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## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

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### National and International News

#### 17th century land grant inscription found in Tiruppattur



#### Key Points:

- A 17th century land grant inscription for Anganatheeswarar Temple has been found near Tiruppattur.
- The epigraphical messages are written in a mixture of Tamil and Grantha and in some places vernacular.

#### Epigraphic message:

- It mentions about the gift (donation) of 20 pits of land at Somanapuram in Tirupetur Seemai in Ailnath to the Anganatheeswarar temple in Madapalli.
- It also mentions the blessing that is available to the one who preserves that gift.

#### Do you know?

- 400 years ago, the name of Tiruppattur was given as Tiruppetur and this inscription records the most important historical message.
- It can be known that this city has become the most important precinct as it is called '**Ail Nattu Tiruppetur Seemai**'.
- At that time Somalapuram near Tiruppattur was also known as Somanapuram.

#### International year of Millets

#### Key Points:

- United Nations has recognized 2023 International year of Millets.
- All people should know about the benefits of adding millets to our diet.



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**Retired IAS Vijayakumar received Dr. MS Swaminathan Award for Environmental Protection**

**Key Points:**

- Lok Sabha member Kanimozhi presented the 'Dr. MS Swaminathan Award for Environmental Protection' to retired IAS officer Vijayakumar.
- MS Swaminathan Award award is a biennial national award jointly instituted by the Retired ICAR Employees Association (RICAREA) and Nuziveedu Seeds Limited (NSL). The award includes a cash prize of Rs. 2 Lakhs and a Gold Medal.
- The Dr MS Swaminathan Award has a history of recognizing outstanding contributors to the field of agriculture.

**Who is Dr. MS Swaminathan?**

**His major contributions-**

- Swaminathan is known as "**Indian Father of Green Revolution**" for his leadership and success in introducing and further developing high-yielding varieties of wheat and Rice in India.
- Adaptation of Mexican Dwarf Wheat Varieties
- Development of High-Yielding Basmati Rice
- C4 Rice Research

**Key Points:**

- Swaminathan was born in 1925, in Kumbakonam.
- Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan is a renowned Indian agronomist, agricultural scientist, plant geneticist, administrator, and humanitarian.
- His contributions to agriculture, particularly in the development of high-yielding varieties of wheat and rice, have had a significant impact on food production and food security in India and beyond.
- Swaminathan is best known for his collaboration with American scientist **Norman Borlaug** in the 1960s. Together, they played a pivotal role in **introducing high-yielding varieties of wheat and rice to India**, which is often referred to as the Green Revolution.

**Light Metro Rail Project**

**Key points:**


- Light Metro Rail Project is about to start in Chennai.
- The metro rail project which was launched in Tamil Nadu in 2015 received a lot of response from the people.



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	<p><b>Do you know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 'Light Metro' is considered to be a modern form of 'tram' transport which was used in the British era.</li><li>• Designed to go at only 30 km speed.</li><li>• It will run on dedicated tracks on normal road without tunnels and elevated track. Its rails are laid on the side or in the center of the road.</li></ul>
<p><b>134-foot-tall pen monument</b></p> 	<p><b>In News:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tamil Nadu government had decided to erect a 134-foot-tall pen monument at a cost of Rs 80 crore, 650 meters from the Marina beach.</li><li>• This is to honour Karunanidhi's work in Tamil literature.</li><li>• However, recently, the South Zone Green Tribunal has ordered the central and state governments to respond to the case seeking cancellation of the permission granted.</li></ul>
<p><b>Pallikaranai marshland and concept of 'wetland mitra' or 'friends of wetland'</b></p>	<p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last year, Pallikaranai marshland became the first Ramsar wetland in Chennai.</li><li>• The Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change has introduced a new concept called 'wetland mitra' or 'friends of wetland'.</li><li>• Under this concept, residents, civil society organisations and NGOs can sign up and keep a vigil on more than 85 waterbodies including wetlands, national parks, wildlife and bird.</li><li>• Officials hope the 'friends' of wetland will make a change in conserving Pallikaranai marshland.</li></ul>



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