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# International News



## **NASA's choice SpaceX to land astronauts on the moon**

**□ Elon Musk's SpaceX won a NASA contract to develop a system for landing astronauts on the moon, beating out fellow billionaire Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin and a unit of Leidos Holdings Inc. NASA awarded the lander contract Friday after 10 months of development work. The plan by SpaceX - which is based in Hawthorne and whose full name is Space Exploration Technologies Corp. - depends on refining its Starship vehicle and Super Heavy rocket, which are also in development, as a fully integrated lunar landing system.**



## **Iran violates Nuclear deal**

- ❑ **Iran has continued to increase its stockpiles of enriched uranium and remains in violation of its deal with world powers, the United Nations' atomic watchdog**
  - **The International Atomic Energy Agency reported the finding in a confidential document distributed to member countries. The agency said that as of May 20, Iran's total stockpile of low-enriched uranium amounted to 1,571.6 kilograms (1.73 tons), up from 1,020.9 kilograms (1.1 tons) on Feb. 19.**



- **Iran signed the nuclear deal in 2015 with the United States, Germany, France, Britain, China and Russia. Known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA, it allows Iran only to keep a stockpile of 202.8 kilograms (447 pounds). The U.S. unilaterally pulled out of the deal in 2018.**
- **The IAEA reported that Iran has also been continuing to enrich uranium to a purity of 4.5 percent, higher than the 3.67 percent allowed under the JCPOA. It is also above the pact's limitations on heavy water.**



## Castro era in Cuba to end

- ❑ Raul Castro confirmed he was handing over the leadership of the Cuban Communist Party to a younger generation at its congress that kicked off on Friday, ending six decades of rule by himself and older brother Fidel.
  - In a speech opening the four-day event, Castro, 89, said the new leadership would be party loyalists with decades of experience working their way up the ranks and were "full of passion and anti-imperialist spirit."



- **This officially ends six decades of dominion over Cuban politics by Castro and his brother Fidel, who ruled for nearly half a century from 1959 to 2006 and is widely revered as the country's father and saviour.**
- **Diaz-Canel will be only the third-ever first secretary of the all-powerful Communist Party of Cuba (PCC), while still retaining the presidency.**
- **He also becomes Cuba's first civilian leader since the Castro-led revolution of the 1950s, which happened before he was even born.**



# National News





## **Assam Below poverty line people gets free Vaccine**

**□ Amid the rising number of COVID cases in Assam, the state government has announced that the government would provide Remdesivir injections used as a treatment for COVID, free of cost to people living below the poverty line (BPL). The Health and Family Welfare Department of the Government of Assam made this announcement**



## COVID Suraksha

❑ The Union government approved a grant of Rs 65 crore to Hyderabad based Bharat Biotech, and similar grants to three other public sector undertakings, to double the production of indigenously developed Covid vaccine - Covaxin - by May-June under its Mission Covid Suraksha programme, which was announced under Atma Nirbhar Bharat scheme launched last year. Under the mission Covid Suraksha, the department of biotechnology is providing financial support as a grant to vaccine manufacturing facilities to enhance the production of indigenously developed vaccines.



**This bank is offering higher interest on fixed deposit (FD) for getting vaccinated**

- ❑ In order to encourage people to get Covid-19 jabs, the Central Bank of India has launched a special deposit scheme - Immune India Deposit Scheme - offering an additional interest rate of 25 basis points (bps) above the applicable card rate for those who get vaccinated.**



## Committee on Air pollution

- ❑ **The Union Environment ministry has constituted a 7-member committee to continuously monitor the short-term and long-term solutions to air pollution. It will be headed by C.K Mishra, the Secretary of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). The committee will meet at regular, short intervals to draw up a plan and ensure enforcement. This committee will monitor the air quality over 124 cities including tamilnadu- Tuticorin, Madurai & thiruchi.**



# Tamil Nadu News



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## Actor Vivek passed away at 59

- ❑ Tamil actor Vivek passed away in a Chennai hospital early on Saturday following a cardiac arrest. He was 59.
- Vivek was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital on Friday morning after he suffered a heart attack. A medical bulletin said he underwent “emergency coronary angiogram followed by angioplasty. Soon after he fell sick, there were claims that his illness was linked to him receiving the Covid-19 vaccine, following which the Tamil Nadu Health Department was forced to call a press meet to dispel the rumours.



➤ **Vivek was awarded the Padma Shri in 2009 by the central government. Vivek had also developed a close bonding to the principles of APJ Abdul Kalam and highlighted them through his roles. Vivek called on Kalam when the latter was the President of India. Kalam advised him to propagate the need for a green movement and growing more trees. Soon, Vivek started a movement to plant a billion trees across Tamil Nadu by reaching out to students and the society at large.**



# Sports News





## Asian Wrestling Championship

- ❑ Indian wrestler [Ravi Kumar Dahiya](#) retained his Asian Championship title with a solid performance but [Bajrang Punia](#) settled for a silver medal after withdrawing from the much-awaited final against Takuto Otoguro due to an elbow injury.



# Important Days



## World Hemophilia Day

☐ Every year, April 17 is observed as World Hemophilia Day. our body required 13 types of molecules for the blood clotting. Hemophilia is a rare disorder of the blood, in which it doesn't clot normally because it lacks sufficient blood-clotting proteins This year's theme is 'Adapting to Change'.



# Expected Questions



**1. How much percentage enrichment of uranium has Iran begun in violation of the nuclear deal?**

**Answer: 60%**



**2.What percentage of enriched Uranium was agreed to use in nuclear deal by Iran?**

**Answer: 3.67%**



**3. Which medicine is free for corona patients below the poverty line in Assam?**

**Answer: Remdesvir**



**4. Under which scheme was Govt Suraksha declared to increase the production of domestic COVID vaccines?**

**Answer: Atma Nirbhar Bharat 3.0**





**5.What is the name of the bank that launched the Immunity India Deposit Scheme?**

**Answer: Central Bank of India**



**6. What percentage of interest will be paid by the Central Bank for those who have been vaccinated against corona?**

**Answer: 0.25**



**7. Who was the chairman of committee to monitor air pollution in polluted city?**

**Answer: C.K. Misra**



**8. Which of the 124 cities in Tamil Nadu currently has the worst air quality?**

**Answer: Tuticorin, Madurai & Thiruchi.**



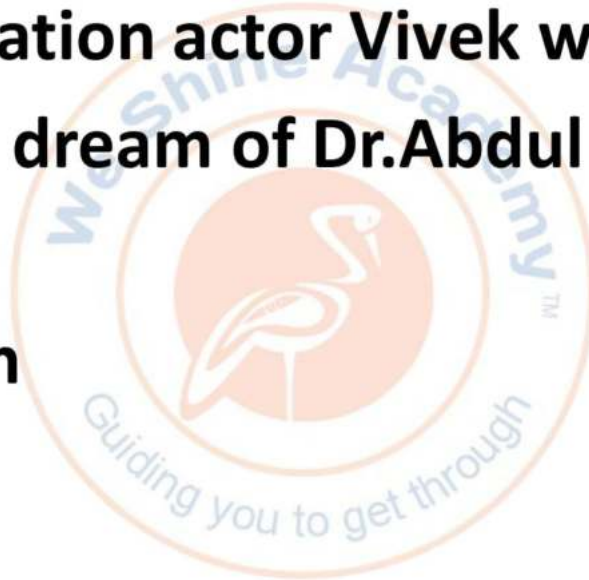
**9. Which year Actor Vivek was honoured with the Government of India Padma Shri Award ?**

**Answer: 2009**



**10.Name the organisation actor Vivek worked to planting 1 crore saplings on the dream of Dr.Abdul Kalam?**

**Answer: Green Kalam**



**11. When was Hemophilia day observed?**

**Answer: April 17**



**12.What is the theme of world Hemophilia day 2021?**

**Answer: Adapting to change sustaining care in a new world**







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