

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-APRIL 28, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **The Sports Development Authority of India (SDAT) - has revived the 'learn to swim' programme for kids and freshers at government swimming pools in Chennai.**



- ✓ The SDAT has revived the training at its facilities in Velachery, Shenoy Nagar and Jawaharlal Nehru indoor stadium.
- ✓ The 12-day training at Velachery and Shenoy Nagar will cost Rs.2,000, while the training at Jawaharlal Nehru in-door stadium will cost Rs.2.400 per head, as it has a hydrotherapy swimming pool.
- ✓ Training will be held in three batches between April 25 to May 7, May 9 to May 21 and May 23 to June 4.
- ✓ In each batch, there will be three sessions in the morning and three in the evening.

STATES

- **The Centre, Assam government and rebel tribal group DNLA - signed a tripartite peace pact on April 27**
- ✓ The deal with Dimasa National Liberation Army-Dimasa Peoples' Supreme Council (DNLA/DPSC) was signed in the presence of union home minister Amit Shah, Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and other senior officials.



- ✓ As part of the agreement, more than 168 armed DNLA cadres have agreed to give up violence, surrender arms and ammunition, disband the outfit and vacate its camps, to join the democratic process.
- ✓ Under the agreement, a Dimasa Welfare Council will be set up by Assam government to protect, preserve and promote the social, cultural, and linguistic identity of the tribal people
- ✓ The Council will also ensure speedy and focused development of the Dimasa people residing outside the jurisdiction of the Dima Hasao Autonomous Council.
- ✓ A special development package of Rs.500 crore each will also be provided by Centre and Assam government over a period of five years for the all-around development of North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC) as well as Dimasa people living in other parts of the state.
- ✓ The DNLA was active in the hill districts of Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong
- ✓ The outfit was formed in April 2019 to secure sovereignty for the Dimasas.

COURT VERDICT

- **On April 27, the Madras high court - refused to stay the ban imposed on online rummy in Tamil Nadu.**
- ✓ The first bench of Acting Chief Justice T Raja and Justice D Bharatha Chakravarthy said no interim orders can be passed without getting a response from the state government.
- ✓ The petitioners, Online Gaming Federation and others, approached the high court challenging the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Online Gambling and Regulation of Online Games Act, 2022, which took effect on April 21.
- ✓ During the hearing, senior counsels representing the AIGF pointed out that only the Centre is empowered to regulate games of skill.
- ✓ On 6 April, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) announced amendments to the IT Act 2021 related to online gaming.
- ✓ These amendments will enable several self-regulatory organizations (SROs) to decide whether a real-money game involving the transfer of funds can function in India or not.
- ✓ According to the State government, Entry 34 in List II of the Constitution clearly says betting and gambling are exclusively in the state's domain

- ✓ During the hearing, the bench questioned what was wrong in banning online games and also observed that the public welfare was paramount.

INTERNATIONAL

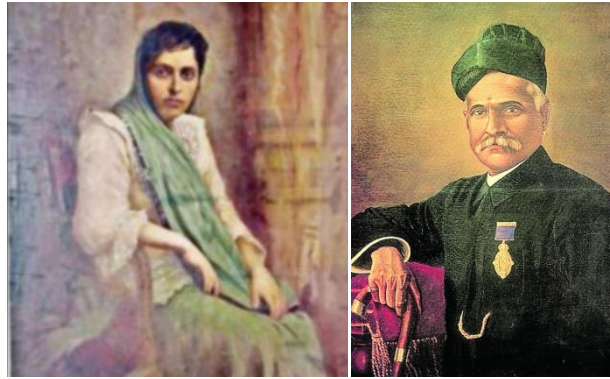
- **China – is planning to build a railway link to Pakistan through the disputed Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK) region at a budget of about \$57.7 billion**



- ✓ An official feasibility study by scientists from the state-owned China Railway First Survey and Design Institute Group Co Ltd recommended the Chinese government to go ahead with the project for its strategic significance.
- ✓ The proposed 3,000-km railway connects Pakistan's port of Gwadar to Kashgar in China's Xinjiang Uighur autonomous region under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).
- ✓ India has protested to China over the \$60billion CPEC corridor as it is being laid through POK.
- ✓ According to the Institute Group Co Ltd team study, if the project is taken up, it will be BRI's most expensive transport infrastructure.
- ✓ Despite the cost, the project had the potential to reshape trade and geopolitics across the Eurasian continent and hence, it should be supported, the research team said in a report published in April.
- ✓ The proposed railway will link China's western regions with the Arabian Sea, bypassing the Strait of Malacca and reducing dependence on the South China Sea.
- ✓ The study also pointed out the railway's potential impact on neighbouring countries, such as India, and there could be disagreements or delays in decision-making related to the project.

PERSONALITIES

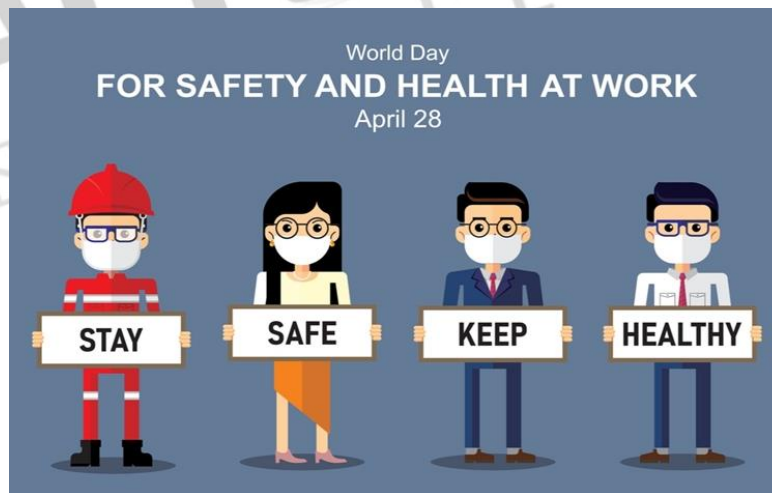
- **Raja Ravi Varma's unfinished works - will be unveiled on his 175th birth anniversary at Kilimanoor Palace near Thiruvananthapuram**



- ✓ The Kilimanoor Palace Trust will unveil the incomplete painting titled “The Parsi Lady”, said to be “the last unfinished painting of Ravi Varma” on April 29
- ✓ Raja Ravi Varma had reserved “The Parsi Lady” for later, but his death in 1906 left the work incomplete.
- ✓ Ravi Varma had been ill, and collapsed and died inside the chithrasala of Kilimanoor Palace before the painting could be completed
- ✓ The oil painting has since remained in the studio of Kilimanoor Palace, his birthplace in Kerala
- ✓ In 1904, Ravi Varma wound up his press in Mumbai and returned to Kilimanoor Palace, shattered by the death of his brother Raja Raja Varma.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **World Day for Safety and Health at Work – April 28**



- ✓ The Day is observed every year by United Nations to raise awareness about safe work place and steps needed to prevent occupational diseases and accidents worldwide
- ✓ It represents the development and maintenance of a robust Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) management system.
- ✓ The Annual World Day for Safety and Health at Work was first observed in 2003 by the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

- ✓ The day also coincides with the International Commemoration for the Dead and injured workers, celebrated by the trade union movement since 1996
- ✓ Theme 2023 - "A safe and healthy working environment as a fundamental principle and right at work"

