

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 10, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- On July 8, Chief minister M K Stalin - wrote a detailed letter to President Droupadi Murmu, urging her to recall governor R N Ravi saying he was “biased and unfit” to continue in the post.



- ✓ Under Article 156(1) of the Constitution, the governor shall hold office during the pleasure of the President.
- ✓ The letter was sent the same day that the governor met Union home minister Amit Shah in New Delhi.
- ✓ In the “strongly-worded” letter, the CM accused Governor R N Ravi of violating the oath of office he took under Article 159 of the Constitution and inciting “communal hatred”, while labelling him a “threat to peace in the state”.
- ✓ Recalling the delay in the governor giving assent to bills passed by the assembly, the CM said the governor is directly interfering with the administration of the state government and functioning of the state assembly
- ✓ The CM referred to the recent row over the dismissal of minister V Senthil Balaji from the Cabinet, as well as the allegations of governor delaying sanctions to prosecute former ministers in the AIADMK regime, including the Gutkha scam

- ✓ Further, the CM accused Governor Ravi of acting as the “agent of the Union government” and against the policies of the Tamil Nadu government, besides indirectly advocating name change for the state (from Tamil Nadu to Tamizhagam)
- ✓ The CM also accused the Governor of being “involved in ideological and political conflict with the democratically elected DMK government” since assuming office in September 2021, citing examples.

NATIONAL

- **On July 9, the Ministry of Education - released the Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D) combined report for 2020-21 and 2021-22.**
- ✓ The report assesses the performance of the school education system at the District level by creating an index for comprehensive analysis.
- ✓ According to the Ministry, Indian Education System is one of the largest in the world with about 14.9 lakh schools, 95 lakh teachers, and nearly 26.5 crore students from varied socio-economic backgrounds.
- ✓ Based on the success of State PGI, 83-indicator-based PGI-D has been designed to grade the performance of all districts in school education.
- ✓ The PGI-D is expected to help the state education departments to identify gaps at the district level and improve their performance
- ✓ The PGI-D structure comprises a total weight age of 600 points across 83 indicators, which are grouped under 6 categories
- ✓ PGI-D grades the districts into ten grades with the highest achievable Grade is Daksh, which is for districts scoring more than 90% of the total points in that category or overall.
- ✓ The lowest grade in PGI-D is called Akanshi-3 which is for scores upto 10% of the total points.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The 3rd G20 Culture Group (CWG) meeting - began in Hampi, Karnataka on July 9 in the presence of Union Parliamentary Affairs minister Prahlaad Joshi**



- ✓ The meeting is being held under the theme 'Protection and Restitution of Cultural Property'
 - ✓ The meeting is being attended by delegates from G20 members, guest nations, and several international organizations.
 - ✓ The first two CWG meetings were held at Khajuraho and Bhubaneswar.
 - ✓ The two-day deliberations will evolve consensus on four themes proposed under the Indian Presidency
 - ✓ This will become part of the ministerial declaration during the fourth Culture Working Group meeting to be held in Varanasi on August 26.
 - ✓ There are 30 delegates from nineteen G20 member countries, 16 delegates from nine guest countries and six delegates from four international organisations taking part in the deliberations in Hampi
 - ✓ Hampi was the capital of Vijayanagar empire between 13th to 15th century.
- **The two-day Urban 20 Mayoral Summit - was hosted by the chair city Ahmedabad in Gandhinagar on July 7 and 8.**
- ✓ The summit concluded with the handover of the Communiqué from the Mayors to G20 leaders.
 - ✓ The Mayor of Ahmedabad handed over the Communique to Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri and Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa



- ✓ The Communiqué was officially endorsed by 105 cities across the world, the highest ever number of endorsements received to date for any U20 Communiqué, and more than twice the number of endorsements for any previous communiqués.
 - ✓ The Communiqué has been drafted as an action agenda for the six priorities identified collectively by U20 cities
 - ✓ The Summit was hosted with the support of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt. of India, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and the U20 Technical Secretariat
- **The 4th edition of G20 Space Economy Leaders' Meeting (SELM) – was hosted in Bengaluru on July 6 and 7.**
- ✓ This is the first face-to-face SELM under the G20 umbrella, with the previous meetings organised in virtual and hybrid formats.



- ✓ The meeting was held under the theme 'Towards a New Space ERA (Economy, Responsibility, Alliance)'
- ✓ The Department of Space (DoS) organised the event in association with the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro), NSIL, Isro's commercial arm, and IN-SPACE.
- ✓ The event had participants from heads of national space agencies, space industry leaders from the G20 and guest countries, and representatives of intergovernmental agencies.
- ✓ The heads of national space agencies from 18 of the G20 countries and nine of the 11 invited members have participated in the two-day meet

DEFENCE

- **The seventh edition of the bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2023 (JIMEX 23) hosted by the Indian Navy - is being conducted at Visakhapatnam from July 5-10.**



- ✓ This edition marks the 11th anniversary of JIMEX, since its inception in 2012
- ✓ Indian Naval ships under the command of Rear Admiral Gurcharan Singh, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet are participating in the exercise.
- ✓ The harbour phase of the ongoing JIMEX 23, which included various joint activities and fruitful engagements between the two navies, concluded on July 7

- ✓ Units from Indian Navy and Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) are engaged in the Sea Phase which is now being conducted in the Bay of Bengal
- ✓ During the exercise, the two navies will jointly develop their warfighting skills at sea and enhance their interoperability through complex multi-discipline operations in the surface, sub-surface & air domains

SPORTS

- **India's Priyansh - became the under-21 world champion in compound archery in the ongoing World Archery Youth Championships in Limerick, Ireland on July 8**



- ✓ This is the first time that two individual players won medals at one edition of the World Archery Youth Championships
- ✓ Aditi Swami, another compound archer, was crowned the U18 world champion on July 8
 - ✓ Aditi's triumph also marks the first time an Indian female compound archer has secured a medal in the history of the World Youth Championships.
 - ✓ Her achievements extend beyond the youth championships, as she also won an individual silver medal at the Asia Cup Leg 3 in Sharjah last year.
- ✓ This was Priyansh's second gold of the event after winning in the U21 compound mixed category earlier.
- ✓ Priyansh is the fifth Indian archer after Palton Hansda (2006), Deepika Kumari (2009, 2011), Komalika Bari (2019, 2021) and Aditi Swami (2023) - to win an individual medal in the history of the World Archery Youth Championships.
- **Ace midfielder Lallianzuala Chhangte and forward Manisha Kalyan - were named the AIFF Men's and Women's Footballer of the Year for 2022-23**
- ✓ The 26-year-old Mizoram player Chhangte featured in 12 matches during the international season for India, scoring two goals and providing one assist in the 2022-23 season.
 - ✓ He beat national team-mates Nandhakumar Sekar and Naorem Mahesh Singh to the coveted award.

- ✓ Chhangte played in 22 matches during Mumbai City FC's ISL Winners' Shield-winning campaign last season and scored 10 goals while providing six assists.



- ✓ He also scored seven goals in seven matches in the Durand Cup last season, while also netting one goal in three games in the Super Cup.
- ✓ Chhangte becomes only the second player from Mizoram, after Jeje Lalpekhlua in 2016, to be chosen for the men's Player of the Year award.
- ✓ The 21-year-old Punjab forward, Manisha, who plays for Cypriot first division club Apollon Ladies, beat Dalima Chhibber and Ngangbam Sweety Devi for the award.
 - ✓ She had earlier won the 2020-21 AIFF Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year.
- ✓ The Men's Coach of the Year award went to former India player Clifford Miranda, who guided Odisha FC to Super Cup triumph and also AFC Cup qualification
- ✓ Priya Parathi Valappil, the former Indian international and the current head coach of the India women's U17 team, has been voted as the AIFF Women's Coach of the Year.
- ✓ Mumbai City FC player Akash Mishra and India U-17 team member Shilji Shaji were named Men's and Women's Emerging Players of the Year.
 - ✓ Mishra now joins Sandesh Jhingan and Pritam Kotal as the third defender to receive this prestigious award.
- ✓ The best players and coaches of the 2022-23 season were picked by eminent former players, including ex-captains Shabbir Ali, IM Vijayan and Bhaichung Bhutia.
- **Former world No. 1 and seven-time Grand Slam champion Justine Henin - has been honoured with the Philippe Chatrier Award, the highest recognition from the International Tennis Federation (ITF).**
 - ✓ The Belgian star was presented with the award at the ITF World Champions Awards in London on Saturday, July 8.
 - ✓ Henin joins a distinguished list of past winners that includes Billie Jean King, Martina Navratilova, John McEnroe, and Neale Fraser

- ✓ Henin won seven Grand Slam singles titles, an Olympic gold medal, and was part of Belgium's team that won the Fed Cup now called the Billie Jean King Cup in 2001.



- ✓ The award, named after the former ITF president, was introduced in 1996 and recognizes people who have made significant contributions to the sport on and off the court.
- ✓ The 41-year-old Henin has established a successful academy in Belgium and a charitable foundation that helps provide sporting opportunities for children with disabilities
- ✓ She has also worked as a commentator and ambassador for various events and causes.
- ✓ Henin won the French Open four times, the U.S. Open twice and the Australian Open once.
- ✓ She was a two-time runner-up at Wimbledon and won Olympic gold at the 2004 Athens Games.
- ✓ Henin reached the No. 1 ranking for the first time in 2003 and held it for a total of 117 weeks.
- ✓ She retired from the sport in 2008, briefly returned in 2010 and then retired for good in 2011 due to injuries.

