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<p>National Maritime Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Maritime Day is celebrated in India every year on April 5th.• It marks the maiden voyage of the SS Loyalty in 1919, a pivotal moment symbolizing India's journey as an independent maritime nation. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognizes the vital role of the maritime sector in India's history, economy, and development.• Honors the contributions of seafarers and those working in the maritime industry.• Raises awareness about the importance of maritime trade and the challenges faced by the industry. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SS Loyalty is the first Indian merchant ship to set sail under the Indian flag in 1919.• This historic voyage, departing from Mumbai for London, marked a significant step towards India's independence as a maritime nation.• The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd., owned by the visionary industrialist Seth Walchand Hirachand Doshi, played a key role in this achievement. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Theme for 2024 National Maritime Day is "Navigating the future: safety first!"
<p>Schwing Stetter India installs 1MW solar system in Cheyyar</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schwing Stetter India, a leading manufacturer of construction equipment, has installed a 1MW solar power system at their global manufacturing hub in Cheyyar, Tamil Nadu.• This initiative marks a significant step towards their goal of achieving carbon neutrality.• The 1MW solar plant is expected to generate 14 lakh kWh of electricity annually, fulfilling 20% of the facility's total power needs.• This shift to renewable energy aligns with the Indian government's plan to double the nation's solar capacity by 2026.




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<p>Trichy division sets record in freight loading, earnings</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Trichy division of (presumably Southern Railway) has set new records in both freight loading and earnings for the 2023-24 financial year.• Freight Loading: The division surpassed its previous record of 13.521 million tonnes (MT) by 11%, achieving its highest-ever loading volume.• Earnings: Earnings reached a record-breaking ₹857.04 crore.• This is the first time the division has crossed 10 MT in loading of coal.
<p>Development economist Suresh Babu is the new director of MIDS</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development economist M. Suresh Babu took charge as the new director of the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) on April 1, 2024.• Previously, he was a faculty member in the Department of Humanities at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras.
<p>SPIC records 100% transition to natural gas</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation (SPIC), a leading Indian fertilizer company, has successfully transitioned (100%) to using natural gas for all its urea production.• This shift away from other fuel sources like fuel oil and naphtha marks a significant step towards environmental sustainability for SPIC. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural gas is considered a cleaner burning fuel compared to traditional options, and this move aligns with SPIC's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint and supporting India's policies promoting cleaner energy sources.• The company remains dedicated to exploring further carbon-neutral initiatives in its operations
<p>CCTV, female helpers made mandatory on school buses</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tamil Nadu has implemented new rules to enhance student safety on school buses.• These measures include:• Mandatory CCTV cameras:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ At least two cameras will be installed on each bus, one facing front and another facing the rear, for constant monitoring.• Trained female attendants:



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- Every school bus must have a **female helper on board.**
- These attendants will **receive training on their responsibilities and child protection laws (POCSO Act).**

About:

- The **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act)** was enacted in **2012** by the Indian Parliament.
- It aims to **effectively address child sexual abuse and exploitation**