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President's Secretariat

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PRESIDENT OF INDIA PRESENTS NATIONAL PANCHAYAT AWARDS

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The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu conferred the National Panchayat Awards upon 45 awardees, selected across various categories, recognizing their exemplary contributions to the themes of sustainable and inclusive development, in New Delhi today (December 11, 2024).



News

- President Droupadi Murmu confers National Panchayat Awards 2024 for achievements in grassroots governance & community development.

About:

- The **National Panchayat Awards** are usually celebrated on **April 24th** every year, in conjunction with National Panchayati Raj Day (due to the General Elections to the Lok Sabha held earlier in 2024, the award ceremony was rescheduled to 11th December this year).
- This day commemorates the enactment of the **73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992**, which came into effect in 1993 and granted Panchayats constitutional status as institutions of local self-governance.

Categories: The National Panchayat Awards 2024 include categories such as the


- Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar,
- Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar,
- Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar,
- Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar, and
- Panchayat Kshamta Nirmaan Sarvottam Sansthan Puraskar.

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PIB / TH (Page 4): GS1-History

Prime Minister's Office



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi pays homage to Subramania Bharati

Shri Modi to release a compendium of his works at his residence

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The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid homage to poet and writer Subramania Bharati on his birth anniversary today.

Shri Modi also announced to release a compendium of his works at a programme in 7, Lok Kalyan Marg at 1 PM.

The Prime Minister posted on X:

"I pay homage to the great Subramania Bharati on his birth anniversary. A visionary poet, writer, thinker, freedom fighter and social reformer, his words ignited the flames of patriotism and revolution among countless people. His progressive ideals on equality and women's empowerment are equally inspiring.

Today, I will release a compendium of his works at a programme in 7, Lok Kalyan Marg at 1 PM. I compliment Shri Seeni Viswanathan Ji for undertaking this effort."

News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to poet and writer Subramania Bharati on his birth anniversary.

About

- C. Subramania Bharati, known as Mahakavi Bharati (Great Poet), was born on 11th December 1882, in **Ettayapuram, Tamil Nadu**. He was a visionary **poet, journalist, freedom fighter, and social reformer**.
- He began his journalistic career as a sub-editor at **Swadesamitran in 1904**.
- In **1906**, he launched "**India**" the Tamil newspaper, advocating Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. He edited journals like **Vijaya** to propagate revolutionary ideas.
- In **1908**, he published **Swadesa Geethangal**, a collection of **16 patriotic poems**.
- He opposed the caste system, supported temple entry for Dalits, and championed women's rights, education, and widow remarriage.

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TH (Page 1): GS2-Health / GS3 Science and Tech

Indian scientists develop novel gene therapy treatment for haemophilia

Five patients have not reported any bleeding episodes for over a year after testing the new treatment in a trial conducted by CMC, Vellore; one-time gene therapy could replace frequent injections of clotting factor

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News

- Indian scientists have reported success with using gene therapy to treat severe haemophilia A, a rare hereditary condition resulting from a faulty gene that triggers severe, spontaneous, and potentially fatal bleeding episodes.

About

- Even though haemophilia is a rare disorder, India has the world's second-largest patient pool, with an estimated 40,000 to 100,000 patients.

One-time solution

- The typical treatment for the condition requires injections at frequent intervals, with infusions of a 'clotting factor' to prevent bleeding.
- Gene therapy treatments**, however, promise to be a one-time solution. A gene introduced into the body teaches it to create enough of the clotting factor that can prevent such haemorrhage.

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TH (Page 11): Polity and Governance

Amid din, Lok Sabha clears Railways Bill to enhance independence of Board

The provisions added to the amended Bill authorise the Central government to decide the composition of the Railway Board, including number of members, their terms of service, and their qualifications and experience

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News

- The Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2024 was passed in the Lok Sabha, despite disruptions.

About:

- All the provisions in the erstwhile colonial-era **Indian Railway Board Act, 1905** are proposed to be incorporated in the **Railways Act, 1989** through this Bill. It is intended to simplify the legal framework and reduces the need to refer to two laws.
- The Bill also proposes to amend the Railways Act, 1989 to provide **statutory backing to the Railway Board**, which has functioned without such a sanction since it began functioning.
- Along with this, the Bill also proposes to improve operational efficiencies and decentralize powers, granting greater autonomy to Railway Zones. Increasing autonomy has been a long-standing demand, supported by various committees, including 2014 **Sreedharan Committee**.

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TH (Page 12): GS-2 International Bodies

ILO report asks nations to uphold freedom of association at work

Report flags increase in violations of fundamental civil liberties and bargaining rights of employers, workers, and their representative organisations; urges governments to equip labour associations and social partners with resources, and also pushes for inclusion of govt. representatives in dialogue

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News

- The International Labour Organisation (ILO) has released its **Social Dialogue Report** that has recommended the governments to uphold fundamental principles and rights at work.

About

- The report argues that social dialogue can enable countries to pursue economic development alongside social progress, while ensuring fair and inclusive low-carbon and digital transitions.
- The report has also highlighted the experience of Rajasthan that brought in the Platform Based Gig Workers (Registration and Welfare) Bill to provide for the establishment of the Rajasthan Platform Based Gig Workers Welfare Board.

Do you know?

- India is a founder member of the International Labour Organization, which came into existence in 1919. At present the ILO has **187 Members**.
- Headquartered in **Geneva** (Switzerland), it is a specialized agency of the United Nations.

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IE (Page 2) / TH (Page 12): GS2-Health

WHO report says India reduces malaria caseload, deaths by 69% each: Why combination drugs and insecticidal mosquito nets worked

The World Malaria Report shows that India is out of the High-Burden-High-Impact group



India reduced its malaria caseload by 69 per cent from 6.4 million in 2017 to 2 million in 2023. (File Image)

News

- India has finally managed to control malaria, reduce mortality, and has gotten out of the High-Burden-High-Impact (HBHI) group of endemic countries, according to the recently released WHO's World Malaria Report (2024).

About

- Malaria is caused by **Plasmodium parasites**, which are spread to people through the bites of infected female *Anopheles* mosquitoes. It is preventable and curable.

Key findings of the report

- India reduced its malaria caseload by 69 per cent from 6.4 million in 2017 to 2 million in 2023. Similarly, the estimated malaria deaths registered a 69 per cent decrease from 11,100 to 3500 during the same period.
- Apart from India, countries like Liberia and Rwanda have also seen huge drops in cases.
- Between 2000 and 2023, 2.2 billion cases and 12.7 million deaths were averted worldwide.

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IE (Page 9) : GS1-History/ Miscellaneous

News / India / Kannada writer Devanur Mahadeva, who captured 'a community that had melted into darkness', to be conferred TN award

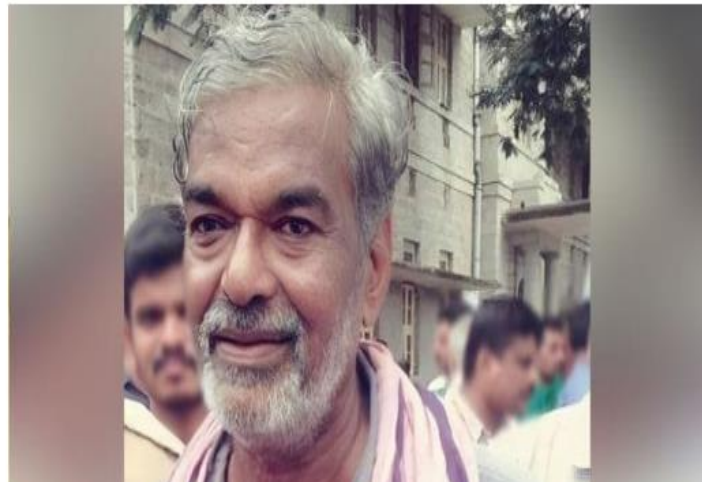
Kannada writer Devanur Mahadeva, who captured 'a community that had melted into darkness', to be conferred TN award

Mahadeva, one of Kannada's most celebrated voices and known advocate for the oppressed, will get the Vaikom Award, instituted by the DMK government last year.

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News

- Kannada writer Devanur Mahadeva to receive the 2024 Vaikom Award.

About

- The Vaikom Award was instituted in 2023 to honour individuals or organisations from across India who embody the values of equality and justice.
- The award is linked to the Vaikom Satyagraha, between 1924 to 1925, aimed at challenging caste-based restrictions on access to the Vaikom Temple in Kerala.
- The Satyagraha, which marked a significant step in India's struggle against untouchability and inspired subsequent temple entry movements across the country, was backed by Mahatma Gandhi, and E V Ramasamy, or 'Periyar', the Tamil social reformer.