

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-JUNE 7, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- Chief minister M K Stalin - inaugurated 500 urban public health centres on June 6 as part of the first phase of the project.



- ✓ The Chief Minister inaugurated the Urban Health Centre at Vijayaragava Road in Teynampet and others through video conferencing.
- ✓ Health Minister Ma Subramanian, Youth Welfare Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin and top officials participated.
- ✓ The urban health centres have been set up at a cost of Rs 125 crore at an initial cost of Rs 25 lakh each.
- ✓ These centres will offer free healthcare services, including vaccines for pregnant women and children, tests for diseases such as tuberculosis, hypertension and diabetes, and medicines for ailments to urban poor.

- ✓ The 500 urban primary healthcare centres includes 140 under the Greater Chennai Corporation, 50 for Coimbatore, 46 for Madurai and 25 each for Salem, Trichy, and Tiruppur in addition to 189 UPHCs in other municipalities
 - ✓ A doctor, nurse, health inspector and a sanitary worker would be on duty in every centre to cater to about 25,000 people in a given area.
 - ✓ They will provide a dozen primary healthcare services under the 'Universal Health Coverage Programme' in two shifts between 8am-12pm and 4pm-8pm.
 - ✓ The launching of UPHCs was inspired by the Aam Aadmi Mohalla clinics, which started functioning in 2022
 - ✓ Earlier, CM Stalin made the announcement in the assembly that the state would also have 708 urban primary health centres in all 21 municipal corporations and 63 municipalities to cater to the needs of the people living in the cities.
 - ✓ The UHWCs would offer a wide range of healthcare services including maternity care and yoga.
 - ✓ The centre will also provide family planning services, infectious and communicable diseases treatment, ENT, dental and psychiatric services too.
 - ✓ These Centres will act as sub-centres of Urban PHC to ensure that people get all essential primary health care services close to their residences and also reduce the need to go to GHs and GMCHs.
 - ✓ These UPHCs will offer telemedicine facilities for e-consultations and utilise the e-sanjeevani app to refer patients visiting these clinics to higher levels of care, such as peripheral hospitals, district headquarters, or government medical college hospitals.
- **On June 6, Chief minister M K Stalin - appreciated Ramanathapuram district forest officer (DFO) Jagdish S Bakan for bagging the 2023 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management from UNESCO.**



- ✓ A day earlier, UNESCO announced the award for Bakan, who is also the director of Gulf of Mannar biosphere reserve.
- ✓ Bakan will receive the award in Paris on June 14, and will present a report on the measures taken to preserve the natural resources in the biosphere reserve.

NATIONAL

- **The India Meteorological Department (IMD) - has announced that a deep depression that formed over the southeast Arabian Sea will likely intensify**

into a severe cyclonic storm, and then into a very severe cyclonic storm in the next 24 hours.

- ✓ The cyclone was named 'Biparjoy' (means 'disaster' or 'calamity') by Bangladesh.
- ✓ Biparjoy is unlikely to cause widespread damage to the Indian coast and the early tracking shows that it will likely move nearly northwards towards Oman coast.
- ✓ The system of naming cyclones has been formed by World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) and member countries of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission (ESCAP).
- ✓ These names are given to all tropical cyclones that form in the North Indian Ocean, encompassing the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea.
- ✓ Cyclone Biparjoy is the second named storm of the 2023 North Indian Ocean cyclone season.
- ✓ Cyclone Mocha, which was the first, formed over the Bay of Bengal and hit Myanmar and parts of Bangladesh earlier in May.

INTERNATIONAL

- **On June 6, Iran has unveiled a new hypersonic missile - called Fattah, or "Conqueror" in Farsi – that is capable of travelling at 15 times the speed of sound**



- ✓ Gen Amir Ali Hajizadeh, the head of the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard's aerospace programme, unveiled what appeared to be a model of the missile.
- ✓ According to Hajizadeh, the missile, that can be equipped with nuclear warheads, had a range of up to 1,400km and can move at a speed of up to Mach 15 (5,145 metres or 16,880 feet per second)
- ✓ Unlike conventional ballistic missiles, hypersonic ones fly on a trajectory low in the atmosphere, enabling them to reach their targets more quickly and with less chance of being intercepted by modern air defences.
- ✓ Late last month, Iran claimed to have successfully test-launched its 4th generation Khorramshahr, "Khaibar" ballistic missile
 - ✓ This missile was the surface-to-surface ballistic missile with a range of 2,000 kilometres and was able to carry a 1,500 kg warhead.

- ✓ The United States had unilaterally withdrawn from the Iran nuclear deal in 2018 and imposed renewed sanctions.
- ✓ Since March last year, Russia's Kinzhal hypersonic missile has been used multiple times in its war against Ukraine.
- ✓ Iran has one of the biggest missile programmes in the Middle East and has produced missiles capable of hitting its rivals Israel and the US bases

