



FIVE **RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-august**

TAMIL NADU

- **On July 31, the Tamil Nadu Police - received its coveted 'President's Colours' at a customary ceremony held at Rajarathinam stadium in Egmore.**
- ✓ Vice-President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu presented the prestigious 'President's Colours' for the Tamil Nadu police to chief minister M K Stalin.



- ✓ The President's Colours is one of the greatest honours, bestowed in recognition of exceptional service to the nation.
- ✓ It is also known as "Nishaan" which is an emblem that is worn by all unit officers on the left-hand sleeve of their uniform.
- ✓ The replica of the special flag would be worn as insignia on the uniform of the police personnel
- ✓ This is likely to be distributed in a few days' time to police personnel across the state.
- ✓ Though the 'President's Colours' for the Tamil Nadu Police was approved as early as on August 19, 2009, when late leader M Karunanidhi was the chief minister, it was not ceremonially accorded then.

- ✓ Later, Vice President Venkaiah Naidu also released a special postal cover to mark the presentation.
- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin announced that a medal would be awarded to every police personnel in the force to mark the feat.
- ✓ During his speech, CM Stalin recalled that it was under the chief ministership of late leader M Karunanidhi that women police personnel were inducted into the force in 1973, a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country.
- ✓ DGP C Sylendra Babu and Police Commissioner Shankar Jiwal also spoke at the event.

NATIONAL

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - has called upon all citizens to turn the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign into a mass movement in his monthly radio address 'Mann ki Baat' on July 31**



- ✓ He urged the citizens to hoist or display the national flag at their homes and use the tricolour as the display picture of their social media accounts to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's independence
- ✓ As a part of the 75th year of independence, a special movement — 'Har Ghar Tiranga' — is being organised from August 2 to August 15
- ✓ The birth anniversary of Pingali Venkayya, who had designed the Indian flag, is August 2.
- ✓ According to the PM, updating social media profiles with the tricolour will also be a mark of respect to Venkayya.
- ✓ The PM also talked about Madam Cama (Bhikaji Rustam Cama), who played a key role in shaping the tricolor.
- ✓ He said India is set to witness a glorious and historic moment as it completes 75 years of Independence.
- ✓ The 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations began on March 12, 2021 as a 75-week countdown to India's 75th anniversary of independence.

APPOINTMENTS

- On July 31, the Union home ministry - appointed 1988-batch Tamil Nadu cadre IPS officer Sanjay Arora as the new police commissioner of Delhi.
- ✓ Arora, who is currently serving as the chief of India Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), will take charge on August 1.
- ✓ He will replace 1984-batch officer Rakesh Asthana, who retired on July 31 after completing his one-year stint.

GALLANTRY MEDAL FOR VEERAPPAN CRACKDOWN

<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sanjay Arora will replace Rakesh Asthana, who retired on Sunday➤ 1988-batch TN cadre IPS officer is currently serving as ITBP chief➤ Arora has also served in crucial positions in the mid and top levels of organisations like CRPF and BSF➤ Received gallantry medal	 <p>SANJAY ARORA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">for the crackdown on the Veerappan syndicate➤ After NSG training, he had a key role in forming SSG to provide security to TN CM during heydays of LTTE activity➤ Originally from Rajasthan, Arora has a bachelor's degree in electrical and electronics engineering from Jaipur
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- ✓ Considered an upright officer with impeccable integrity, Arora had received the CM's Gallantry Medal for Bravery and Heroic Action for his crackdown on forest bandit Veerappan's syndicate.
 - ✓ He was superintendent of police (SP), Special Task Force, where he achieved significant success against the Veerappan gang
- ✓ Arora also has extensive experience in ground-level policing, having served as the superintendent of police in various districts of Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ He is also well-versed with urban policing with stints as the commissioner of police, Coimbatore city, from 2002 to 2004.
- ✓ Arora also led Chennai city police as additional commissioner (crime & headquarters) and additional commissioner (traffic).
- ✓ After Asthana, who was from Gujarat cadre, this is the second straight time that the central government has gone for an "outsider" - an officer not belonging to the parent AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territories) cadre for the post of Delhi top cop.
- ✓ This is rare because Ajay Raj Sharma from UP cadre was posted as Delhi police commissioner in 1999 and the experiment was not repeated till Asthana's appointment.
- ✓ Arora was posted to Delhi Police on an inter-cadre deputation from his parent Tamil Nadu cadre to the AGMUT cadre.

- ✓ In 1991, Arora, after being trained by NSG, had a pivotal role in forming the Special Security Group (SSG) to provide security to the chief minister of Tamil Nadu during the heydays of LTTE activity.
- ✓ Arora also served as deputy inspector general of police, Villupuram range, and deputy director of vigilance and anti-corruption.
- ✓ He was later appointed ADGP (operations) and ADGP (administration) in Tamil Nadu police.

SPORTS

- **On July 31, Jeremy Lalrinnunga - clinched the second gold medal for India at National Exhibition Center in the Commonwealth Games 2022, Birmingham**



- ✓ Jeremy lifted a total of 300 kg, with 140 kg in snatch, and 160 kg in clean and jerk round.
- ✓ By winning the gold, Jeremy Lalrinnunga smashed two Games records.
- ✓ The 19-year-old from Aizawl bettered the Games snatch (140kg) and overall lift (300kg) record
- ✓ This was India's fifth medal from the weightlifting arena after Mirabai Chanu (gold), Sanket Sargar (silver), Bidyarani Devi (silver) and Gururaj Poojary (bronze)
- ✓ Jeremy, who won the Commonwealth Championships gold at Tashkent in December 2021, was not able to achieve his personal best (141kg snatch, 167kg clean and jerk) in the event
- ✓ Samoa's Vaipava Nevo Ioane took the silver medal with 293kg (127kg and 166kg) while Nigeria's Edidiong Joseph Umoafia clinched the bronze medal with an overall lift of 290kg (130kg and 160kg)
- ✓ Jeremy shot into limelight when he became the first of three Indian athletes to win gold medals at the 2018 Youth Olympics with a total lift of 274kg in the 62kg event
- ✓ Jeremy holds the three National Records – snatch 141kg, clean and jerk 167kg, total 306kg – in 67kg

- ✓ Earlier in the day, Bindyarani Devi bagged a silver medal in the women's 55kg category event
 - ✓ The 23-year-old Bindyarani Devi created a Games record by lifting 116kg in the clean and jerk after a personal best of 86kg in the snatch section, totalling 202 kg
 - ✓ Bindyarani had won the Commonwealth Championships gold in 2019 before getting a silver in the 2021 edition
 - ✓ The gold medal went to Nigeria's Adijat Adenike Olarinoye, who lifted 203kg (92kg+111kg) and also smashed the Games record in snatch and total effort.
- **The sixth edition of Tamil Nadu Premier League - was shared by Chepauk Super Gillies and Kovai Kings after the final was washed out at Coimbatore's SNR College Cricket Ground on July 31**
- ✓ The start was delayed by over two hours with the contest being reduced to a 17-overs-a-side affair.
 - ✓ The Chepauk Super Gillies have come to the finals with a massive victory over Nellai Royal Kings in the first qualifier match.



- ✓ In the eliminator, Lyca Kovai Kings defeated Siachem Madurai Panthers to enter into the qualifiers
- ✓ However, despite finishing first on the league table, Nellai lost both the qualifiers — first against Chepauk and then against Lyca as they failed to make it to the final.
- ✓ Nellai Royal Kings' Sanjay Yadav was adjudged the player of the series for amassing 452 runs in nine innings at a massive average of 90.40 and maintaining a strike rate of 186.78

