

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 7, 2022

### TAMIL NADU

- Chief Minister M K Stalin – inaugurated ‘Anaithum Saathiyam,’ a museum of possibilities for the people with disabilities on June 6.



- ✓ Established at a cost of Rs.1 crore, the museum on Kamarajar Salai showcases accessible devices, assistive technologies and a model accessible home.
- ✓ It will help the disabled persons to learn and use assistive devices
- ✓ Further, the museum seeks to raise awareness among the visitors to understand the difficulties of people with disabilities.
- ✓ The CM recollected that it was late chief minister M Karunanidhi, who launched a separate department for the people with disabilities.
- ✓ As per the CM, as many as 37,660 beneficiaries had been given assisted devices worth Rs. 70.8 crore.
- ✓ The CM also introduced a choice-based system for providing assistive devices, where people can choose the devices of their liking, which is the first of its kind initiative in the country.
- ✓ Thirty-six models of five devices, including motorised sewing machines, tricycle, hearing aid etc, were displayed.
- ✓ In the first phase, devices worth Rs. 9.5 crore will help 7,219 beneficiaries.

- ✓ Further, the CM instructed officials to ensure that unique disability identity card, also known as UDID card, is issued to all eligible persons without any delay
- ✓ Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Geetha Jeevan, Chief Secretary V. Irai Anbu and senior officials were also present at the meeting
- **Tamil Nadu government – to soon float tenders to introduce e-ticketing systems for government buses**
  - ✓ This was announced by Tamil Nadu Transport Minister SS Sivasankar on June 6
  - ✓ Earlier, an announcement was made by the Minister in the recent state assembly session that an Automatic Fare Collection System (AFCS) will be introduced in state buses.
  - ✓ The project, funded by German Bank (KfW), will allow passengers to buy travel tap cards, which they can recharge online or at counters in government bus depots/terminals.
  - ✓ Initially, this cashless ticketing system will be introduced at city buses in Chennai, Madurai, and Coimbatore at a cost of Rs. 70 crore.
- **The Greater Chennai Corporation - has begun work for constructing 140 urban health and wellness centres across the city in all the 200 wards.**
  - ✓ These centres will function on parallel with the existing Urban Primary Health Centres.
  - ✓ The UHWCs will be set up at a cost of Rs. 88 crore under Centre's Ayushman Bharat -Comprehensive Primary Health Care scheme.
  - ✓ The GCC might keep the functioning hours of UHWCs from 4pm to night as the UPHCs are functioning from morning 9am to 4pm.
  - ✓ Each UHWC will have five staff, medical doctors, sanitary nurses, multi-purpose health workers, and two hospital workers.
  - ✓ Its services range from providing care in pregnancy, childbirth, neonatal, and infant healthcare services.
  - ✓ The Central government has recently told the states to set a 'Wellness Room' with robust IT set up for creating a health database of patients visiting the UHWC.

## STATES

- **On June 6, the West Bengal cabinet - approved a proposal to replace Governor Jagdeep Dhankar and appoint Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as the Chancellor of all state-run universities**
  - ✓ Further, the cabinet decided to remove the governor from the chancellor's position and replace him with the chief minister in four universities not working as part of the state higher education department
  - ✓ The four universities having CM as the chancellor are West Bengal University of Health Sciences, West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya and North Bengal Agricultural University

- ✓ The change in the private universities will need a change in rules, which only requires that the assembly be informed
- ✓ The Cabinet also approved a proposal to remove the Governor as a Visitor at private universities with the State Education minister replacing him.
- ✓ The state-run universities in West Bengal come under various government departments such as health, agriculture, animal husbandry and minority affairs
- ✓ On May 26, the State cabinet had passed a resolution to remove Governor, and make the CM as the chancellor in his place.
- ✓ The move comes in the backdrop of Governor Jageep Dhankhar's clash with the state government over appointments of vice-chancellors across universities
- ✓ In West Bengal, the Governor is chancellor of 17 universities, including Calcutta University, Jadavpur University, Kalyani University, Rabindra Bharati University, Vidyasagar University, University of Burdwan and North Bengal University, among others
- ✓ In almost all states, the Governor serves as ex-officio chancellor, and in this capacity appoints vice-chancellors of state universities and presides over convocation ceremonies, among other responsibilities.
- ✓ Recently, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra have tried to curtail powers of Governors in appointment of V-Cs of state universities.

## NATIONAL

- **On June 6, Prime Minister Narendra Modi – inaugurated the Iconic Week celebrations of the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Corporate Affair.**
- ✓ During the occasion, the PM unveiled a platform for financial inclusion of a dozen credit-linked government schemes
- ✓ The PM also launched a special series of coins with Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav design that will be visually impaired-friendly.



- ✓ The coins of Re 1, Rs 2, 5, 10 and 20 denominations will have the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) design
- ✓ They are not commemorative coins and will be part of circulation
- ✓ The new special series of coins will be distributed through select branches of banks.

- ✓ Further, the PM also launched the 'Jan Samarth portal', a credit-linked portal of 12 government schemes.
  - ✓ Jan Samarth Portal is the first of its kind platform which directly connects beneficiaries to lenders.
  - ✓ The portal ensures end-to-end coverage of all the linked schemes.
  - ✓ The iconic week is being celebrated as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' (AKAM) from June 6 to 11th, 2022.
- **The National Medical Commission (NMC) - has posted the draft Registered Medical Practitioners (Professional Conduct) Regulations 2022 for comments from the public, experts and stakeholders.**
- ✓ The new draft regulation includes a "Physician's Pledge", which is the Declaration of Geneva as amended in 2017 by the World Medical Association.
  - ✓ The guidelines also included what was called "Brief transliteration of Maharshi Charak shapath".
  - ✓ However, there was no reference to the Hippocratic oath being replaced nor was the shapath being made mandatory in the draft regulation.
  - ✓ Even in the earlier professional conduct regulations of the erstwhile Medical Council of India, there was no mention of the Hippocratic oath.
  - ✓ However, it had a declaration that was an older, shorter and slightly modified version of the Geneva declaration.
  - ✓ The Geneva Declaration is the human rights declaration adopted and adapted by the World Medical Association in 1948 to outline professional duties of physicians and ethical principles of the profession.
  - ✓ It has been amended five times over the last 74 years, the last in 2017, to reflect the changing circumstances and understanding of medical care.
  - ✓ The new pledge includes respect for the autonomy and dignity of patients and the vow to attend to one's own health, well-being and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard.

## DEFENCE

- **On June 6, the defence ministry - gave the initial approval to several military modernisation projects worth Rs.76,390 crore**
- ✓ This includes the construction of eight next-generation corvettes for the Navy.
  - ✓ The eight corvettes will be designed for anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare as well as anti-missile defence operations
  - ✓ They will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 36,000 crore by an Indian shipyard selected through competitive bidding.
  - ✓ The defence acquisitions council (DAC), chaired by defence minister Rajnath Singh, accorded acceptance of necessity (AoNs) for manufacture of Dornier aircraft and Sukhoi-30 MKI aero-engines by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd



- ✓ The DAC also accorded AoNs for procurement of wheeled armoured fighting vehicles with anti-tank guided missiles and weapon-locating radars, rough terrain forklift trucks and bridge-laying tanks, for the Army through indigenous design and development.
  - ✓ Another proposal to get the nod was the 'Digital Coast Guard' project
  - ✓ Under this project, a pan-India secure network for various surface and aviation operations, logistics, finance and human resources processes of the maritime force will be established.
  - ✓ The corvettes, which will take several years to build, will be “versatile platforms” for surveillance missions, escort operations, deterrence, surface action group, search, attack and coastal defence operations.
  - ✓ They will be fully indigenous with all weapons, sensors and machinery developed in India
  - ✓ They will be constructed based on the new in-house design of the Navy using the latest technology of ship building.
- **On May 6, India - conducted a test of the nuclear capable Agni-IV ballistic missile, which has a strike range of 4,000km, as part of a “night user trial in operational configuration” by the strategic forces command (SFC).**



- ✓ The two-stage Agni-IV surface-to-surface missile was flight-tested for its “entire range” from the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, earlier known as Wheeler Island, off the Odisha coast, at about 7. 30 pm.
- ✓ The successful test was part of the routine user training launches carried out under the aegis of the SFC.
- ✓ The launch validated all operational parameters as also the reliability of the system.

## **ECONOMY**

- **The 101 year-old Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) - has received Sebi's nod for its Initial Public Offer (IPO)**



- ✓ Accordingly, the bank will issue 1.58 crore new shares and existing investors will sell 12,505 shares.
- ✓ The bank, which filed its preliminary IPO papers with Sebi in September 2021, obtained its observations on May 30 this year
- ✓ In Sebi's parlance, the observation implies its approval to float IPO.
- ✓ According to the draft papers, the Tuticorin-based bank proposes to utilise the net proceeds from the fresh issue towards augmenting its Tier-I capital base to meet its future capital requirements.
- ✓ TMB offers a wide range of banking and financial services primarily to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), agricultural and retail customers.
- ✓ As of June 30, 2021, the bank had 509 branches, of which 106 branches are in rural, 247 in semi-urban, 80 in urban and 76 in metropolitan centres.
- ✓ It has a customer base of around 4.93 million of which 70% comprises customers who are associated with the bank for more than five years.
- ✓ The bank has 12 regional offices across the country.

