EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 6, 2023

TAMIL NADU

➢ **Tamil Nadu - has 6,20,41,179 voters as per the final electoral roll released by chief electoral officer (CEO) Satyabrata Sahoo on January 5.**

✓ Women voters outnumber men voters on the final list with 3,15,43,286 female voters present against 3,04,89,866 male voters.

✓ There are 8,027 transgender voters in the state.

✓ The final list includes 3,310 overseas electors and 4,48,138 persons with disabilities (PwD)

✓ Sholinganallur continues to be the constituency with the highest number of voters with 6,66,295 electors, followed by Kavundampalayam constituency in Coimbatore district, which has 4,57408 voters.

✓ Harbour continues to be the constituency with the lowest number of voters (1,70,125) and Kilvelur is the constituency with the second lowest number of voters (1,75,128).

✓ There are 4,66,374 voters in the age group of 18 to 19 on the final electoral roll.

✓ The integrated final electoral roll in PDF format is available on CEO's website at elections.tn.gov.in where electors can check their names.

✓ Previously, people who have completed 18 years of age were only allowed to apply for inclusion of their names on the voters' list.

✓ But now, people who have completed 17 years are allowed to apply for inclusion, but their names would be added only when they attain 18 years.

✓ Their names would appear on the voters list released in every quarter of the year.

✓ So far, 3.82 crore voters in the state have linked their Aadhaar with their voter IDs, which accounts for 61.6%.

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

➢ **On January 5, India and France - held the 36th Strategic Dialogue in New Delhi.**

- ✓ National Security Advisor Ajit Doval led the Indian delegation while the French delegation was led by Diplomatic Advisor to the French President, Emmanuel Bonne.
- ✓ During the meeting, the two sides discussed wide-ranging bilateral and global issues.

- ✓ The agenda included discussions on the situation in Afghanistan, Africa, South East Asia, cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, nuclear energy, space and cyber domains.
- ✓ Both sides also agreed to strengthen bilateral defence and security cooperation including in the South West Indian Ocean Region and the Indo-Pacific and pursuit of new initiatives in critical and emerging technologies.
- ✓ The last edition of the Strategic Dialogue was held in November 2021 in Paris.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➢ **On January 5, Prime Minister Narendra Modi – addressed the opening session of first All India Annual State Ministers' Conference on Water via video message**

- ✓ The Union Jal Shakti Ministry has organized a national level conference on water on the theme of 'Water Vision@2047' in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from January 5-6.
- ✓ Ministers holding the portfolios of water resources, public health engineering department (PHED), and irrigation from all states and Union Territories have participated in the conference
- ✓ The conference aims to bring together key policy makers to discuss "ways to harness water resources for sustainable development".
- ✓ During his address, PM Modi underlined the importance of people's participation in water conservation and said attempts by governments' alone cannot be successful.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also suggested the states adopt the Centre's Namami Gange Mission as a template and start similar campaigns for the conservation of rivers.
- ✓ He also highlighted the 'Per Drop More Crop' campaign that began under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) and informed that more than 70 lakh hectares of land in the country have been brought under micro-irrigation so far.
- ✓ PM Modi also highlighted the importance of the circular economy in the field of water conservation and called for developing a water testing system to ensure the quality of water.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat attended the conference
- ✓ Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis also chaired one of the important thematic sessions on water governance during the conference

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- ➢ **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Microsoft - signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on January 5 to support space tech start-ups across the country**

- ✓ Through this tie-up, the space tech start-ups identified by ISRO will be onboarded onto the Microsoft for Start-ups Founders Hub platform

- ✓ The platform supports start-ups at every stage of their journey from idea to becoming a unicorn
- ✓ Through the platform, space-tech start-up founders in India will have free access to the tech tools, and resources they need to build and run their businesses.
- ✓ Microsoft will give space tech entrepreneurs access to technology as well as mentoring support in a variety of fields, including space engineering, cloud technologies, product and design, funding, and sales and marketing
- ✓ The partnership will also give entrepreneurs options to sell their products through Microsoft channels and the market, go-to-market strategies, and technical assistance.

BUSINESS/ECONOMY

- ➤ **The RBI - has said that customers do not need to visit their bank's branch to update 'know your customer' (KYC) details if they have already submitted valid documents and not changed their address.**

SUBMIT SELF-DECLARATION ONLINE

Address change | Submit the updated address documents through remote channels like email, phone or netbanking. Banks may ask for fresh KYC process only if documents in their records don't match with

Expired documents | Fresh KYC is required if the validity of the documents submitted earlier has expired

Fresh KYC | Customers can complete the fresh KYC via video call if their bank provides the facility. Customers should contact their banks to know what options are available to them

Valid documents for KYC | Passport, driving licence, voter ID, MGNREGA job card, letter from National Population Register

- ✓ Instead, customers can submit a self-declaration through email, phone, ATM, netbanking, or a letter.
- ✓ The banking regulator has made these changes to make it convenient for customers to update KYC details, in order to comply with the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.
- ✓ In case of address change, customers can submit the updated address through the remote channels, which banks will verify within two months.
- ✓ Banks may ask for fresh KYC process if their records don't have the correct documents or if they have expired.
- ✓ Customers can also complete a fresh KYC process through video call in banks that provide this facility.
- ✓ A fresh KYC process needs to be undertaken only when the documents in bank records do not conform to the current list of 'officially valid documents'.
- ✓ Officially valid documents are passport, driving license, Aadhaar, voter ID, job card issued by MGNREGA and letter issued by the National Population Register

- ✓ Fresh KYC is also required if the validity of the document submitted earlier has expired.
- ✓ Further, banks must acknowledge receipt of KYC documents/ self-declaration submitted by customers.

RANKINGS

- ➤ **Chennai - is the 'top city for women in India' as per a study released by diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) firm Avtar Group on January 5.**
- ✓ The study ranked 111 cities based on their social and industrial inclusion parameters towards nurturing a conducive ecosystem for women.
- ✓ Chennai, Pune, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Visakhapatnam, Kolkata, Coimbatore, and Madurai are the top 10 cities for women in India among 'category 1" cities with a population of more than one million.
- ✓ Similarly, Trichy, Vellore, Erode, Salem, Tirupur, Puducherry, Shimla, Mangalore, Thiruvananthapuram, and Belagavi emerged as the top 10 cities in category 2 cities with a population of less than one million.
- ✓ Delhi, ranked 14th among category 1 cities, secured 30 points less than the highest-ranked city (Chennai).
- ✓ In an indication of holistic growth, eight Tamil Nadu cities emerged in the list of top cities for women in India across both categories of cities analysed.
- ✓ However, Kerala with a score of 55. 67 emerged as the state with the highest average score, followed by Tamil Nadu at 54. 4 and Maharashtra at 45. 5.
- ✓ The study analysed data from over 200 sources including ease of living index, national census, crime records, NFHS, IMF, and primary research
- ✓ It had arrived at a 'City Inclusion Score' that is a composite of Social Inclusion Score (SIS) and Industrial Inclusion Store (IIS).
- ✓ SIS comprises social factors like quality of life, women's safety, women's representation in the workforce and women's empowerment initiatives
- ✓ IIS evaluates the extent to which organisations in the city are inclusive of women.