

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-JULY 9, 2023

### TAMIL NADU

- **The Tamil Nadu government – has increased the registration fees and stamp duty of 20 services provided by the registration department under Section 78 of the Registration Act 1908 after 20 years**
  - ✓ This includes searching of the registers, for making or granting copies of reasons, entries or documents, before on or after registration; for the safe custody and return of documents.
  - ✓ The fee revision done by the Tamil Nadu Commercial Taxes and Registration department will come into effect from July 10.
  - ✓ On July 8, the state registration department increased the fee for issuing power of attorney for non-family members from Rs 10,000 per document to 1% of the guideline value of the property.
  - ✓ The registration charges for partition, family settlement and release of documents have increased from Rs. 4,000 to Rs.10,000 and the stamp duty from Rs.25,000 to Rs. 40,000.
  - ✓ Similarly, the fee for individual plot registration has been increased from Rs 200 to Rs 1,000.
    - ✓ Usually, these charges are for people who are sick or immobile or for VIPs where registration officials will go to their houses to register the plot.
  - ✓ The other hike is in the fee for the receipt document for mortgage, from Rs.20 to Rs.200.
- **The Green Tamil Nadu Mission (GTM) under the Department of Environment - has signed a memorandum of understanding with Urbaser Sumeet to green garbage hotspots in seven GCC zones**
  - ✓ The GCC zones covered under the agreement are Teynampet, Kodambakkam, Adyar, Valasaravakkam, Alandur, Perungudi and Sholinganallur
  - ✓ As per the agreement, GTM will distribute native saplings for free to Urbaser Sumeet for plantations.

- ✓ The aim of the MoU signed on July 7 is to increase green cover in urban areas and battle the heat island effect
  - ✓ The goal of the initiative is to increase the green cover from 23% to 33% in Tamil Nadu.
  - ✓ The conservancy workers will clean the garbage hotspots and community members along with Urbaser Sumeet will plant saplings at a 2.5-metre gap.
  - ✓ Native species like pungan, poovarasu, neer mathi and naval were suggested for this initiative.
- **The researchers – have discovered several ancient and rare antiques in the excavations being done at Porpanaikottai in Pudukottai district**



- ✓ The state archaeology department is currently undertaking the first phase of archaeological excavation at Porpanaikottai
- ✓ Recently, archaeologists discovered a golden nose stud or earring weighing 0.2g, a bone point and a fragment of carnelian bead at a depth of 175cm from the surface level
  - ✓ The bone point is an ancient tool made of animal bone measuring 5cm in length used in the process of weaving
  - ✓ Carnelian beads were mostly found in northern states, while similar beads were discovered in Kodumanal and Keeladi excavation sites too
- ✓ The discovery in Porpanaikottai has established the trade link between various parts of the country
- ✓ More bone point tools if discovered at Porpanaikottai would indicate that it was the site of a weaving industry
- ✓ The excavation process at Porpanaikottai will go on till September.

## STATES

- **The Odisha government - recently announced the launch of a new scheme named 'Mo Jungle Jami Yojana'**
- ✓ The scheme aims to ensure livelihood and food security for the Scheduled Tribe and forest dwelling population in the state
  - ✓ Under the scheme, all unsurveyed, forest and zero area villages will be converted into revenue villages thus enabling all households access to water supplies, road connectivity, schools and healthcare.

- ✓ The implementation of the scheme will provide ownership of land and access to forest resources to the beneficiaries and join them with mainstream development programmes of the government.
- ✓ The scheme seeks to effectively implement the provisions of The Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 (FRA) benefitting more than 0.74 million tribal families and 32,000 villages in the state's 30 district districts
- ✓ If implemented successfully, Odisha would become the first state to be "FRA compliant" implementing all provisions of the Act
- ✓ Tribal Research Institute, Bhubaneswar, has already identified the potential villages for implementation of the scheme.
- ✓ The state would also establish Forest Rights Cells across the districts for periodic assessment, monitoring and review of the scheme.
- ✓ The total cost of the scheme is Rs 38.76 crore which includes establishment of a state programme management unit (SPMU) at Tribal Research Institute, Bhubaneswar
- ✓ According to government records, Odisha has 32,562 FRA potential villages and 7.35 potential Scheduled Tribe families covering an area of 35,739 sq km which are targeted to be benefitted
- ✓ The state is home to 62 different tribes of which 13 are recognised as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG).
- ✓ The tribal population is estimated at 9,590,756 which amounts to 22.85% of the overall population.
- ✓ The scheme would be entirely funded by the state government for which an allocation of Rs 26 crore was made during the finance budget of 2023-24.

## NATIONAL

- **On July 8, the railway ministry - announced a reduction of up to 25% of the base fare of AC chair car and executive class tickets.**
- ✓ The decision, put to immediate effect, will be applicable to trains such as Vande Bharat and Shatabdi if their occupancy falls below 50%.
- ✓ The discount in fare has been provided due to low occupancy in some of the premier trains
- ✓ According to the railway ministry, passengers who have booked tickets can't seek refund of fare and the scheme will not be applicable on special trains introduced such as holiday and festival specials.
- **India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi - has been invited as the Guest of Honour at the Bastille Day Parade to be held on July 14 in France**
- ✓ The day holds great importance in French history and marks the anniversary of the Storming of the Bastille in 1789 during the French Revolution.

- ✓ A contingent of 269 members from the Indian Armed Forces will march alongside their French counterparts during the Bastille Day Parade.
- ✓ The Indian Army contingent marching in the Bastille Day Parade is represented by the esteemed Punjab Regiment.
  - ✓ In World War II, the regiment earned an impressive 16 Battle Honours, highlighting their bravery and valor on the battlefield.
- ✓ Along with them, the renowned Rajputana Rifles Regiment Band raised in Nasirabad, Rajasthan will also be the part of the contingent
  - ✓ Their gallantry and dedication in various theaters of war during both World Wars earned them the highest military decoration for valor - six Victoria Crosses - showcasing their unwavering commitment to duty and honor.
- ✓ **During the visit of PM to France on July 13 and 14, the government is likely to sign a deal for the purchase of the naval version of Rafale fighter jets from France**
- ✓ The multi-billion dollar deal for 24-30 Rafale-Marine jets is likely to be announced during the PM's two-day visit.
- ✓ The Indian Navy has expressed its preference for the French Rafale Marine over the F-18 Super Hornets of the US.
- ✓ The fighter planes are likely to be procured through a government-to-government deal instead of taking the open tender route as the acquisition through this process will be easier and help save time.
- ✓ The Indian Navy has been searching for a suitable fighter to be deployed on aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.
- ✓ The Navy settled on Dassault's Rafale Marine, which has over 80% features of the IAF's Rafales.
- ✓ Last year, the naval version of Rafale fighter jets from France and American F/A-18 Super Hornet had both demonstrated their operational capabilities.
- ✓ Rafale-M, like F/A-18, is adapted at short take-off and arrested recovery technology required for deck deployment on INS Vikrant which uses an upward curve ramp to launch.
- **The Union Ministry of Home Affairs - launched the 'Scheme for expansion and modernization of Fire Services in the States' with a total outlay of Rs 5,000 crore.**
- ✓ The new scheme was launched on July 5 for strengthening fire services in the States
- ✓ According to the home ministry, the outlay of Rs.5,000 crore was earmarked for priority expansion and modernisation of fire services from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) corpus.
- ✓ Out of the total outlay, an amount of Rs 500 crore has been kept for incentivizing the States on the basis of their legal and infrastructure-based reforms

- ✓ The scheme was announced by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah on June 13 in a meeting with the Ministers of Disaster Management of the States and Union Territories.
- ✓ The scheme finds its origin from the recommendation of the Fifteenth Finance Commission which allows an allocation of 12.5% of each of the National Disaster Response Fund and State Disaster Response Fund for the funding window of preparedness and capacity building
- **The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna - has launched the eSARAS mobile app to offer better marketing support to products made by women in self-help groups (SHGs).**
- ✓ The Yojna is part of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission and is also known as DAY-NRLM
- ✓ The mobile app initiative was conceptualised by DAY-NRLM and the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) with the aim to promote and market authentic handicrafts and handlooms
- ✓ The eSARAS fulfillment centre will be responsible for handling the processing, packaging, and shipping of products purchased through the eSARAS Portal and mobile app
- ✓ It will also take care of all the logistical requirements to ensure that customers receive their online orders timely at their doorstep.

## DEFENCE

- **The Seventh edition of Indian Navy – US Navy (IN – USN) Salvage and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) exercise, SALVEX - was conducted from June 26 to July 6 at Kochi.**



- ✓ The Indian Navy and US Navy have been participating in joint Salvage and EOD exercises since 2005.
- ✓ The exercise saw participation of the ships – INS Nireekshak and USNS Salvor - in addition to Specialist Diving and EOD teams.



- ✓ SALVEX involved the conduct of joint training exercises towards enhancing interoperability, cohesiveness and gaining from best practices mutually in Maritime Salvage and EOD operations.

## SPORTS

- **On July 5, the Rio de Janeiro government - named an anti-racism law after Real Madrid forward Vinicius Jr**



- ✓ The law will ensure sporting events stopped or suspended in the event of racist conduct.
- ✓ It has to be recalled that Brazil forward Vinicius was racially abused by fans when Madrid played Valencia in May
- ✓ The law was inspired by the player's response to the incident at Valencia's Mestalla stadium, where the game was paused for several minutes while the player pointed at those racially abusing him in the stands.
- ✓ The 'Vini Jr law' was unanimously approved by the Rio government in June
- ✓ It includes protocol on how to process complaints of racism and mandatory educational campaigns.
- ✓ Vinicius also received awards from Rio's legislative assembly and city council and his footprints were added to the stadium's Walk of Fame beside those of Brazilian greats such as Pele, Garrincha and Ronaldo.

