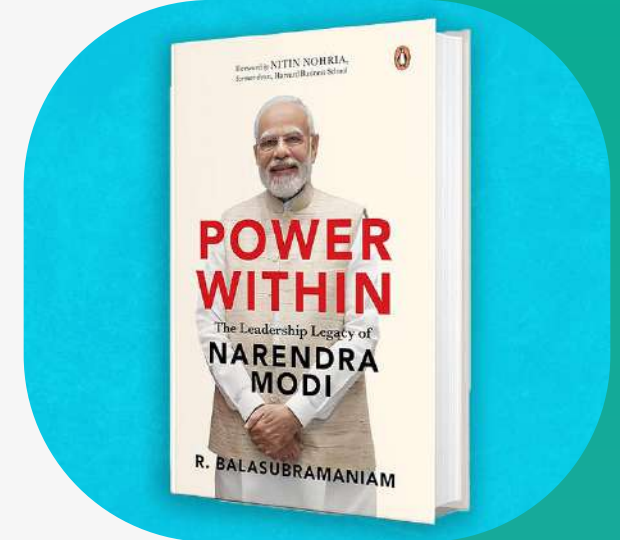


# CURRENT AFFAIRS

**20 JULY  
2024**

▶ **Author of the book 'Power Within : The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi'**

**Dr. R. Balasubramaniam**



▶ **World renowned heart surgeon who passed away in July 2024**  
**Dr. M.S. Valiathan**

- Dr. M.S. Valiathan was the founding director of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram and the first VC of Manipal University.
- In 2005, the country honored him with the Padma Vibhushan for his contribution to the healthcare sector in India.



**Dr. M.S. Valiathan**

▶ **Tribal farmer who passed away in July 2024, who made great contributions in organic farming and conservation of indigenous paddy varieties**

**Kamala Pujari**

- In 2019, the country honored Kamala with the Padma Shri for her contribution to the agriculture sector.



**Kamala Pujari**

▶ **Newly appointed Indian Ambassador to the US in July 2024**  
**Vinay Mohan Kwatra**

▶ **Hip Hop Song which is sent by NASA to Venus via their Deep Space Network**

**The Rain (Supa Dupa Fly)**

- The song 'The Rain (Supa Dupa Fly)' is by hip-hop artist Missy Elliott.



**Vinay Mohan Kwatra**

▶ **Indian city which has set a Guinness World Records of planting 1.1 million saplings in 24 hours**

**Indore, Madhya Pradesh**

▶ **The country that recently celebrated the Kataragama Esala festival**

**Sri Lanka**

