



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### Tamil Nadu TB Death Free Project (TN-KET)

TN-KET (Tamil Nadu Kasanoi Erappila Thittam, meaning TB death-free project) has achieved significant reduction in the number of early TB deaths. The program is implemented by Tamil Nadu government with the support of [Indian Council of Medical Research- National Institute of tuberculosis research \(ICMR-NIRT\)](#) in Chennai and the WHO India.

**'Differentiated TB Care'** as a part of the initiative is aimed at **assessing and triaging** patients to decide **whether people with TB need ambulatory care or admission** in a health facility.

The TN-KET initiative has already achieved the initial target of 80% **triaging of patients**, 80% **referral**, **comprehensive assessment and confirmation of severe illness**, and 80% **admission** among confirmed.

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### Kudumbashree and Unnathi Programme

Recently, the President inaugurated the silver jubilee celebration of **'Kudumbashree'** - one of the largest women's self-help networks in the world and launched **'Unnathi'** - an umbrella programme to create opportunities for employment and self-employment, among the youth belonging to SC and ST communities.

**Kudumbashree** was launched in **Kerala** in 1998 as a joint programme of the Government of Kerala and NABARD **to wipe out absolute poverty through community action**. It is the largest women empowering project in the country. It has **three components** i.e., **microcredit, entrepreneurship and empowerment**. It has **three tier structure - neighborhood groups (SHG), area development society (15-20 SHGs) and Community development society (federation of all groups)**.

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### Matua Mahamela

Matua mela is being organised in **West Bengal** to celebrate the 212<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sri Sri Harichand Thakur, the founder of the [Matua sect](#).

Harichand Thakur was born in peasant farmer family of the **Thakur community (SC community)**. He founded **a sect of Vaishnavite Hinduism called 'Matua'**. This was adopted by members of the **Namasudra community**, also known as Chandalas and **considered untouchable**.

**Originally from East Pakistan**, the Matuas migrated to India during Partition and after the creation of Bangladesh. However, **a sizable number are yet to get Indian citizenship**.

**Matua Mahasangha** is a religious reformation movement that originated, around **1860 AD**, in modern-day Bangladesh for the **upliftment of the oppressed**.

