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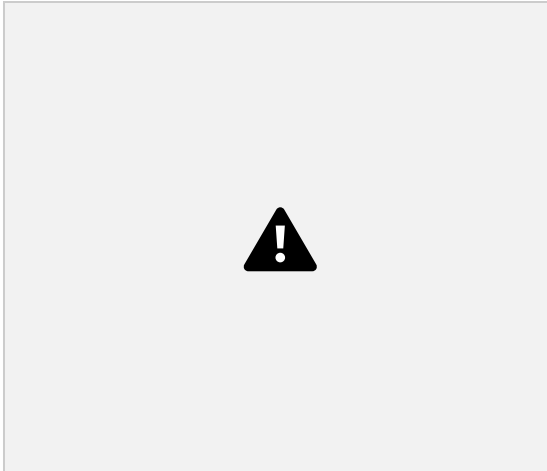
<p>Scheduled Drugs</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tamil Nadu's Drug Control Department is actively monitoring pharmacies to curb the illegal over-the-counter (OTC) sale of scheduled drugs.These drugs, with potential for abuse and addiction, require a valid prescription. To enforce this, regular surprise checks are conducted by drug inspectors and police. <p>Scheduled Drugs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Scheduled drugs are substances classified by their potential for abuse and addiction.They are categorized into schedules (I, II, III, IV, and V) based on their medical use, potential for abuse, and likelihood of dependence.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Schedule I: High potential for abuse, no accepted medical use (e.g., heroin, LSD, marijuana).Schedule II: High potential for abuse, accepted medical use with severe restrictions (e.g., oxycodone, morphine, cocaine).Schedule III: Moderate to low potential for abuse, accepted medical use (e.g., codeine, anabolic steroids).Schedule IV: Low potential for abuse, accepted medical use (e.g., Xanax, Valium).Schedule V: Lowest potential for abuse, accepted medical use (e.g., cough syrups with codeine)
<p>Dengue Epidemics Every 5-6 Years</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A recent health department study in Madurai, has revealed a cyclical pattern in dengue outbreaks.The research, spanning from 2012 to 2023, indicates that the disease tends to take on an epidemic form once every five to six years, affecting both rural and urban areas. <p>Key Findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cyclic pattern: Dengue cases surged in 2012, 2017, and 2023.



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- **Consistent impact:** Both rural and urban populations experienced similar trends
- **Forecasting potential:** The study's results can aid in predicting future outbreaks and developing targeted prevention strategies.

Dengue:

- Dengue is a **mosquito-borne** viral infection common in tropical and subtropical regions.
- It's caused by the **dengue virus, transmitted to humans** through the **bite of infected Aedes aegypti mosquitoes**.

Symptoms:

- High fever
- Severe headache
- Body aches
- Joint pain
- Nausea and vomiting
- Skin rash

Aedes Aegypti:

- **Characteristics:** Black and white markings on legs, lyre-shaped marking on thorax.
- **Habitat:** Thrives in urban areas, breeding in containers holding water
- **Behavior:** Active during the day.
- **Transmission:** Bites an infected person, acquires the virus, and then transmits it to others through its bite.
- **Prevention:** Focuses on eliminating mosquito breeding sites and using repellents

Vanniyar community

Context:

- The **Vanniyar community** in Tamil Nadu has been advocating for a **10.5% internal reservation** within the **Most Backward Classes (MBC) quota**.
- Recent data from the state government shows that they are already receiving benefits exceeding this percentage in education and employment.
- For example, **between 2018 and 2022:**
 - **MBBS seats:** 11.4% of MBC students who secured seats were Vanniyars.
 - **Postgraduate medical courses:** 13.5% of MBC students who got seats were Vanniyars.
 - **Sub-inspectors:** 17% of appointments were Vanniyars.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Deputy collectors: 11.6% were Vanniyars.○ PG assistant teachers: 17.5% of appointments were Vanniyars. <p>Reservation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Reservation is a system of setting aside a certain number of seats or positions for specific social or economically disadvantaged groups.● In India, it's primarily aimed at uplifting Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Other Backward Classes (OBC). <p>Key Constitutional Provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Article 15(4): Allows the state to make special provisions for the advancement of socially and educationally backward classes.● Article 16(4): Provides for reservation in government jobs for SCs and STs.● Article 16(4A): Permits reservation in promotions for SCs and STs.● Articles 330 and 332: Mandate reservation of seats for SCs and STs in Parliament and State Legislatures.● Articles 233T and 243D: Ensure reservation for SCs and STs in municipalities and panchayats. <p>Vanniyar community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● It is a significant group residing primarily in the northern part of Tamil Nadu.● Historically classified as a lower caste, they have been actively working to elevate their socio-religious status since the 19th century.● Origin: They are believed to be of Dravidian origin and were formerly known as Palli.● Geographical Distribution: Predominantly found in northern Tamil Nadu districts like Chengalpattu, North Arcot, South Arcot, and Salem.● Occupation: Most Vanniyars are either marginal farmers or landless laborer
<p>Person in News: Yamini Krishnamurthy</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi maestro Yamini Krishnamurthy passed away on August 3, 2024, at the age of 84.● She was a Padma Vibhushan awardee and a leading figure in Indian classical dance.



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- She dedicated her life to preserving and promoting these art forms, inspiring countless dancers and enthralling audiences worldwide.

Bharatnatyam:

- **Bharatanatyam is a classical Indian dance form that originated in Tamil Nadu. Known for its grace, precision, and expressive power, it is a deeply spiritual art form with roots in Hindu temples.**

Key elements of Bharatanatyam include:

- **Nritta:** Pure dance focusing on intricate footwork and rhythmic patterns.
- **Nritya:** Expressive dance conveying emotions and stories through gestures and facial expressions.
- **Natya:** The dramatic aspect of dance, involving storytelling and characterization.

Kuchipudi:

- Kuchipudi is **one of the eight major classical dance forms of India.**
- Originating from the village of **Kuchipudi in AP**, it is a unique blend of dance and drama.
- **Dance-Drama:** Kuchipudi is not just about graceful movements but also storytelling through expressive gestures and facial expressions,
- **Religious Roots:** Deeply rooted in Hindu mythology and devotional themes, it often depicts stories of Krishna and other deities.
- **Intricate Footwork:** Known for its complex and rhythmic footwork, Kuchipudi dancers showcase exceptional skill and precision.
- **Male Dominance:** Traditionally, Kuchipudi was **performed by men**, but today, women have also made significant contributions.

Book on South Asian migration to be released soon

Context:

- A **new book titled "South Asia Migration Report 2024: Remittances, Resilience and Rehabilitation"** is set to be released soon.
- The report advocates for greater freedom of movement for migrants within the **South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries.**
- Edited by **migration expert S. Irudaya Rajan**, the book delves into migration patterns across SAARC nations and highlights the significant role



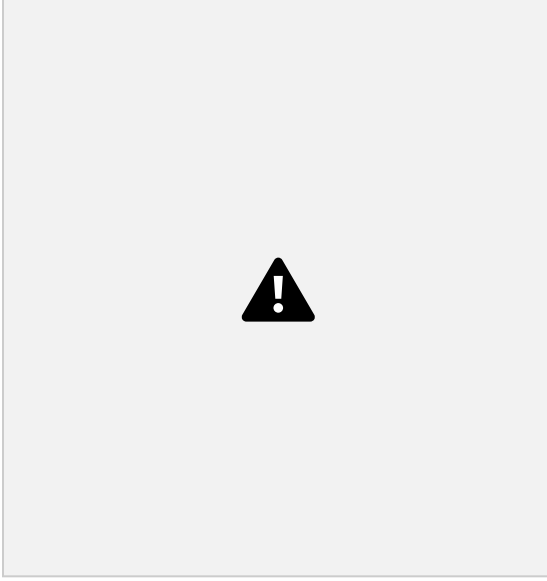
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of remittances in these economies.

- It also addresses the challenges faced by migrants, including those displaced by climate change.
- By emphasizing the need for a common currency within SAARC, similar to the European Union's Schengen visa, the **report aims to stimulate economic growth and development in the region.**