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## **INDUS VALLEY TAMIL SCRIPT IN THE GREAT PYRAMID OF EGYPT: RESEARCHER SUBASH CHANDRABOSE'S CLAIM**

- The pyramids of Egypt, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, are monuments associated with the dynasty of kings known as Pharaohs, a title meaning "ruler of the land."
- Researcher Subash Chandrabose from Tiruchirappalli, who studies the Indus Valley Civilization, has claimed that the markings engraved at the entrance of the Great Pyramid of Giza, the tomb of Pharaoh Khufu and approximately 4,540 years old, are not mere symbols. According to him, they represent six letters of the ancient Tamil language associated with the Indus Valley Civilization, dating from around 7500 BCE to 3500 BCE.
- He states that these six letters can be interpreted in two ways according to the writing conventions of the Indus Valley Civilization—reading from left to right and from inside to outside.
- In the first interpretation, the inscription reads "Puvuliyān Nāl", which, with the help of Tamil lexicons, may be understood as "the Chera king who ruled the land (earth) stands in the middle." In the second interpretation, it reads "Pa Ullān Nāl," meaning "amidst a pure and close friend."
- Since the title Pharaoh signifies "ruler of the land," the first interpretation could be taken, through a Tamil grammatical method known as "kootu porul kol" (compound meaning), to suggest that the person at the center is the Pharaoh.
- The second interpretation is supported by the frequent appearance of the word "Pa", which is understood to mean "purity" in Indus Valley pottery fragments, tablets, and seals. Using the same grammatical approach, the central figure could be interpreted as "a pure and close companion."
- The researcher further notes that inscriptions discovered by Western scholars in the Valley of the Kings along the Nile River, dating back more than 2,100 years, contain names such as "Sikai Kottran" and "Saathan," which he considers to be classical Tamil names. This, he argues, indicates historical connections between Egypt and Tamil Nadu.
- However, questions regarding the exact nature of the relationship between Egypt, the Indus Valley Civilization, and Tamil Nadu, and whether Tamil architects may have contributed to the construction of the pyramids, remain subjects for further research.

## **PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN AYODHYA AND JANAKPUR**

- Officials from India and Nepal have held detailed discussions on operational procedures for launching a passenger rail service between Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh and Janakpur in Nepal's Madhesh Province.
- Janakpur is traditionally believed to be the birthplace of Sita Devi, the wife of the Hindu deity Lord Rama. It is located about 220 km southeast of Kathmandu and approximately 500 km east of Ayodhya. Millions of devotees from both countries regularly travel between these two important spiritual destinations. The proposed rail service is expected to be a major benefit for pilgrims and religious tourists.

## **UKRAINE AND MOLDOVA MOVE CLOSER TO EUROPEAN UNION MEMBERSHIP**

- Despite the ongoing war with Russia, formal negotiations to admit Ukraine and Moldova into the European Union (EU) are set to begin in Luxembourg. At a meeting of EU ambassadors in Brussels, the capital of Belgium, all 27 member states approved the decision.
- Ukraine views EU membership as an important safeguard for its future security after the war with Russia. Although membership in NATO would provide even stronger security guarantees, the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump has opposed such a move. Many countries are also reluctant to admit Ukraine into NATO while the conflict continues. Russia, which strongly opposes Ukraine's NATO membership, cited this issue as one of the main reasons for launching its invasion in 2022.
- To become a full member of the European Union, a country must successfully complete negotiations in 35 policy areas, ranging from agriculture to trade. This process can take many years.

## **NEW GLOBAL ORGANIZATION TO PROTECT FARMERS' RIGHTS: DECISION TAKEN AT BRICS MEETING**

- The BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting was held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, under India's presidency. The BRICS grouping currently includes Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Indonesia.
- A decision was made to establish a new global organization to protect farmers' rights and preserve traditional knowledge related to seeds. India will coordinate this important initiative.
- A new network called BRICS Agrin will be created to promote cooperation in agricultural inputs, genetic resources, and information sharing. India will also serve as the coordinating country for this initiative. The ministers agreed to implement a BRICS Grain Exchange Programme aimed at strengthening grain trade and supply chains among BRICS nations.
- In the initial phase, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) will coordinate the programme. A Digital Agriculture Technology Framework will also be developed to encourage the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), geospatial technologies, and other digital solutions in agriculture. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi will handle the initial coordination of this initiative.

## **DHEERAJ SETH APPOINTED AS THE NEXT CHIEF OF THE INDIAN ARMY**

- The Ministry of Defence has announced the appointment of Lieutenant General Dheeraj Seth as the next Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) of India. The tenure of the current Army Chief, General Upendra Dwivedi, is scheduled to end on June 30. Accordingly, the Ministry of Defence has made the appointment in line with the seniority policy.
- Lieutenant General Dheeraj Seth, who is currently serving as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff, will assume charge as the next Army Chief on June 30. Known for formulating strategic plans to modernize and strengthen the Indian Army, Dheeraj Seth joined the Army in December 1986.
- A former student of the National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla, he has served in various branches of the Army for more than 40 years. He has commanded armed formations deployed in desert regions, the western sector, and Jammu & Kashmir, all of which are strategically important border areas.
- As a Lieutenant General, he commanded the Chakra Corps, one of the Army's highly capable strike formations. During his tenure as a command officer in the Delhi region, he played a significant role in promoting both national and international military cooperation.