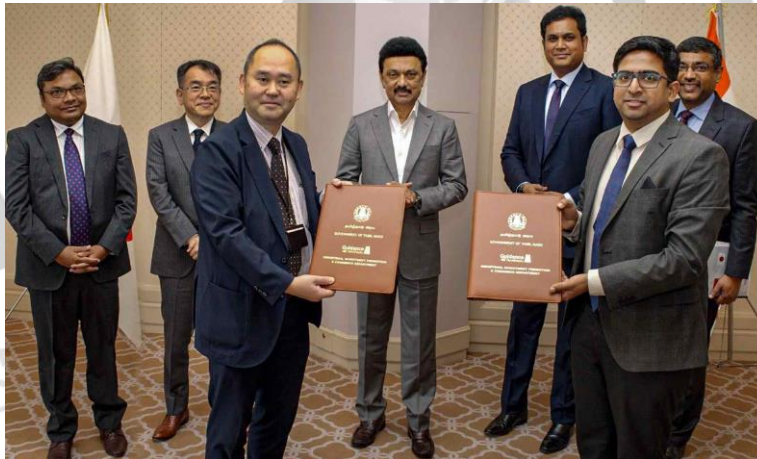


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 27, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **Guidance Tamil Nadu and Japan-headquartered Daicel Safety Systems - exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the presence of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin in Osaka on May 26**



- ✓ The MoU seeks the expansion of Daicel's automobile airbag inflator plant in Thiruporur in Chengalpattu district
- ✓ Industries Minister T R B Rajaa and Guidance Tamil Nadu Managing Director V Vishnu, were among those present during the event.
- ✓ The chief minister met Ken Bando, head of business operations of Daicel Safety Systems and invited him to participate in the global investors meet in Chennai in January 2024.
- ✓ CM Stalin had arrived in Japan on May 25 as part of his nine-day business tour to Singapore and Japan, after completing a two-day visit to Singapore to attract investment to Tamil Nadu
- ✓ On May 24 and 25, CM Stalin signed six MoUs with Singapore-based companies.
- ✓ Addressing Tamil Nadu's investment conclave in Osaka, the CM said Japan is a key player in Tamil Nadu's push to a \$1 trillion economy.

- ✓ In the past two years, five Japanese companies — Daicel corporation, Mitsubishi, Motherson auto solutions, RenaultNissan and Makino — have invested Rs.5,596 crore in the state, said the Chief Minister.
 - ✓ In the conclave, CM Stalin recalled his earlier visit to Japan in 2008 to seek support for the Hogenakkal combined drinking water scheme and the Chennai metro rail project
 - ✓ After the conclave, the CM held talks with Japanese businessmen and also met Osaka province vice-governor Nobughiko Yamaguchi and interacted with him.
 - ✓ The conclave was jointly organised by Japan external trade organisation (JETO) and the Tamil Nadu government in which more than 80 Japanese companies participated.
- **Thousand Lights MLA Dr N Ezhilan - was appointed the member of state planning commission.**
- ✓ In this regard, an order was issued on May 24 to give effect to the appointment.



- ✓ The first time MLA Ezhilan will replace Mannargudi MLA T R B Rajaa.
 - ✓ The state planning commission headed by chief minister M K Stalin has seven part time members and Ezhilan will be one among them.
 - ✓ It is worth remembering that Ezhilan's father Naganathan served as the vice chairman of the state planning commission under former chief minister M Karunanidhi from 2006 to 2011.
- **Muthamizh Selvi - became the first woman from Tamil Nadu to scale Mount Everest.**



- ✓ She reached the top of world's highest peak on May 23 and returned to Kathmandu on May 26.
- ✓ Muthamizh Selvi, who teaches Japanese in Chennai, hails from Johilpatti next to Kariyapatti in Virudhunagar district.
- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin and sports minister Udhayanidhi Stalin tweeted congratulations to Muthamizh Selvi.
- ✓ The State had given Rs.25 lakh for the expedition.

STATES

- **Madhya Pradesh – has become the first State in the country to send elderly people on pilgrimage by air under the Mukhyamantri Teerthdarshan Yojana.**



- ✓ The first batch of 32 pilgrims has taken off by an Indigo flight from the Bhopal airport on May 21 to visit Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana is one of the flagship schemes of the BJP government in the State.
- ✓ The scheme was introduced in the year 2012.
- ✓ Under the scheme, more than 7.80 lakh elderly persons have undertaken pilgrimage by special trains till now.

- **Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar - inaugurated the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Kerala Legislative Assembly building in Thiruvananthapuram on May 22.**



- ✓ He also released a souvenir of the Kerala Legislature International Book Festival during the occasion.
- ✓ The two-day visit to Kerala was Jagdeep Dhankhar's first visit to the state as the Vice President of India.
- ✓ Later, the Vice President visited Kannur to meet his teacher, Rathna Nair, at her residence in Thalassery.
 - ✓ Nair had taught Dhankhar when he was a student at Sainik School in Chittorgarh.
- ✓ The Vice President also visited the Indian Naval Academy at Ezhimala in Kannur and interacted with the cadets.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Nepal – has recently announced that the year 2025 will be observed as the ‘Special Tourism Year.’**
- ✓ During the ‘Special Tourism Year,’ Nepal plans to organize a series of events and initiatives that will showcase the country’s unique attractions.
- ✓ This initiative aims to promote tourism in Nepal and attract a higher number of international visitors.
- ✓ Further, Nepal President Ram Chandra Paudel announced that the decade of the 2080s in the Bikram Samvat calendar would be recognized as ‘the Visit Nepal decade’
- ✓ These declarations were presented as part of the policies and programmes for the 2080/81 fiscal year.
- ✓ The President also announced that a special honor called the ‘Samarmatha Special Honour’ will be conferred on foreign nationals who contribute to promoting Nepal’s cultural values

INDIA AND NEIGHBOURS

- **Mahatma Gandhi Scholarships - were awarded recently to 300 school students from 25 districts across Sri Lanka.**



- ✓ High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay presented the scholarships to the students.
- ✓ The scholarship provides 2500 Lankan rupees per student every month to the top six students from each district, based on merit cum means.
- ✓ In addition, the Government of India offers 210 scholarships annually in fields such as engineering, technology, arts, science, and indigenous medicine to Sri Lankan students.
- ✓ The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation scheme also provides over 400 fully paid scholarship slots for Sri Lankan government officials to enhance their domain knowledge.
- ✓ Furthermore, thousands of seats are available to Sri Lankan students in India under the "Study in India" program.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The 3rd Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) meeting under India's G20 Presidency - was held in Mumbai from May 21 to 23**



- ✓ The three day meeting witnessed a participation of 141 delegates from G20 countries and 10 invitee countries along with the representatives of 14 international and regional organisations
- ✓ The meetings focused on three broad themes - arresting land degradation, promoting circular economy and giving impetus to blue economy.
- ✓ On the first day of the meeting, a beach clean-up campaign was organised at the Juhu Beach in Mumbai
- ✓ Later, the Ministry of Earth Sciences and the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change hosted an "Ocean 20 Dialogue" aimed at promoting a sustainable and climate-resilient Blue Economy
 - ✓ The Ocean 20 platform, launched during the Indonesia Presidency, is aimed to advance ideation and action for ocean solutions.
- ✓ The 4th and final ECSWG meeting is to be held in Chennai from 26th to 27th July, with the Minister's meet scheduled on 28th July, 2023.

- **The Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani - inaugurated the women labourers convention in Thiruvananthapuram on May 22.**



- ✓ The Kerala unit of the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), a trade union backed by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), held the state-level convention
- ✓ Around 3,000 women workers and labourers took part in the convention
- ✓ Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan gave the keynote address at the event.

PERSONALITIES

- **A renowned US mountain guide, Garrett Madison - has achieved the rare Mount Everest region “triple crown” of climbing the Everest, Lhotse and Nuptse peaks in one season.**
- ✓ Garrett Madison, 44, climbed Lhotse, the world’s fourth tallest peak at 8,516 metre (27,939 feet) on May 25
- ✓ Earlier, he climbed Mt. Everest at 8,849 metre (29,032 feet) for the 13th time on May 24
- ✓ Madison, who owns the company Madison Mountaineering based in Seattle, climbed the smaller but technically difficult Nuptse peak, at 7,855 metres (25,770 feet), on May 8.



- ✓ British climber Kenton Cool climbed the triple crown in 2013

- ✓ Cool, 49, last week set a new record of 17 summits of Everest, the world's highest peak, by a foreign climber.
- ✓ A Nepali, Kami Rita Sherpa, this week climbed Everest for the 28th time, the most by any mountaineer.

