



## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-APRIL 13,2023**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **The Tamil Nadu government – is planning to set up a monitoring centre for seismology to issue alerts to the users on disasters, storage levels of water bodies, and information on thunderstorm, lightning and rainfall**
- ✓ The centre would function with experts from various fields and would be set up at a budget of Rs.13 crore
- ✓ To reach the general public, the government proposes to introduce a new mobile application, TN-Alert.
- ✓ The observatory with seismic sensors and data acquisition system will be set up with technical assistance from the National Centre for Seismology at an estimated cost of Rs.30 lakh
- ✓ This was announced by Revenue and disaster management minister KKSSR Ramachandran in the Assembly on April 12.
  
- **On April 12, speaker M Appavu - launched the 'digital house' scheme as part of the state government's efforts to make Tamil Nadu assembly 'paperless'**
- ✓ Under the scheme, an e-book app has been developed and uploaded in the tab kept in front of each MLA.
- ✓ The ID and password to access the e-books have also been provided to the MLAs.
- ✓ In this regard, the technicians from Parliament and assembly provided training to MLAs.
- ✓ Also, under National e-Vidhan application (NEVA) the details of the ministers and MLAs who speak during the question hour were displayed in the four giant screens kept inside the assembly.
  
- **Indian Test cricketer Ravichandran Ashwin - will train Greater Chennai Corporation school students in cricket and help them become professionals.**

- ✓ On April 12, minister for youth welfare and sports development Udhayanidhi Stalin inaugurated a programme of coaching in cricket and football at the corporation school in Saidapet.
- ✓ Mayor R Priya, who was also present at the event, said every week there will be two classes for football and three for cricket.
- ✓ The budget allocated for football is Rs.8 lakh and Rs.19 lakh for cricket.
- ✓ The training classes will get the 'CITIIS school and educational development special project funds' with support from French financial agencies.

## NATIONAL

- **On April 12, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - flagged off Rajasthan's first and the country's 15th Vande Bharat Express train via video conferencing.**



- ✓ According to the Railways, it is the “world’s first semi-high speed passenger train on high rise overhead electric (OHE) territory.”
- ✓ At the launch event, PM Modi said the Vande Bharat Express enriches the spirit of ‘India First, Always First’
- ✓ The Vande Bharat Express will operate between Ajmer and Delhi Cantonment, with stops at Jaipur, Alwar and Gurgaon
- ✓ It will cover the distance between Ajmer and Delhi Cantonment in five hours and 15 minutes, which is an hour earlier than the present fastest Shatabdi Express running on the route
- ✓ The train will improve the connectivity of Rajasthan's major tourist destinations, including Pushkar and Ajmer Dargah
- ✓ The regular service of the new Vande Bharat Express train will begin from April 13
- **The Union health ministry - has decided to revise the central government health scheme (CGHS) package rates for all beneficiaries.**
- ✓ The revision has been done for the first time since 2014 in order to retain hospitals offering the services.

- ✓ The OPD rates have been increased to Rs. 350 from Rs. 150 earlier while IPD consultation fee has been increased from Rs. 300 to Rs.350.
- ✓ The daily rate for ICU services has been fixed at Rs. 5,400, including accommodation for all ward entitlements.
- ✓ Further, the hospital room rents have also been revised.
- ✓ The rent of a general room has been fixed at Rs. 1,500 from Rs. 1,000 earlier, a semi-private ward has been increased to Rs. 3,000 from Rs. 2,000 earlier while the rate of a private room has been increased from Rs. 3,000 to Rs.4,500.

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh - inaugurated the three-day International Conference on Defence Finance and Economics in New Delhi on April 12.**



- ✓ The conference aims to give a unique platform to policy makers and academicians to present their insights and experiences on Defence, Finance and Economics amid present evolving security challenges.
- ✓ The conference also seeks to discuss about best practices, experiences and expertise of various nations.
- ✓ It will facilitate dialogue among the participating nations, which will in turn contribute to the country's defence readiness with optimum financial resources and effective implementation of the Defence Budget.
- ✓ The event is being attended by various countries including USA, Japan, Australia, UK, Sri Lanka, Kenya and Bangladesh.

## SPORTS

- **The men's Asian hockey Championships – will be held in Chennai at the SDAT-Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium in the last week of August this year**
- ✓ This was announced by Tamil Nadu minister for youth welfare and sports development Udhayanidhi Stalin on April 12
- ✓ The men's Asia Cup hockey championship in 2007 was the last international hockey event that happened in Chennai.

- ✓ Apart from the Minister, Tamil Nadu's sports secretary Atulya Misra and member secretary of Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu J Meghanatha Reddy were also present in the meeting.
- ✓ The state government is keen on developing the grassroots-level infrastructure, scout talent across the state and train them for the future
- ✓ To facilitate this, the government is planning to set up three state-of-the-art Centres for Sports Science in Madurai, Nilgiris and Chennai.
- ✓ Further, the government has also signed an MoU with Sri Ramachandra Centre of Sports Science to help the current players use the facilities
- ✓ Moreover, the Sports Minister has requested PM Modi and Union minister of youth affairs and sports Anurag Thakur to allot Khelo India to Tamil Nadu next year.
- ✓ Besides, the state government will spend Rs.25 crore to renovate five stadiums — Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Nungambakkam Tennis Stadium and Velachery Aquatic Complex soon.
- ✓ Further, 'Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation', a public-private initiative to support young sports aspirants, has roped in former India skipper and Chennai Super Kings captain MS Dhoni as its brand ambassador.

## RANKINGS

- **Andhra Pradesh chief minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy - is the richest CM in the country with assets of Rs. 510 crore**
- ✓ Arunachal Pradesh's Pema Khandu is ranked at second place with assets worth Rs.163 crore, followed by Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik at the third place, who has Rs.63 crore in assets.
- ✓ This was revealed in the latest report of Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), a watch group which works for political and electoral reforms.
- ✓ Telangana chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao tops the list with the highest number of criminal cases and financial liabilities against his name.
- ✓ KCR has 64 criminal cases, including 37 serious offences, against him, making him the CM with the highest number of cases booked against him.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu CM, M K Stalin, has the second-highest number (47) of cases pending, including 10 serious offences.
- ✓ Jagan with 38 cases, including 35 serious offences, stood third among CMs with the highest number of cases booked against them.
- ✓ The charges include criminal intimidation (KCR and Jagan), rioting (KCR), cheating (Jagan), attempt to murder (KCR) and kidnapping
- ✓ West Bengal Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee, with Rs.15 lakh in assets, has the least wealth among all the CMs in the country, the report said.
- ✓ Banerjee is followed by Kerala's Pinarayi Vijayan and Haryana's Manohar Lal Khattar, who have Rs.1.2 crore and Rs.1.3 crore in assets each, respectively.

- ✓ ADR has prepared the report after analysing the poll affidavits of CMs of 28 states and two Union Territories.
- ✓ Out of the 30 CMs analysed, 29 (97%) are crorepatris with the average assets for each CM working out to Rs.34 crore.

