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Tamil Nadu: 18-06-2024

Sri Parthasarathy Perumal temple



Why in the news?

- The annual brahmotsavam festival at the Sri Narasimhar shrine of the Sri Parthasarathy Perumal temple in Triplicane began on Monday morning with the customary flag hoisting.

About Sri Parthasarathy Perumal temple:

- **Location:** Situated in Triplicane, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- **Deity:**
 - Dedicated to Lord Krishna, worshipped as Sri Parthasarathy.
 - The temple also houses shrines for other forms of Vishnu, including Narasimha, Rama, Ranganatha, and Varadaraja.
- **Historical Significance:**
 - One of the oldest temples in Chennai, dating back to the Pallava period (8th century).
 - Built by Pallava king Narasimhavarman I.
- **Architecture:**
 - Dravidian style architecture.
 - Features five main shrines, each dedicated to a form of Vishnu.
 - Notable for its tall, intricately carved gopurams (gateway towers).



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Gazulu Lakshminarasu Chetty

Why in the news?

- Governor R.N. Ravi launched the book '**The First Native Voice of Madras: Gazulu Lakshminarasu Chetty**' at a function in Chennai.

About Gazulu Lakshminarasu Chetty:

- **Birth: 1806**, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Occupation:** Merchant, Philanthropist, Social Reformer
- **Notable Contributions:**
 - **Founder of the Madras Native Association (MNA):** Established in 1849, it was one of the **earliest political organizations in India aimed at representing Indian interests.**
 - **Supporter of Education**
 - **Known for his charitable work**, he funded various public welfare projects, including the construction of schools and hospitals.
 - **Advocate for Indian Rights**
 - **Played a significant role in the trading community of Madras** (now Chennai), with interests in the textile and jewelry business.



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Naan Mudhalvan scheme

Why in the news?

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Monday felicitated students who recently visited England under the **Tamil Nadu government's flagship 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme.**

About Naan Mudhalvan scheme:

- **Objective:**
 - To provide **industry-relevant skill training** to the youth of Tamil Nadu.
 - **Enhance employability and bridge the skill gap** in various sectors.
- **Target Audience:**
 - **Youth and students** of Tamil Nadu.
 - Focus on **final year college students and recent graduates.**
- **Key Features:**
 - Collaboration with industries to identify skill requirements.
 - Development of tailored training programs and courses.
 - Provision of training in emerging technologies and domains.
 - Emphasis on practical and hands-on training.



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Association of Health Providers
India (AHPI)

Why in the news?

- The **Meenakshi Hospital Thanjavur** has bagged the “**Best Multi-speciality Hospital Award**” instituted by the **Association of Health Providers India (AHPI)**.

About AHPI:

- The Association of Health Providers India (AHPI) **represents the majority of healthcare providers in India**.
- It operates as a “**not for profit**” organization and advocates with the government, regulatory bodies, and other stakeholders on issues affecting its member organizations’ **ability to deliver appropriate healthcare services to the community**.
- In 2024, AHPI is organizing events like the AHPI Global Conclave with the theme “**India as Vishwa Guru in Healthcare @2047- from Vision to Reality**” and the **AHPI-TN Excellence Awards**.

World’s Best School Prizes 2024

Why in the news?

- Madurai’s **Kalvi International Public School** shortlisted for the **World’s Best School Prizes 2024**.

Key points:

- The school empowers students from disadvantaged backgrounds through education and sports.
- It has been recognized in the **Top 10 shortlist for the World’s Best School Prize** for “**Community Collaboration**.”

About World’s Best School Prizes 2024:

- **Event:** World’s Best School Prizes 2024
- **Organized by:** T4 Education, UK
- **Purpose:** To celebrate schools worldwide for their contributions to society’s progress, especially in the wake of COVID-19.
- **Prize Fund:** USD 50,000 shared among the winners of five categories.
- **Indian Schools in Top 10 Shortlists:**
 - Government CM RISE Model HSS, Jhabua (Madhya Pradesh)



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