

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 28, 2022

### TAMIL NADU

- Chief Minister M K Stalin - inaugurated the 81st annual session of the Indian History Congress in Chennai on December 27.



- ✓ During his address, the CM said it will be apt to “rewrite” the history of the Indian subcontinent from the Tamil landscape, considering the recent findings in the excavations
- ✓ The CM was pointing about excavations in Keeladi, Alagankulam, Korkai, Sivagalai, Adichanallur, Kodumanal, Mayiladumparai, and Gangaikondacholapuram.
- ✓ The artefacts found in Keeladi have established that an urban settlement which was literate existed in 600 BCE on the banks of Vaigai near the present-day Madurai
- ✓ The CM added that the paddy remains in big jars found at Sivakalai had been carbon-dated to a period earlier than 1155BCE.
- ✓ The Chief Minister also said the government was constructing a grand museum at Keeladi to showcase over 11,000 artefacts that have been unearthed since 2017.

- ✓ The government is also establishing a museum in Gangaikondacholapuram, once the capital of the famed Chola kingdom, and in Tirunelveli on the Porunai settlements
- ✓ Kesavan Veluthat, chairperson of the history department at Mangalore University, took over as general president of the 81st session of the IHC from Amiya Kumar Bagchi, president of the 80th session
- ✓ Indian History Congress president Kesavan Veluthat and secretary Dr Mahalakshmi Ramakrishnan were among those who participated.
- ✓ The Indian History Congress was established in 1935 as an academy of historians, regulating the standard works of history produced in India.

## STATES

- **On December 27, the Maharashtra Assembly - unanimously passed a resolution to “legally pursue” inclusion of 865 Marathi-speaking villages in Karnataka into the state.**



- ✓ The Karnataka government maintains that not an inch of Karnataka's land needs to be transferred to Maharashtra.
- ✓ The Maharashtra Assembly also condemned the stand taken by Karnataka government as 'anti-Marathi'.
- ✓ Maharashtra, in its resolution, says it will take five cities - Belgaum, Karwar, Nipani, Bidar and Balki and 865 villages.
- ✓ The border dispute between Karnataka and Maharashtra dates back to 1956 when the states were reorganized along linguistic lines as per the States Reorganisation Act.
- ✓ The Maharashtra government has demanded that the border with Karnataka be re-adjusted.
- ✓ The two states had also formed a four member committee to examine the Maharashtra Karnataka border row.
- ✓ The Mahajan Commission submitted its report in August 1967, and recommended that 264 villages should be transferred to Maharashtra, which was formed in 1960.

- ✓ Later, the Maharashtra government even expressed willingness to transfer 260 predominantly Kannada-speaking villages to Karnataka, but the Karnataka government turned down the offer.
- ✓ The two state governments approached the Supreme Court on the issue.

## NATIONAL

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - will flag off the seventh Vande Bharat train on December 30 from Howrah.**



- ✓ This will be the first Vande Bharat train to run in eastern India between Howrah and New Jalpaiguri in West Bengal
- ✓ The Indian Railways will roll out 75 Vande Bharat trains only with chair cars and the rest would have sleeper facilities to facilitate overnight journeys.
- ✓ The railway board has directed the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai to restrict the manufacturing of chair car versions to 75 rakes.
- ✓ Presently, the ICF Chennai has an order for manufacturing 117 Vande Bharat trains out of which six have been rolled out.
- ✓ The six trains run between Varanasi-New Delhi, Katra-New Delhi, Mumbai Central-Gandhinagar, New Delhi - Amb Andaura, Chennai-Mysuru and Bilaspur-Nag
- ✓ The first semi-high-speed Vande Bharat train was launched in 2019 and the latest was flagged off on the Bilaspur-Nagpur route on December 11
- ✓ By August next year, the Railways aims to inaugurate 75 Vande Bharat trains.

## APPOINTMENTS

- **The Cabinet Committee on Appointments - announced 1995 batch UP cadre IAS officer Santosh Kumar Yadav to be the next National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) chief.**
- ✓ His predecessor, Alka Upadhyay, who is presently posted as road transport secretary, had a one-year tenure at the NHAI helm.





- ✓ The details of tenures of NHA chairpersons show that only three chiefs have stayed in the post for more than three years.
- ✓ The appointment rules for chairpersons and members notified on July 24, 2009 say that the chairperson “shall hold office as such for a term of three years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for re-appointment”.

## SPORTS

- **India - will bid for hosting the Olympic Games in 2036**
- ✓ This was announced by Union sports minister Anurag Thakur on December 27
- ✓ A roadmap will be presented before the full members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) during the IOC session in Mumbai in September 2023
- ✓ India was elected to host the IOC (International Olympic Committee) session in 2023, 40 years after it last hosted the event
- ✓ Gujarat’s Ahmedabad will likely be the ‘host city’ with world-class sporting infrastructure available there.
  - ✓ A multi-sport facility named Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Sports Enclave, spread across 236 acres, is already being built at a cost of around Rs 4,600 crore.
  - ✓ The Narendra Modi Stadium in Motera, which has state-of-the-art facilities, is the largest cricket stadium in the world.
- ✓ India has previously hosted the 1951 and 1982 Asian Games and 2010 Commonwealth Games
- ✓ Paris will host the 2024 Olympics, while Los Angeles and Brisbane will host the next two editions in 2028 and 2032 respectively.

