



## **EVE** **RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-july 19,**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- On July 18, Chief Minister MK Stalin - participated at the Tamil Nadu Day celebrations at Kalaivanar Arangam in Chennai via video conferencing



- ✓ State Cabinet ministers, including Durai Murugan, Thangam Thennarasu and M P Swaminathan, and other senior officials participated in the event
- ✓ A special book on Tamil Nadu Day was released and several Tamil scholars were honoured during the event
- ✓ Former Chief Minister CN Annadurai renamed Madras State as 'Tamil Nadu' on July 18, 1967, which was the biggest achievement of the Dravidian model, said the CM
- ✓ During his speech, the CM said that Tamil Nadu contributes 9.22% of the country's GDP, 6% of tax revenue, 8.4% of export revenue, 19.4% of textile exports, 32.5% of car exports, and 33% of leather exports
- ✓ Of the 100 best colleges in India, 32 are in Tamil Nadu, and among the 50 best medical colleges, 11 are in the State, said the CM

- ✓ As part of Tamil Nadu Day celebrations, the archaeology department and Tamil Nadu Survey and Land Records Department at Kalaivanar Arangam presented a photo gallery and a display of excavated items
- ✓ On 31 October 2021, CM Stalin had announced that July 18 would be observed as Tamil Nadu Day against the earlier practice of November 1
- ✓ On 8 July 1967, a resolution was passed in the state Assembly by the then CM Annadurai to rename the then Madras Presidency as Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ Later, the Parliament adopted a law in 1968 and the state got its name on 14 January 1969
- ✓ Tamil Nadu never held state day celebrations until 2019, when the AIADMK government under Edappadi K. Palaniswami named 1 November as Tamil Nadu Day.
- ✓ It was on 1 November, 1956 that the state's reorganisation took place, and some parts of the Madras Presidency were transferred to Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

➤ **The Tamil Nadu government - has decided to hike the power tariff after a gap of eight years**

- ✓ This was announced by Tamil Nadu Electricity Minister V Senthil Balaji on July 18
- ✓ According to the Minister, the tariff revision is a pre-condition for the release of funds under the Distribution System Strengthening (RDSS) scheme and if the tariff is not revised, grants to the tune of Rs 10,793 crore will not be released to Tangedco
- ✓ Further, the Minister said that the Ministry of Power has made a mandatory condition of power sector reforms with tariff revision for the additional borrowing of 0.5% GSDP for the state.

Households (lakhs)	% of consumers	Unlts consumed	Additional pay a month
63.35	26.73	200	₹27.50
36.25	15.30	300	₹72.50
18.82	7.9	400	₹147.50
10.56	4.46	500	₹297.50
3.14	1.32	600	₹155.00
1.96	0.83	700	₹275.00
1.26	0.53	800	₹395.00
0.84	0.35	900	₹565.00

- ✓ The State-run Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd (TANGEDCO) will be filing a tariff revision petition with the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission for its approval

- ✓ The tariff revision comes in the backdrop of increased losses posted by Tangedco to the tune of Rs.1,13,266 crore as on March 31, 2021, up six times from Rs.18,954 crore in 2011-12
- ✓ The total debt of Tangedco stands currently at Rs 1,53,823 crore, up from Rs 43,493 crore in 2011- 12
- ✓ As per the latest guidelines, the 100 units of free supply is being continued for all domestic consumers.
- ✓ However, the consumers were also given an option of voluntarily giving up subsidy for the first free 100 units
- ✓ Among domestic consumers, those who consume up to 200 units of electricity will see their bills go up by Rs 27.50 per month, while those consuming 300 units bi-monthly will see Rs 72.50 hike per month
- ✓ As per DMK's election manifesto, fixed charges of Rs 20 to 50 bi-monthly on domestic consumers have been withdrawn and total of 2.37 crore consumers will be benefitted by the move
- ✓ Further, the subsidy given to hut, agriculture, power loom, handloom sectors, and places of public worship will be continued
- ✓ The power utility has also proposed to allow domestic consumers charge their e-vehicle in their own houses
- ✓ Further, 65 paise per unit rise has been proposed for railways and educational institutions.
- ✓ The powerlooms would continue to get the free power up to 750 units.
- ✓ The tariff was last revised on November 11, 2017

## NATIONAL

- **On July 18, the voting for the presidential poll to choose the country's 15<sup>th</sup> President - ended with 98.90% of the 4,796 MPs and MLAs permitted to vote exercising their franchise**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, former PM Manmohan Singh and Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, MLAs, MPs and all eligible cast their votes at the parliament house





- ✓ The polling was held at 31 locations including the Parliament house and 30 polling stations within state legislative assemblies.
- ✓ Among the two candidates in the election, the NDA's Droupadi Murmu was supported by 44 political parties and has a clear edge over the Opposition's Yashwant Sinha, who is supported by 34 political parties officially.
- ✓ The electoral college, which elects the president through the system of proportional representation, comprises elected MPs and members of the Assemblies
- ✓ Out of 736 electors comprising 727 MPs and nine MLAs permitted by the Election Commission to vote at the Parliament house, 728 (719 MPs and nine MLAs) cast their votes.
- ✓ According to Election Commission, 100% voting registered by MLAs in 10 states and Union Territory of Puducherry.
  - ✓ The ten states included Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, HP, Kerala, Karnataka, MP, Manipur, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu
- ✓ The 8 MPs who abstained for voting include two MPs each from the BJP and Shiv Sena, and one each from the Congress, Shiv Sena, Samajwadi Party, Mayawati's Bahujan Samaj Party and Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM
- ✓ In a first, the EC also allowed Covid-19 positive electors to cast their votes in the last hour of polling or after all the non-Covid electors finished voting.
- ✓ As per EC, a total of two Covid-positive electors cast their vote at the Tamil Nadu Assembly and one Covid-positive MP chose to cast his vote at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- ✓ Two members of the electoral college, MLAs Anant Kumar Singh and Mahendra Hari Dalvi, were not eligible to vote owing to their disqualification under Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1951 subsequent to a court judgment
- ✓ The counting of votes will be held on July 21 and the new President will take oath on July 25, under the schedule announced by the Election Commission
- ✓ In the last presidential poll in 2017, NDA's Ram Nath Kovind won by polling 7,02,044 votes out of a total of 10,69,358 votes, against Meira Kumar of the UPA who polled 3,67,314 votes.
- ✓ As per Article 62 of the Constitution of India, an election to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of office of the outgoing president is required to be completed before the term expires.
- ✓ The term of office of President Ram Nath Kovind ends on July 24, 2022

## COMMITTEES

- **On July 18, the Centre – has notified a committee to make the minimum support price (MSP) more “effective and transparent”**
- ✓ A notification issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare suggest measures to make minimum support price (MSP) available to farmers across the

country, promote natural farming or 'zero-budget' farming, and prepare a comprehensive strategy for crop diversification.

- ✓ The committee will also give suggestions on "practicality to give more autonomy to Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and measures to make it more scientific."
- ✓ The committee, headed by former Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Agrawal, has 26 members including farmer representatives.
- ✓ It will consist of representatives of the Central Government and State Governments, Farmers, Agricultural Scientists and Agricultural Economists
- ✓ Additionally, the Centre has also included representation from premier agricultural universities in the country, including Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu, National Institute of Agricultural Extension, and Jawaharlal Nehru Agricultural University, Jabalpur.
- ✓ However, the committee does not have any representatives of Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), which held the one-year-long agitation at Delhi borders and forced the government to withdraw the farm laws.
- ✓ The constitution of the committee was promised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November 2021 after announcing the repeal of the three farm laws
- ✓ While representatives from Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, Odisha and Karnataka feature on the proposed committee, no representative from Punjab was included.

## ECONOMY

- **Snapdeal - is set to become the first e-commerce marketplace to debut on the government-led Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).**
- ✓ The Delhi NCR-based Snapdeal signed the onboarding agreement to get into ONDC earlier this month
- ✓ The company will launch on the network with three key categories — fashion, home and beauty & personal care.
- ✓ ONDC is an UPI-type platform, being created to take on the might of ecommerce giants such as Flipkart and Amazon
- ✓ According to Snapdeal, the move will connect small & medium sellers with a large and growing online market, especially amongst buyers living outside India's metro cities.
- ✓ The former Flipkart and Amazon rival currently draws more than 86% of its orders from outside the metro cities.

## AWARDS

- **London-based Malayali Nirupama Rajendran - has been nominated for the Emmy awards**
- ✓ The 23-year old Nirupama has bagged a nomination for the 2022 Emmy Awards in the category 'Outstanding Sound Editing for a Nonfiction Or Reality Program (Single or MultiCamera)'



- ✓ She was nominated for her work in the hit Netflix crime documentary 'The Tinder Swindler' which was released in February 2022.
- ✓ This was Nirupama's first major work as an independent sound effects editor
- ✓ Nirupama is currently working at Molinare, a leading post-production company based in London.
- ✓ The Emmy Awards will be announced on September 12, 2022.

## OBITUARY

- **Noted artist Achuthan Kudallur (77 years) - passed away in Chennai on July 18 due to age-related illness**



- ✓ Achuthan Kudallur hailed from Palakkad district of Kerala and had been staying and working in Chennai for the past several decades
- ✓ A civil engineer by training, Achuthan Kudallur was a self-taught abstract artist and a highly respected name in contemporary art circles of south India.
- ✓ Achuthan had resigned from a job with the Tamil Nadu Public Works Department to devote his life to art
- ✓ He conducted solo exhibitions in many parts of the world including at the famous Paris Art gallery.
- ✓ His first solo exhibition was held in 1977 at the Max Mueller Bhavan in Chennai.
- ✓ He was a part of the Madras Art Club, which operated within the Government College of Art, Chennai and later shifted to painting abstracts
- ✓ He has also been part of significant juried and curated group exhibitions, such as Sothebys India sale in London, Homage to Arthur Rimbaud in India and France, and Heart Intuitive Logic Exhibition.

- ✓ In 1991, Achuthan participated in the seventh Triennale in New Delhi and at the third Asian Art Show at Fukuoka, Japan.
- ✓ In 2001, he was appointed the commissioner for the 10th Indian International Triennale.
- ✓ Achuthan is also the recipient of Tamil Nadu Lalit Kala Akademi Award in 1982 and the National Academy Award in 1988

## SPORTS

- **On July 18, Mairaj Khan – created history by becoming the country’s first-ever skeet shooter to clinch a gold medal in men’s event at the ISSF World Cup in Changwon, South Korea.**



- ✓ Earlier, the Aligarh marksman Mairaj became the first Indian skeet shooter to qualify for the Olympics in 2016
  - ✓ In the qualifiers, Mairaj tied at the eighth position with four other shooters, including Tokyo bronze medallist, Abdullah Alrashidi.
  - ✓ In the 40-shot final, the 26-year old UP-based shooter Mairaj scored 37 to beat South Korea’s Kim Minsu (36) and Britain’s Ben Llewelin (26).
  - ✓ Mairaj is the only skeet shooter to have shot in two Olympic Games.
  - ✓ Earlier, he had finished ninth in the Rio Games, and 25th at the Tokyo Olympics.
  - ✓ This is Mairaj’s second World Cup medal after he won silver in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.
  - ✓ In the rifle event, women’s 50m rifle 3Position team comprising Anjum Moudgil, Ashi Chouksey, and Sift Kaur Samra won bronze
- **Veteran sports administrator Narinder Batra - resigned from his positions as the president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and the International Hockey Federation (FIH), as well as the post of member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on July 18.**
  - ✓ Batra cited “personal reasons” for his decision and addressed separately to the Executive Boards (EBs) of the IOA and FIH and to IOC’s president Thomas Bach



- ✓ Batra's surprising decision came on the same day the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed an FIR against him and other top officials of Hockey India in an alleged corruption case.
- ✓ On July 18, searches were conducted at the offices of Hockey India and IOA apart from residential premises of the accused in New Delhi and Jammu which led to recovery of incriminating documents and records.
- ✓ Batra was inducted into the IOC as an India member in 2019 and later went on to become a member of its Olympic Channel Commission.
- ✓ He became president of the FIH in 2016 before reclaiming his second term in May 2021.
- ✓ Batra's IOC membership was linked to his post of IOA's president.
- ✓ Two weeks ago, the two-judge bench of the Delhi High Court restrained Batra from discharging any function as IOA president in a contempt proceeding filed by Olympian and hockey World Cup winner Aslam Sher Khan.
- ✓ This came after the court had, on May 25, removed him as IOA president, ruling his appointment as 'life member' of Hockey India (HI) "unconstitutional and illegitimate" under the sports code.
- ✓ Batra had first become the president of the IOA in 2017 and was eligible to contest for re-election.
- ✓ The election for the new executive council (EC) of IOA has been due since December 14, 2021.

