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### Savitribai Phule Birth Anniversary

Recently the Prime Minister of India paid homage to **Savitribai Phule (1831-97) on her 191<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary**. She was a **19<sup>th</sup> century social reformer** who worked in the field of women education.

Along with her husband Jyotiba Phule, she established a **school for girls, Shudras and Ati-Shudras in Poona (1848)** and started **Balhatya Pratibandhak Griha** - home for the prevention of infanticide in their own house. She also **established Mahila Seva Mandal in 1852** to raise awareness about women's rights.

She published **Kavya Phule in 1854** and **Bavan Kashi Subodh Ratnakar in 1892**. In 1873, the Phules set up the **Satyashodhak Samaj** to bring social equity. Phules were an extraordinary couple in India's social & educational history.

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### Rani Velu Nachiyar

The Prime Minister of India has paid tributes to **Rani Velu Nachiyar (3 Jan 1730 – 25 Dec 1796)** on her birth anniversary. She was the **first queen to fight against the British colonial power** in India (and son of **Nawab of Arcot**) in 1780s.

Rani Velu Nachiyar, **known by Tamils as Veeramangai**, was the **princess of Ramnad Kingdom of Ramanathapuram (TN)**. Along with proficiency in languages like French, English and Urdu, she was **trained in martial arts like Valari, Silambam**, horse riding and archery.

Upon her husband - **Muthuvaduganathaperiya Udaiyathevar's** death, she succeeded him in **1780 as the Queen of Sivagangai (TN)**.

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### Asia Pacific Postal Union

**India is all set to assume the leadership of Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU). Vinaya Prakash Singh** was **elected as the Secretary General** of the APPU for a tenure of 4 years (from Jan 2023). This is the **first time an Indian is leading** an international organization in the postal sector.

APPU, **headquartered in Bangkok (Thailand)**, is an intergovernmental organization of **32-member countries of the Asian-Pacific region**. It is the **only Restricted Union** of the **Universal Postal Union (UPU)** (a **UN specialised agency**) in this region. APPU aims to extend, facilitate and improve postal relations between member countries and to promote cooperation in the field of postal services.

The **Asia Pacific region generates around half of the global mail volume and has around one-third of the global postal human resource**.

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## Lula Sworn in as Brazil's President

**Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva** has been sworn in as the new president of Brazil replacing **Jair Bolsonaro**. This is the 3rd time he has held the country's highest office (earlier - January 2003 - January 2011).

India's relations with Brazil are about 5 centuries old, however a strategic partnership was established only in 2006. The two countries are common members to forums like **BRICS**, **IBSA**, **G4** and **G20** and have a pivotal role as leaders of the **Global South or South-South cooperation**. Recently the two countries also participated in **7<sup>th</sup> edition of IBSAMAR exercise**.



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