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1. The Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan and Chief Minister M.K. Stalin will participate in the Muthuramalinga Thevar Guru Puja ceremony to be held on Thursday (Oct. 30) at Pasumpon near Kamudi in Ramanathapuram district.

- The 118th birth anniversary celebrations and 63rd Guru Puja celebrations of freedom fighter and former Lok Sabha member Pasumpon Muthuramalingath Thevar began on the 28th in Pasumpon.
- ii. Muthuramalinga Thevar Jayanti festival is celebrated every year on October 30th in Pasumpon, Ramanathapuram district, and political leaders camp in Madurai on October 29th on this occasion.

2.Following strong opposition to the Central Government's acceptance of the PMShri Schools scheme in Kerala, the Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced that the implementation of the scheme would be suspended.

3.At a Government function held at Ayikudi- Ananthapuram near Tenkasi, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin handed over the house keys to the one lakhth beneficiary of the Kalaignar Kanavu Illam scheme.

i. Based on the fact that there are approximately 8 lakh slum houses in rural areas in Tamil Nadu, in order to achieve the goal of a slum-free Tamil Nadu, the Tamil Nadu Government has announced that 8 lakh new houses will be built in rural areas in 6 years by 2030.

4.Russia successfully tested a nuclear-powered underwater drone with unlimited range.

- ii. The President Vladimir Putin said: The nuclear-powered, autonomous unmanned underwater vehicle 'Poseidon' has been successfully tested.
- iii. This underwater drone is more powerful than Russia's most advanced Sarmat ballistic missile.
- iv. He said the 'Poseidon,' launched from a large submarine, is equipped with a nuclear engine that is 100 times smaller than a normal nuclear reactor.
- v. It is worth recalling that Russia successfully tested a unique nuclear-powered, unlimited-range 'Burevestnik' cruise missile last week.
- vi. It is said that this Russian missile and drone, which can travel unlimited distances, will affect the global military balance and increase Russia's tensions with Western countries, including the United States.

5.The US Space Agency NASA has successfully tested a new 'supersonic' aircraft that travels faster than sound. The X-59 aircraft is being designed by Lockheed Martin for NASA with passenger transport in mind.

- i. Although supersonic passenger planes were already in operation, their use was discontinued due to their ear-splitting noise.
- ii. In this context, this aircraft has been developed as part of NASA's effort to create a supersonic passenger aircraft that does not make noise.

6.Amazon, the global e-commerce giant from the United States, has recently

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intensified its efforts to reduce staff internationally.

- i. As a result, approximately 800 to 1,000 employees in India alone could face job losses.
- ii. Reports suggest that the layoffs are being made as Amazon has decided to widely use artificial intelligence (AI) technology to significantly reduce administrative costs.
- iii. Amazon plans to invest more than \$100 billion in artificial intelligence (AI) this year. At the same time, it is said that efforts to hire only those needed for AI-related tasks will continue.

7.The Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke with the Japan's first female Prime Minister, Sane Takaichi, over the phone. The two leaders agreed to work actively to further strengthen bilateral relations.

i. Sane Takaichi (64), leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, took office last week as Japan's first female prime minister.

8.The President of India Draupadi Murmu flew for about 30 minutes and a distance of 200 km in the country's advanced, multi-role attack fighter aircraft, the Rafale.

- ii. With this, Draupadi Murmu has the distinction of being the first Indian President to fly in a Rafale fighter jet. She also created new history by becoming the first President of the India to fly in two fighter jets, having flown a Sukhoi 30 MKI fighter jet in 2023.
- iii. The Rafale aircraft, manufactured by France's Dassault Aviation, was formally inducted into the Indian Air Force in September 2020. Currently, 36 aircraft are in operation.

9.The Indian Parliamentary Group urged the UN General Assembly in New York for early democratic elections in Myanmar to resolve the ongoing human rights issues and bring peace.