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Person in news: V. O. Chidambaram Pillai



Why in news?

• Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi and Chief Minister M.K. Stalin paid tribute to late freedom fighter V.O. Chidambaram Pillai on his birth anniversary on (September 5, 2024).

Key Points:

- V. O. Chidambaram Pillai was born on September 5, 1872 in the town of **Ottapidaram in Tuticorin district of Tamil Nadu**.
- He entered into active politics in the year 1905 by becoming a member of the Indian National Congress.
- He was given the title of 'Kappalottiya Tamilan', or the Tamil Helmsman; or one who drives the ship and shows the direction.

Awards & Honors: Dr Radhakrishnan Award

Why in news?

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, as many as 386 State teachers were honored with the Dr Radhakrishnan Award.

Key Points:

- The National Awards to Teachers were first instituted in 1958 to recognize excellence and commitment of teachers in shaping the minds as well as the future of the youth.
- From the mid-60s, 5th September came to be the fixed date for the function on account of the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of India.
- The award was to accord public recognition to meritorious teachers working in elementary and secondary schools.

Green Programme

School

Why in news?

• Recently, the Tamil Nadu Environment Department has allocated ₹520 crore for the Green School Programme.

Key Points:

- The Green School Programme aims to enhance environmental sustainability in schools across Tamil Nadu.
- It focuses on integrating eco-friendly practices into the school environment to promote awareness and action towards environmental conservation among students and staff.
- Erecting solar-powered pumpsets, rainwater harvesting, producing vegetables and fruits and recycling sewage water among other measures will be undertaken in the schools under the programme.





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