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<p>National Vaccination Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 16 March 1995, the government of India started the pulse polio Immunization Programme as the first attempt of eradicating the disease from the country. Since then, March 16 has been celebrated as National Vaccination Day. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Vaccination Day aims to raise awareness about the importance of vaccines. It recognizes the life-saving benefits of vaccination in preventing serious diseases. This day encourages people to get vaccinated and stay up-to-date on their immunizations. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The vaccination campaign, "Do Boond Zindagi Ki," has targeted children between the ages of 0 and 5, and two drops of the vaccine orally are administered at public health centers. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The theme for National Vaccination Day 2024 is "Vaccines Work For All"
<p>Six corporations to get bio-CNG plants</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamil Nadu govt has given the administrative sanction to set up bio-CNG plants in six corporations across the state to generate energy from waste. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the Swachh Bharat mission 2.0, the plants will be set up in Tambaram, Madurai, Coimbatore, Nagercoil, Salem and Trichy corporations at a cost of `288 crore with a cumulative capacity of processing capacity of more than 600 tonnes of waste per day.
<p>4 municipalities to become corporations</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The state govt has proposed to upgrade four municipalities – Pudukkottai, Namakkal, Tiruvannamalai and Karaikudi – into corporations. <p>About:</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pudukkottai corporation will include the town and 11 neighbouring village panchayats • Namakkal corporation will include the town and 12 neighbouring village panchayats • Tiruvannamalai corporation will include the town and 18 neighbouring village panchayats • Karaikudi corporation will include two town panchayats and five village panchayats.
<p>Tamil Nadu agrees to implement PM SHRI school scheme:Centre</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tamil Nadu government has agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central government to implement the PM SHRI school scheme. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme aims to upgrade 14,500 schools across India and benefit 1.8 million students. • These schools will function as model institutes, embodying the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. • The MoU is expected to be signed before the beginning of the next academic year (2024-25). • This collaboration signifies improved central-state relations in education. <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM SHRI Schools stands for PM Schools for Rising India.
<p>World Sleep Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Sleep Day is observed on the Friday before the March equinox (This year it is 15th March) • It is a global event raising awareness about the importance of sleep. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is organized by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society, formerly World Association of Sleep Medicine (WASM) • The first World Sleep Day was held on 14 March 2008. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The theme for this World Sleep Day is "Sleep Equity for Global Health"



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- The day promotes the benefits of adequate sleep and the negative consequences of sleep disorders.
- It aims to educate people about sleep medicine, prevention, and management of sleep problems.

About:

- The March equinox or northward equinox is the equinox on the Earth when the subsolar point appears to leave the Southern Hemisphere and cross the celestial equator, heading northward as seen from Earth.
- The March equinox is known as the vernal equinox (spring equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere and as the autumnal equinox (autumn equinox) or fall equinox in the Southern Hemisphere.