



## **FIVE** RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-august

### **TAMIL NADU**

- The Chennai traffic police - have launched the QR code facility at every vehicle checkpoint to facilitate easier payments for traffic violations.



- ✓ Police commissioner Shankar Jiwaj and additional commissioner (traffic) Kapil Kumar C Saratkar launched the facility at the police commissionerate in Vepery on August 4.
- ✓ As part of the initiative, around 300 small handheld QR code cards will be provided to traffic enforcement officers.
- ✓ Traffic violators can scan the QR code from the cards and make the payment through the Paytm App e-Challan page.
- ✓ Users can enter the challan ID and vehicle number and complete the payment using all the pay modes including UPI.
- ✓ Alternatively, 18 QR code standees have been provided at 12 call centres which will call defaulters and inform them about their pending challenges.
- ✓ The call centres have led to improvement of compliance from 21% to 47%.
- ✓ The contactless system of making payments was introduced by the traffic police from March 2018.

# NATIONAL

- On August 4, Chief Justice of India N V Ramana - recommended Justice Uday Umesh Lalit 's name for the post of CJI to the Union government



- ✓ CJI Ramana, who retires on August 26, sent the recommendation letter to Union law minister Kiren Rijiju
- ✓ CJI Ramana personally handed over the copy of his letter of recommendation to Justice Lalit, the most senior judge
- ✓ According to the Memorandum of Procedure, the Law Minister seeks recommendation from the outgoing CJI to nominate his successor.
- ✓ Usually, the recommendation is sought within a month of the retirement of incumbent Chief Justice of India
- ✓ Justice Ramana, the 48th chief justice of India, took over as head of the Indian judiciary from SA Bobde on 24 April, 2021
- ✓ If Justice Lalit is appointed as the CJI, he would be the second in the post to be directly elevated to the Supreme Court Bench from the Bar.
  - ✓ Justice SM Sikri, the 13th CJI, was the first lawyer to be elevated directly to the apex court bench in March 1964.
- ✓ Justice Lalit, who would be sworn in by the President as CJI on August 27, would have a 74-day tenure and retire on November 8.
- ✓ Supreme Court judges retire at the age of 65
- ✓ Justice UU Lalit hails from Maharashtra and was born on November 9, 1957
- ✓ He had enrolled as an advocate in June 1983 and practised in Bombay high court till December 1985
- ✓ In January 1986, he shifted his practice to Delhi in and in April 2004, he was designated as a senior advocate by the Supreme Court of India
- ✓ Son of former Delhi HC judge U R Lalit, he was a preferred amicus curiae by benches of the SC.
- ✓ The SC bench headed by Justice G S Singhvi had appointed Lalit as the special public prosecutor in the 2G spectrum sale scam cases.
- ✓ He was appointed as a judge of the SC on August 13, 2014.

- ✓ As senior advocate, Lalit had earned a name as a criminal law practitioner like his father U R Lalit, who also practised in the SC.
  - ✓ Sr Lalit was an additional judge in the Delhi high court when Indira Gandhi government had imposed the Emergency in 1975.
  - ✓ Justice U U Lalit was part of a five-judge constitution bench that delivered the path-breaking instant 'triple talaq' verdict in August 2017
  - ✓ In another important judgement by Justice Lalit headed bench, the erstwhile royal family of Travancore was accorded the management right over the historic Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Kerala, one of the richest shrines in the country
  - ✓ In 2019, Justice UU Lalit recused from the Ayodhya case as he had appeared for ex-UP CM Kalyan Singh in a case linked to the Babri Demolition.
- **The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022 - has come into effect from August 4, replacing the Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920.**
- ✓ The new act authorises taking measurements of convicts and other persons for the purposes of identification and investigation in criminal matters and to preserve records.
  - ✓ This include finger-impressions, palm-print and foot-print impressions, photographs, iris and retina scan, physical, biological samples and their analysis among others
  - ✓ The act also empowers the National Crime Records Bureau of India to collect, store and preserve the record of measurements for upto 75 years and for sharing, dissemination, destruction and disposal of records.
  - ✓ Under the act, the Police or Prison Officers have been given power to take measurements of any person who resists or refuses to give measurements
  - ✓ The Act was passed in Parliament in April this year

## DEFENCE

- **In a rare feat, five women officers of the Indian Navy - carried out the first independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the North Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier aircraft.**



- ✓ On August 4, the Navy described the mission by the women officers from its 'INAS 314' frontline naval air squadron in Porbandar as "historic".
- ✓ The aircraft was captained by Mission Commander, Lt Commander Aanchal Sharma, and other members of the team are Lt Shivangi and Lt Apurva Gite (both pilots), and tactical and sensor officers, Lt Pooja Panda and Sub Lt Pooja Shekhawat
- ✓ The INAS 314 is a frontline naval air squadron based at Naval Air Enclave, Porbandar, Gujarat and operates the state-of-the-art Dornier 228 maritime reconnaissance aircraft.
- ✓ The squadron is commanded by Cdr SK Goyal, a renowned Navigation Instructor.
- ✓ On 2nd December 2019, Sub Lieutenant (SLt) Shivangi created history by becoming the first woman pilot of the Indian Navy
- ✓ SLt Shivangi flew Pilatus PC 7 MkII, Basic Trainer at AFA and completed Dornier Conversion with the Indian Navy at Kochi.
- ✓ She was commissioned into the Indian Navy in June 2018 as part of her training

## SPORTS

- **India's Tejaswin Shankar - won the bronze medal in the men's high jump final at the Commonwealth Games 2022 on August 3**



- ✓ The 23-year-old won the country's first athletics medal in the men's high jump event with the mark of 2.22m
- ✓ Former world and CWG champion Donald Thomas from the Bahamas was tied with Tejaswin Shankar at 2.22m but the Indian athlete earned the bronze for making fewer fouls
- ✓ Hamish Kerr of New Zealand won the gold while Australia's Brandon Starc clinched the silver.
- ✓ Before Shankar, the best position an Indian had achieved in men's high jump in CWG was by Bhim Singh who cleared 2.06m in the 1970 edition in Edinburgh
- ✓ Shankar had finished sixth in the 2018 Gold Coast edition with a best jump of 2.24m
- ✓ Shankar, who was added in the Indian athletics squad on the orders of Delhi High Court, has a season's best of 2.27m and personal best of 2.29m.

- ✓ At the end of the day, India is ranked at 7<sup>th</sup> place in the overall medals ranking with 5 gold, 6 silver and 7 bronze.

