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1.To make the Tirukkural easily accessible in Indian languages, the Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) is releasing a new application called “Tirukkural Multilingual” on Wednesday (September 9).

(i) The application will be launched at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday (September 9) at the Thiruvalluvar Auditorium of the Central Institute of Classical Tamil in Perumbakkam, Chennai. Basavaraja Kodagunti, Director of the Central Institute of Indian Languages in Karnataka, will participate in the event and launch the application.

(ii) CICT Director R. Chandrasekaran, Registrar R.Bhuvaneswari and others will participate in the event. Tirukkural translations published in 22 languages have been integrated into a single digital platform. This enables users to read and compare the same Kural simultaneously in Tamil and various other Indian languages on a single screen.

(iii) The application also provides research and learning resources for all 1,330 couplets of the Tirukkural, including Tamil commentaries, English prose explanations, grammatical explanations of words, and the prosodic structure of each line. Palm-leaf manuscript lines related to the couplets in the first 100 chapters have also been included.

(iv) Designed for easy use on smartphones, the application can function without an internet connection. It will be provided completely free of charge and without advertisements, and its contents have been made available for public use.

(v) The Central Institute of Classical Tamil stated that the main objective of the application is to spread the ethical and moral ideas of the Tirukkural widely across linguistic boundaries.

2.In Sri Lanka, more than 1.15 lakh people have been affected by drinking-water shortages amid a countrywide drought caused by excessive heat and inadequate rainfall, reportedly as an impact of the El Niño climate phenomenon.

(i) An official of the Disaster Management Centre said that approximately 115,586 people in seven of Sri Lanka’s 25 administrative districts have been affected by the drought. Of them, 115,534 people are facing drinking-water shortages.

(ii) In the North Central Province, the water level of the Eruwewa reservoir in Anuradhapura district, which has a capacity of around 3,500 acre-feet, has now fallen to about 1,000 acre-feet. Similarly, officials of the Irrigation Department said that water levels have fallen considerably in several other areas, including Matale in the Central Province and Nandikadal in the northeastern region.

(iii) The prolonged drought has also severely affected wildlife and aquatic organisms. Thousands of small fish are floating dead in the Mullaivu lagoon in the northeast because seawater has mixed with freshwater. As natural water bodies continue to dry up, wild animals are migrating to other areas in search of drinking water. Agricultural crops have also begun to wither due to inadequate water.

3.In Indonesia, flight services resumed on Tuesday after being suspended for two days following the

eruption of the Anak Krakatau volcano.

(i) The volcano, located between the islands of Java and Sumatra, erupted early last Sunday, spreading volcanic ash into the atmosphere. As a result, a total of 2,961 flights, including 622 international services, were affected, causing inconvenience to approximately 341,000 passengers.

4.Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan paid homage to the statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the Indian National Army Martyrs' Memorial complex in Bishnupur district of Manipur. C. P. Radhakrishnan visited Manipur on a one-day tour.

(i) He visited Moirang Kangla, where the national flag was first hoisted on Indian soil by the Indian National Army led by Netaji on April 14, 1944.

(ii) Subsequently, he visited the Indian National Army War Museum, where he viewed photographs and other exhibits depicting the bravery and sacrifices of the soldiers of the Indian National Army.

5.India has joined the U.S.-led global initiative for the development of secure 6G networks, the U.S. Department of Commerce stated.

(i) The United States launched the initiative, titled "Call for 6G Leadership and Security Action," in July. The initiative aims to formulate strategies to assist countries in transitioning to 6G networks after 2030, replacing 5G networks. Countries including Japan, Germany and the United Kingdom are part of the initiative.

6.Gen Z

(i) Demographic Scale and Electoral Importance

- Gen-Z individuals (aged 14 to 29 years) constitute 25% to 28% of India's current estimated population of 147 crore.
- Out of the country's 96.88 crore total registered voters, Gen-Z voters account for nearly 30%.
- This massive voting bloc is turning Gen-Z into the focal point for both the ruling party and opposition strategies ahead of the 2029 Lok Sabha general elections.

(ii) Catalyst for Youth Political Awakening

- Historically, educated urban youth showed limited interest in active political processes, with protests largely confined to localized college campus issues.
- A major shift occurred in June following student-led demonstrations in New Delhi that gained national prominence and directly impacted central education administration decisions.
- This successful movement empowered Gen-Z youth across the nation to critically observe national governance, analyze political actions, and demand accountability.

(iii) Innovative Campaign Methods and Tech-Driven Protests

- Gen-Z activists effectively deployed social media platforms and Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to organize, communicate, and amplify their movement.
- Instead of traditional aggressive methods, their demonstrations incorporated music, dance,

memes, and artistic expressions, garnering public appreciation without causing civic disruption.

- Their swift, decentralized digital coordination caught traditional Government machinery off guard and forced political entities to abandon conventional outreach models.

(iv) Strategic Outreach by Major Political Parties

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi directed cabinet ministers and party wings to intensify engagement on social media—specifically targeting Instagram—and set up a 45-member committee to map out Gen-Z engagement programs.
- On Teachers' Day (September 5), PM Modi interacted with college students, traveled on the Delhi Metro, and personally connected with young commuters.
- Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi conducted interactive student sessions in key educational centers like Kota, Dehradun, and Pune, with plans to expand these dialogues to 28 additional cities.

(v) Underlying Socio-Economic Grievances & Policy Requirements

- Gen-Z's political anger is rooted in real-world challenges, including widespread unemployment, low wages, economic inequality, drug abuse, agricultural distress, and climate change.
- Superficial publicity or social media blitzes alone cannot secure long-term support from Gen-Z.
- Political parties must formulate and deliver genuine, actionable policy solutions to address these core socio-economic issues to build lasting trust and effective governance.