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### **1. Tamil Thai Vaazhthu declared Tamil Nadu State song ( Dec. 18, 2021 )**

- The M.K.Stalin led government of Tamilnadu has declared Tamil Thai Vaazhthu song as the State song.
- The song is from the Tamil drama 'Manonmaniam' penned by P Sundaram Pillai.
- The song is composed in Mullaipaani Ragam also known as Mohana Raagam by M.S Viswanathan.

### **List of other Indian states with Official State Songs -**

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Odisha, Puducherry, and Uttarakhand

### **2. National Summit on Agro and Food Processing ( Dec. 16, 2021 )**

- **It is organised by the Government of Gujarat from 14 to 16 December 2021 at Anand, Gujarat.**
- **The theme of the summit is "Agro and Food Processing: Entering a new era of Cooperation Atma Nirbhar Krishi".**
- It is being attended by over 5000 farmers who will be present in the Summit, apart from farmers being connecting Live through Central Institutes of ICAR, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and ATMA (Agricultural Technology Management Agency) network in the States.

### **3. State News ( Dec. 12, 2021 )**

#### **1. Nagaland Government demands withdrawal of AFSPA form Nagaland**

- Nagaland Chief Minister Mr. Neiphiu Rio has demanded the withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special powers Act from the state following the death of 14 civilians in the Army operation against the Naga insurgents in the Mon district of Nagaland on 4 December 2021.Nagaland's Mon district
- Nagaland's Mon district borders Myanmar from where members of the NSCN (Khaplang-Yung Aung) are said to carry out hit-and-run operations.
- The Konyak Union, the apex body of the Konyak Naga Tribe from the Mon district of Nagaland has also demanded the repeal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act or, AFSPA, from the entire Northeast of India and withdrawal of Assam Rifles from the Mon district of Nagaland .

**Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangama** has also demanded the withdrawal of AFSPA from Manipur .

- The Nagaland government has two member Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate the circumstances leading to the killing of the civilians by the armed forces.

#### **2. KVIC Rolls Out Project RE-HAB in Assam to Prevent Elephant - Human Conflicts Using Tiny Bees**

Following the success of its innovative Project RE-HAB (Reducing Elephant-Human Attacks using Bees) in Karnataka, **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has now replicated the project in **Assam**.

- Under Project RE-HAB, “Bee-fences” are created by setting up bee boxes in the passageways of elephants to block their entrance to human territories.
- It is a cost-effective way of reducing human-wild conflicts without causing any harm to the animals.
- It is scientifically recorded that elephants are annoyed by the honey bees.

### **3. Nagaland Government cancel Hornbill festival**

Nagaland Government has cancelled the famous annual “Hornbill festival “ as a respect to the 14 villagers mistakenly killed by the army during an anti-insurgent operation in the Mon district of Nagaland on 4 December .

- **Chief Minister of Nagaland : Neiphiu Rio**
- **Governor : Jagdish Mukhi**

### **4. Bird Flu confirmed in Ducks**

The Alappuzha district was put on alert, after an outbreak of bird flu was confirmed at Kunnumma South (ward 10) in Thakazhy grama panchayat.

Highlights:

- The presence of H5N1 subtype of the Influenza A virus was reported in ducks.

### **5. NEDFi Announces New Scheme Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme for the Artisans under Ministry of Doner**

With the objective to develop the petty artisans of the North Eastern Region by providing financial assistance in the form of term loan for income generating activities for setting up / expansion / modernization / working capital requirement and other activities related to the sector NEDFi has introduced Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme to the grass root Artisans of the region.

### **4. NEDFi Announces New Scheme Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme for the Artisans under Ministry of Doner ( Dec. 11, 2021 )**

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- The scheme was **officially launched on 9/12/2021**. During the launching ceremony, a total of **17 artisans** have been **provided with credit assistance of Rs.1 lakh per artisan**.
- The credit facility is collateral free and carries a subsidized interest rate of 6% p.a., which is repayable in 24 months.

For regular repayment, an incentive of 1% on the interest rate is provided, which will be refunded to the artisans on successful repayment of loans.

### **NEDFI**

NEDFi is notified as a Public Financial Institution under Section 4A of the Companies Act 1956 and was registered as an NBFC in 2002 with RBI. NEDFi provides financial assistance to micro, small, medium and large enterprises for setting up industrial, infrastructure and agri-allied projects in the North Eastern Region of India and also Microfinance through MFI/NGOs. Besides financing, the Corporation offers Consultancy & Advisory services to the state Governments, private sectors and other agencies.

### **Ministry of Doner**

The **Ministry of Development of the North-Eastern Region (MoDONER)** established in 2001 functions as the nodal department of the Central Government to deal with the matters relating to the planning, execution and monitoring of development schemes and projects in the North Eastern Region. Its vision is to accelerate the pace of socio-economic development of the Region so that it may enjoy growth parity with the rest of the country.

Headquarters: **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**

## **5. Bird Flu confirmed in Ducks ( Dec. 10, 2021 )**

The Alappuzha district was put on alert, after an outbreak of bird flu was confirmed at Kunnumma South (ward 10) in Thakazhy grama panchayat.

### **Highlights:**

- The **Animal Husbandry Department (AHD)** sent samples of dead birds to the **National Institute of High-Security Animal Disease (NIHSAD), Bhopal** for analyses, which tested positive for avian influenza.
- The presence of **H5N1 subtype of the Influenza A** virus was reported in ducks.
- Between 8,000 and 10,000 ducks were culled within a 1-km radius of the hotspot.
- Earlier this year, avian flu caused by the **H5N8 strain of the Influenza A** virus was detected from six places in **Kuttanad at Nedumudi, Thakazhy, Pallippad, Karuvatta, and Kainakary in Alappuzha district and Neendoor in Kottayam district.**

### **Bird Flu**

Avian influenza (AI) is caused by an influenza type A virus that can infect poultry such as chickens, turkeys, pheasants, quail, domestic ducks, geese, and guinea fowl

Avian influenza (AI) viruses are classified by a combination of two groups of proteins: **hemagglutinin or “H” proteins**, and **neuraminidase or “N” proteins**,

In rare cases, it can affect humans. There are lots of different strains of bird flu virus. Most of them don't infect humans.

### **National Institute of High-Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD)-ICAR**

The National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research is a premier institute of India for research on exotic and emerging pathogens of animals.

- NIHSAD came into existence on **8th Aug., 2014** as an independent institute under ICAR from its original status as **High Security Animal Disease Laboratory (HSADL)**, a regional station of **Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izatnagar**.
- Director: **Dr. V.P. Singh**
- Headquarters: **Bhopal**

### **6. Kerala Moves Supreme Court against Water Release by Tamil Nadu ( Dec. 10, 2021 )**

The Kerala Government has moved the Supreme Court seeking a direction to Tamil Nadu not to release a huge quantity of water in the early hours from the 126 year old Mullaperiyar dam, saying it causes heavy damage to the people living downstream of the dam.

The two judges' bench of Justice A.M. Khanwilkar and C.T. Ravikumar will hear the plea.

**For more details on Mullaperiyar dam kindly refer to 1 December 2021 post.**

### **7. Nagaland Government cancel Hornbill festival ( Dec. 8, 2021 )**

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**Chief Minister of Nagaland : Neiphiu Rio**

**Governor : Jagdish Mukhi**

### **Hornbill festival**

The Hornbill Festival is a celebration held every year from 1 to 10 December, in Nagaland to commemorate the founding of the State of Nagaland on 1 December 1963.

Nagaland was created after the partition of Assam.

To encourage inter-tribal interaction and to promote cultural heritage of Nagaland, the Government of Nagaland organizes the Hornbill Festival every year in the first week of December. The first festival was held in 2000.

The festival is named after the Indian hornbill bird, which is displayed in the folklore of most of the state's tribes.

## **8. KVIC Rolls Out Project RE-HAB in Assam to Prevent Elephant - Human Conflicts Using Tiny Bees ( Dec. 6, 2021 )**

Following the success of its innovative Project **RE-HAB (Reducing Elephant-Human Attacks using Bees)** in Karnataka, **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has now replicated the project in Assam.

Under Project **RE-HAB, "Bee-fences" are created by setting up bee boxes in the passageways of elephants to block their entrance to human territories.** The boxes are connected with a string so that when elephants attempt to pass through, a tug or pull causes the bees to swarm the elephant herds and dissuade them from progressing further. It is a cost-effective way of reducing human-wild conflicts without causing any harm to the animals. It is scientifically recorded that elephants are annoyed by the honey bees.

- Elephants also fear that the bee swarms can bite their sensitive inner side of the trunk and eyes. The collective buzz of the bees is annoying to elephants that force them to return.

## **9. State News ( Dec. 5, 2021 )**

### **Kerala**

#### **1. Norovirus Cases in Thrissur**

Norovirus cases have been reported for the first time in India from Kerala.

#### **Norovirus:**

Norovirus causes **inflammation of the stomach or intestines**. This is called **acute gastroenteritis**.

#### **2. Kerala accuses Tamilnadu of causing flood**

Kerala government has accused Tamil Nadu of releasing 5000 cusecs of water to the Periyar River from Mullaperiyar reservoir, without any sufficient warning to Kerala, causing flood in Vallakadavu, Vandiperiyar, Chappathu and Upputhara area of Kerala.

**Rajasthan****3. “Back to work” scheme of Rajasthan Government for women:**

The **Congress government of Rajasthan** has come up with a **unique scheme to provide regular employment to women** who have had to quit their earlier jobs due to personal/family issues.

**Delhi****4. Role of Stubble burning in Delhi Pollution**

As per **SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research)** data, the average contribution of stubble burning in neighboring states of Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh to Delhi's PM 2.5 level in November was 14.6%.

**Telangana****5. Padma Shri awardee ‘Sirivennela’ Seetharama Sastry passed away.**

Veteran Telugu film lyricist '**Sirivennela' Sitarama Sastry (66)**, a recipient of the Padma Shri and numerous other awards, died due to lung cancer-related complications on November 30.

**Uttarakhand****6. Uttarakhand government frees the temples from government control**

The Uttarakhand Government took back the **The Uttarakhand Char Dham Devasthanam Management Act, 2019** that sought to extend control over **51 temples** in Uttarakhand and have been opposed tooth and nail by their seers and managements.

**10. PM inaugurated Vyasi Hydroelectric Project ( Dec. 5, 2021 )**

- The Prime Minister inaugurated the 120 MW Vyasi Hydroelectric Project, built over Yamuna river at the cost of over 1,700 crore rupees.
- Located in Dehradun district, the Vyasi power project is a run-of-the-river scheme on the Yamuna.
- It is operated by Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited