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- Until C.N. Annadurai (Anna) served as Chief Minister, the song "Vazhiya Senthamizh, Vazhga Nattramizhar, Vazhiya Bharatha Mani Thirunadu... Vande Mataram... Vande Mataram..." composed by Mahakavi Bharathiyar was played before the National Anthem at government functions.
- After Anna's demise, M. Karunanidhi became Chief Minister and, with the intention of including the word "Dravidam" in the Tamil Thai Vazhthu, made certain modifications to Manonmaniam Sundaranar's song "Neerarum Kadaludutha" and declared it as the Tamil Thai Vazhthu.
- A Government Order to this effect was issued on 23 November 1970. However, it was only during the DMK government led by M.K. Stalin that came to power on 17 December 2021 that "Neerarum Kadaludutha" received official recognition as the Tamil Thai Vazhthu of the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- In most countries, public meetings traditionally begin with a prayer, followed by a state anthem and then the national anthem. In the United Kingdom, both Houses of Parliament begin their daily proceedings with a few minutes of prayer.
- A similar practice is followed in the United States Congress. There is nothing inherently wrong in a secular country deciding not to have a prayer.
- In the Indian Parliament, the National Anthem "Jana Gana Mana" is played when the House convenes, and the National Song "Vande Mataram" is played when it adjourns. In the states, the state anthem and the National Anthem are played.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VPG-RAMJI SCHEME

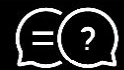
- The VPG-RAMJI (Viksit Bharat Grameen Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission for Job Insurance), also known as the 125-Day Rural Employment Scheme, is scheduled to be implemented from 1 July.
- The VPG-RAMJI (125-Day Employment Scheme) Bill has been passed by Parliament as a replacement for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), popularly known as the 100-Day Employment Scheme.

- Under the new law : The employment guarantee period has been increased from 100 days to 125 days.
- In states and Union Territories with legislatures, the Central Government will bear 60% of the scheme's cost, while the State/UT Governments will contribute 40%.
- In the Northeastern states and the Himalayan regions of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, the Central Government will bear 90% of the cost and the State Governments 10%.
- As an interim allocation for the scheme, which will come into force on 1 July, the Central Government recently released Rs.95,692 crore to states and Union Territories. Out of this amount, Tamil Nadu has been allocated Rs.7,957.57 crore.
- Officials were also provided orientation training on : The key features of the VPG-RAMJI Act, Implementation mechanisms, Institutional arrangements, Technology-based administrative systems, Support frameworks for State Governments and District Administrations.

ANDHRA PRADESH TOPS IN UTILIZATION OF PM SHRI SCHEME FUNDS

- According to Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh, Andhra Pradesh has secured the top position in India in the utilization of funds under the PM SHRI Scheme, a Central Government initiative aimed at modernizing government schools.
- The PM SHRI (Prime Minister Schools for Rising India) scheme was launched by the Central Government in 2022 as a continuation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- The objective of the scheme is to : Upgrade 14,500 government schools across the country, Develop them as model schools of excellence, and Enable them to serve as guiding institutions for other schools.
- The scheme is expected to benefit approximately 1.8 million (18 lakh) students. Several state governments are participating in the programme, and the Central Government continues to provide financial assistance for its implementation.

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