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1. Chief Minister S. Joseph Vijay inaugurated the expansion of the Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme for middle-school students studying in Classes 6 to 8 in Tamil Nadu Government schools in Chennai and sat with the students to have breakfast.

(i) To improve the nutritional status of school students in Tamil Nadu, ensure that they study without hunger, and enable them to concentrate fully on their education, Chief Minister Joseph Vijay ordered the expansion of the Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme to provide breakfast to students studying in Classes 6 to 8 in government and government-aided schools.

2. President Droupadi Murmu presented the 72nd National Film Awards.

(i) The 72nd National Film Awards were announced by the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The awards were announced for films released in 2024, with a total of 10 awards announced for Tamil films in various categories.

(ii) Subsequently, the ceremony for presenting the awards was held in Gujarat for the first time. The event, which is usually held in New Delhi, was conducted this time at Ekta Nagar in Narmada district, Gujarat. President Droupadi Murmu presented the awards to the winners.

(iii) Dadasaheb Phalke Award:

- Actor Anant Nag was conferred the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award for his outstanding contribution to the Indian and Kannada film industries for more than 50 years.

3. India won the women's T20 cricket gold medal at the Asian Games with an emphatic victory. India, which entered the competition as the defending champion, successfully retained the gold medal.

(i) Led by Harmanpreet Kaur, the Indian women's team secured India's first gold medal at the ongoing Asian Games. As a result, India entered the top 10 in the medal tally.

4. India co-chaired the first Summit on Multilateralism held at the United Nations General Assembly.

(i) Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar travelled to the United States to participate in the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly.

(ii) In this context, he co-chaired the first summit held at the UN General Assembly under the theme "Partners for Multilateralism, International Law, Peace and Prosperity (P4M)", along with representatives from Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Canada and Kenya, as well as European Council President António Costa.

(iii) Meeting with V4 countries a historic milestone:

- Jaishankar held consultations for the first time with the foreign ministers of the four Visegrád Group (V4) countries—Hungary, Slovakia, Poland and the Czech Republic.
- Commenting on this, he said, "The meeting with the V4 ministers is a historic milestone.
- India's friendship with the European Union is expanding further.

- Cooperation between the V4 countries and India in areas such as technology, innovation, security, space and telecommunications will be strengthened in the coming days.
- It is planned to hold an annual meeting between the V4 countries and the Indian External Affairs Minister, along with business meetings.”

5. Aircraft from seven countries, including the United States’ advanced F-35 fighter jet, are participating in the international air force exercise beginning in Rajasthan on the 26th.

(i) The International air force joint exercise “Tarang Shakti” is being held at the Jodhpur Air Force Station in Rajasthan from September 26 to October 12.

(ii) The Indian Air Force stated that the US F-35 stealth fighter aircraft will participate in the exercise for the first time. With the US fifth-generation fighter aircraft flying in Indian airspace, the joint exercise has attracted considerable international attention.

(iii) The seven participating countries are the United States, France, Germany, Australia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates.

(iv) On behalf of the Indian Air Force, various aircraft, including the Rafale, Mirage-2000, Jaguar, Tejas, MiG-29 and Su-30MKI, will be used in the exercise.

(v) The Indian Air Force stated that the exercise would showcase India’s defence and air force capabilities and serve as a platform to improve operational coordination and cooperation among the air forces of different countries.

(vi) France’s Rafale, the United Arab Emirates’ F-16, and Bangladesh’s C-130J aircraft are scheduled to conduct various exercises in the airspace around Jodhpur Air Force Station for two weeks.

(vii) Although the US F-35 aircraft had previously participated in the Aero India 2025 air show, this will be the first time it participates in an exercise on Indian soil.

(viii) The Tarang Shakti exercise was first conducted in two phases in 2024, at Sullur in Tamil Nadu and Jodhpur in Rajasthan. Fighter aircraft from 11 countries, including the United Kingdom, Germany and France, participated in that exercise.

6. Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan expressed confidence that water security would lead to both the security of the people and the security of the nation.

(i) The inaugural ceremony of the 9th India International Water Week was held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Participating in the event, Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan said:

- India accounts for 2.4% of the world’s land area, while 18% of the world’s population lives in India. However, the country has only 4% of the world’s total water resources.
- Water-related problems have become increasingly complex due to climate change, rapid urbanisation and population growth.
- Inter-state water-sharing disputes remain a major issue. While some parts of the country face drought, other regions experience floods.
- Under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, 10 agreements have been



reached between states concerning river-water sharing. The Ken-Betwa and Kishau water-sharing agreements are examples of this. Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh have entered into agreements for sharing river water. This is a major achievement of the Union Ministry of Water Resources.

