

Daily Current Affairs

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Madras Day 2026

- Madras Day 2026 is observed on August 22, which celebrates the founding of Madras, now known as Chennai, historically.
- This tradition has its roots going back to 1639, when the English East India Company secured land in Madraspatnam from the native rulers, which resulted in the establishment of an English settlement in Coromandel Coast.
- The English built Fort St George which acted as the focal point for the developing settlement.
- Francis Day and Andrew Cogan arrived in Madraspatnam on 20th February 1640. Several more treaties during the coming years gave the English more powers.
- These settlements finally grew to become White Town and Black Town collectively called as Madras.



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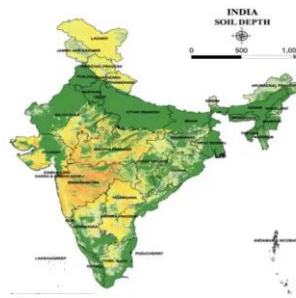
Supreme Court Reduces Practice Period for Judicial Service

- The Supreme Court has altered the criteria for entry level judicial service examinations by bringing down the practice period for candidates from three years to one year.
- The judgment, which has been rendered by the three-judge bench, headed by the Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, also provides some relief to the students of law and young lawyers, who have been adversely impacted by the earlier judgment of the Court regarding mandatory practice requirement.
- The recent judgment of the Supreme Court was passed while disposing of the review petitions filed against the judgment of the court, dated May 2025, which had made the requirement of three years of legal practice mandatory for candidates appearing in entry-level examinations for the judicial service.



NBSS&LUP Develops India's First Soil Texture Map

- India has come up with its first-ever Soil Texture Map by the National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (NBSS&LUP). This map gives digitized information on soil texture on a hectare-wise basis and provides a lot of physical insight into the soil texture in the country.
- The map has been launched on 16th July 2026 and will be helpful in crop planning, irrigation planning, soil classification and land-use planning. The map is prepared with the help of field study, remote sensing and artificial intelligence techniques.
- The Soil Texture Map is a comprehensive digital data base that shows the pattern of soil texture distribution and characteristics in various regions of India. This map has been created by NBSS&LUP, which is an institution functioning under the umbrella of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Nagpur, Maharashtra.



INDIA'S FIRST SOIL TEXTURE MAP

Karnataka Bans Analogue Paneer for One Year

- Karnataka's Food Safety Division has prohibited the manufacture, storage, distribution and sale of analogue paneer sold as "paneer" across the state for one year, from 17 August 2026 to 17 August 2027. The order was issued under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and applies to non-dairy products marketed under a dairy name.
- Analogue paneer is a food product that resembles dairy paneer but uses vegetable oil, vegetable fat or other non-dairy ingredients in place of milk fat or milk solids, either wholly or partly. The state definition covers products that

imitate paneer in appearance, texture or use, but do not meet the composition of milk-based paneer.

- The directive was issued by the Food Safety Commissioner under Sections 30(2)(a), 18 and 29 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Section 30 deals with the powers of the Commissioner, while Section 18 lays down the general principles of food safety and Section 29 concerns the powers of food safety officers and related enforcement functions.
- The notification states that the ban applies to dairy analogue products that do not have quality standards prescribed by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India. It does not cover standardised food items such as processed cheese, frozen desserts or mixed fat spreads, which are regulated under separate food categories.



Sophie Adenot Becomes First French Woman to Walk in Space

- European Space Agency astronaut **Sophie Adenot** became the first French woman and the second European woman to perform a spacewalk on 18 August 2026. She carried out U.S. Spacewalk 97 outside the **International Space Station** with NASA astronaut Anil Menon during a 6-hour and 23-minute extravehicular activity.
- The main task of the spacewalk was to replace a failed Space-to-Ground antenna, or SGANT, on the ISS Z1 truss. The SGANT provides a communication link for high-speed data transfer between the **International Space Station and Mission Control** in Houston.

- Stuck bolts and electrical cables delayed the installation of the replacement antenna. Mission Control instructed the astronauts to secure the failed unit with a long-duration tie-down before ending the spacewalk.
- NASA commander Jessica Meir and flight engineer Jack Hathaway assisted from inside the ISS during the EVA. They helped the spacewalkers into their suits and operated the Canadarm2 robotic arm.
- The mission was completed as the 282nd spacewalk in the history of ISS assembly, maintenance, and upgrades.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Madras Day is observed every year on which date?

- A. August 15
- B. August 20
- C. August 22
- D. September 5

Answer: C. August 22

2. Madras was historically known by which name?

- A. Bombay
- B. Madraspatnam
- C. Calicut
- D. Trichinopoly

Answer: B. Madraspatnam

3. Which fort became the focal point of the English settlement in Madras?

- A. Fort William

- B. Fort St David
- C. Fort St George
- D. Agra Fort

Answer: C. Fort St George

4. The Supreme Court recently reduced the mandatory legal practice period for candidates appearing in entry-level judicial service examinations from three years to:

- A. Six months
- B. One year
- C. Two years
- D. Five years

Answer: B. One year

5. India's first-ever Soil Texture Map was developed by which organisation?

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. NBSS&LUP
- D. Survey of India

Answer: C. NBSS&LUP

6. NBSS&LUP functions under which organisation?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture
- B. Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- C. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- D. NITI Aayog

Answer: B. Indian Council of Agricultural Research

7. Karnataka has prohibited the sale of analogue paneer for which period?

- A. Six months
- B. One year
- C. Two years
- D. Three years

Answer: B. One year

8. Sophie Adenot became the first woman from which country to perform a spacewalk?

- A. Germany
- B. Italy

- C. France
- D. Spain

Answer: C. France

9. Sophie Adenot performed the spacewalk outside which space station?

- A. Tiangong Space Station
- B. Mir Space Station
- C. International Space Station
- D. Skylab

Answer: C. International Space Station

10. What was the main task of the spacewalk involving Sophie Adenot and NASA astronaut Anil Menon?

- A. Repairing solar panels
- B. Replacing a failed Space-to-Ground antenna
- C. Installing a new robotic arm
- D. Collecting lunar samples

Answer: B. Replacing a failed Space-to-Ground antenna