act, 1992.
- Headquarters: **Bandra, Mumbai**
- **Chairman: Madhabi Puri Buch (first woman Chairperson of SEBI)**

Debasish Panda

1. Debasish Panda has been appointed as the chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
2. He is a former financial services secretary.
3. Mr Panda is a 1987-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre.

IRDAI

- It is a regulatory body under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Finance , Government of India.
- It is tasked with **regulating and licensing the insurance and re-insurance industries** in India.
- It was constituted by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999.
- Headquarters: **Hyderabad, Telangana**.

Sanjiv Kapoor

1. **Jet Airways** has named Sanjiv Kapoor as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
2. Kapoor formerly served as the president of Oberoi Hotels and as the chief operating officer of SpiceJet.

3. For three years, he was the Chief Strategy and Commercial Officer of Vistara Airlines.

Vidya Balan

1. Vidya Balan, a National Award-winning actress, has been named as the brand ambassador for Bharti AXA Life Insurance.
2. As a brand ambassador, she will help promote Bharti AXA Life Insurance's #DoTheSmartThing champion.
3. Bharti AXA Life Insurance is a joint venture between Bharti, India's largest corporate conglomerate, and AXA, a global leader in financial security and asset management.

Important Days

Jan Aushadi Diwas

1. Jan Aushadhi Diwas is celebrated every year on **07th March** to educate the general public about the benefits of the Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana.
2. Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadi Pariyojana (PMBJP) was launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
3. It was launched in 2008 with the objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all.
4. The Scheme is implemented by a society registered under the Society Registration Act, the **Pharma & Medical Bureau of India (PMBI)**.
5. The first Janaushadi Diwas was celebrated in 2019. The theme for this year is "**Jan aushadi-Jan upyogi**".

CISF Raising Day

1. CISF, the Central Industrial Security Force, is for the central armed police force in India.
2. It is one of the six paramilitary forces in India functioning under the Union Home Ministry.
3. The headquarter is located in New Delhi. 53rd Raising Day is celebrated on March 10, 2022.
4. In year 1969, the CISF was set up on **March 10** and three battalions were formed under the CISF act 1968.
5. Since then, the day is celebrated as CISF Raising Day every year.

International Women's Day

1. International Women's Day – celebrated annually on **March 8** – is a day that commemorates the social, political and economic achievements of women.
2. The theme for this year's International Women's Day is: "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow."
3. This year's campaign is represented by the #BreakTheBias hashtag.
4. It calls on people to work towards a world that is equitable, inclusive, and free from bias and discrimination.
5. In **1910** during an **International Socialist Women's Conference** in Copenhagen, Denmark, the idea for women's day was proposed.
6. The United Nations celebrated International Women's Day for the first time in 1975.

World Kidney Day

1. World Kidney Day(WKD) is celebrated every year **on the second Thursday of March** every year.
2. The theme for 2022 is "Kidney Health for all."
3. WKD is a joint initiative of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF).

No Smoking Day

1. "No Smoking Day" is celebrated annually **on the second Wednesday of March** to raise awareness about the ill effects of smoking.
2. The first "No Smoking Day" was celebrated in 1984 on Ash Wednesday in the Republic of Ireland.
3. The day mainly strives to spread awareness on the hazards of tobacco consumption through smoking and similar variability.
4. This year, the theme for the "No Smoking Day" is "quitting smoking doesn't have to be stressful."

International Day of Women Judges

1. The United Nations General Assembly had, on April 28 2021, resolved to mark **March 10** of every year as International Day of Women Judges.
2. India was among the nations that sponsored the resolution, which was moved by Qatar.

3. UN's Sustainable Development **Goal 5 is Gender Equality** and Empowerment of Women and Girls.
4. Their goal is to achieve progress across all Development goals and to add a gender perspective to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Female Judges in Supreme Court

- The first female justice in the Supreme Court was **Fathima Beevi** appointed in 1989.
- There have been 11 female justices in the court since then.
- Presently there are **4** sitting female judges out of the total 33 judges (including Chief Justice of India) in the court.

Sports

ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022

1. The 12th Edition of ICC Women's Cricket World Cup began on March 4 in New Zealand.
2. Total of 8 teams are participating: New Zealand, Australia, England, South Africa, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and West Indies.
3. The ICC Women's Cricket World Cup is the sport's oldest world championship, with the **first tournament held in England in 1973**.
4. Matches are played as One Day Internationals (ODIs) over 50 overs, while there is also another championship for Twenty20 International cricket, the ICC Women's T20 World Cup.
5. The World Cup is currently organised by the International Cricket Council (ICC).
6. **Australia** is the most successful team having won six titles.
7. England (four titles) and New Zealand (one title) are the only other teams to have won the event.
8. India reached the finals twice but failed to win the tournament.

International Cricket Council

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) is the world governing body of cricket.
- It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from Australia, England and South Africa.
- It was renamed as the International Cricket Conference in 1965, and took up its current name in 1987.
- The ICC has its headquarters in Dubai, UAE.

Golf Hall of Fame

1. American golfer **Tiger Woods** made his way into the World Golf Hall of Fame.
2. He ranks second in men's major championships, and is widely regarded as one of the greatest golfers of all time.
3. Woods has won 82 PGA Tour titles and 15 major championships.
4. The World Golf Hall of Fame is located at World Golf Village near St. Augustine, Florida, in the United States.
5. This single site honours both men and women. It is supported by a consortium of 26 golf organizations from all over the world.

ISSF World Cup 2022

1. Indian shooters won two medals on the final day of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 2022 in Cairo, Egypt.
2. The **Indian team finished on the top** of the medals tally with a total of seven medals comprising of four gold, two silver and one bronze.
3. Norway the second spot on the medals tally while France was third.
4. Rhythm Sangwan and Anish Bhanwala won the 25m rapid fire pistol mixed team gold medal.
5. Esha Singh had won the women's 10m air pistol team event. Saurabh Chaudhary won India's first gold medal in the event.

Books & Authors

Book	Author	Description
The Blue Book	Amitava Kumar (journalist)	In this book, author has used watercolour drawings as well as words to depict the experience, both individual and collective, of the pandemic.
The Queen of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup	Vikas Kumar Jha (original author in Hindi) Srishti Jha (translator to English)	It is the English translation of the book, translated by the writer's daughter Srishti Jha.
On Board: My Years in BCCI	Ratnakar Shetty	It is an autobiographical account of Ratnakar Shetty's experiences as an administrator.

Awards

Nari Shakti Puraskar for 2020 and 2021

1. Nari Shakti Puraskar (Highest civilian honour for women in India) is an annual award given by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
2. It is given to individual women or to institutions that work towards the cause of women empowerment.
3. The awards are presented by the President of India on International Women's Day (8 March), at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
4. The awards were instituted in 1999 under the title of Stree Shakti Puraskar and were renamed and reorganised in 2015.
5. There are given in six institutional and two individual categories, which carry a cash prize of rupees two-lakh and one-lakh, respectively.

Tamil Nadu Awardees

For 2020:

- **Jaya Muthu and Tejamma (Nilgiris)** : for preserving and promoting the age-old intricate Toda Embroidery of Nilgiris.

For 2021:

- **Thara Rangaswamy (Chennai)**: For relentless efforts to create awareness about and cure for mental disorders.

International Women of Courage Award 2022

1. A Bangladeshi environmental lawyer **Rizwana Hasan** has been selected for the International Women of Courage (IWOC) Award for 2022.
2. She is among the 12 women from around the world who will be honoured by the **US Department of State**.
3. She is awarded for her mission to protect the environment and defend the dignity and rights of the marginalised Bangladeshis.
4. She received the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2012 for her activism.
5. The International Women of Courage (IWOC) award was established in 2007.
6. Till now 170 women from 80 countries have been honoured under the IWOC programme.

Ispat Rajbhasha Award

1. **National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC)** received 1st prize in the Ispat Rajbhasha Award for 2018-19 and 2020-21 and the Ispat Rajbhasha Prerna Award for 2019-20
2. It was presented in the meeting of the Hindi Salahakar Committee of the Ministry of Steel held in Madurai.
3. NDMC is the country's largest Iron Ore producer and a **Navaratna CPSE** under Ministry of Steel.
4. NMDC is headquartered in **Hyderabad**.

Air Service Quality Evaluation

1. In the **Airports Council International (ACI)** Airport's Service Quality (ASQ) evaluation for the year 2021, six Indian airports were named among the 'Best Airport by Size and Region.'
2. Airports in the Asia Pacific region have been classified into various groups depending on annual passenger traffic.

The **six** Indian airports include:

Category – Over 40 million passengers per year

- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), Mumbai
- Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi

Category – 15 to 25 million passengers per year

- Rajiv Gandhi International airport, Hyderabad

Category – 5 to 15 million passengers per year

- Cochin International Airport, Cochin
- Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad

Category – 2 to 5 million passengers per year

- Chandigarh Airport, Chandigarh.

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