

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 25, 2022**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **The Tamil Nadu government – has proposed to implement Rs.1,763 crore worth projects to promote inclusion, accessibility and opportunity for people with disabilities in all the districts in the next six years.**
- ✓ The government will also extend training programmes to differently-abled people to promote skill development and self-employment.
- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin made the announcements while delivering the inaugural address at the meeting of state-level advisory board for differently-abled people in the secretariat on November 24.
- ✓ The state government has issued a standard operating procedure for early intervention in the case of children below 18 years.
- ✓ The World Bank-funded project would be rolled out shortly in five districts and in a phased manner in other districts
- ✓ It seeks to strengthen social protection systems and capability of the state to support the differently-abled people.
- ✓ Project implementing units would be set up in each district and a team of specialists at the block-level would offer specialised service like speech therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychologist and special educational needs.
- ✓ The chief minister listed out a series of measures taken by his government for the differently-abled persons
- ✓ The measures included hike in monthly assistance to Rs.2,000 from Rs.1,000, benefitting 2.11 lakh people, prioritising differently-abled below poverty line for granting house-site pattas, special fund allocation for those waiting for scholarships and special aid, and hike in remuneration for 1,294 special teachers and trainers working in special schools and primary training centres from Rs.14,000 to Rs.18,000 per month.
- ✓ Further, marriage assistance is extended and free bus ride is provided to the companion of differently-abled people in government buses.

- **On November 23, the Tamil Nadu government - notified 60 villages in Chengalpet and 17 villages near Thirumazhisai for new town development.**
- ✓ The government had earlier announced five satellite towns near Chennai to decongest the city.
- ✓ This is expected to promote planned development in these locations.
- ✓ The planning area boundary for the proposed Chengalpattu New Town, includes 60 villages from Chengalpattu, Thirukzhukundram and Thiruporur Taluk.
- ✓ The area for development of the New Town at Thirumazhisai includes villages such as Thirumazhisai, Neduncheri, Chembarambakkam, Kuthambakkam, Vellavedu and Nazarathpettai.
- ✓ Residents or local authority can submit objections or suggestions if any to the government within two months from the date of notification.

## INTERNATIONAL

- **Former ISI head Lt-General Asim Munir - will be Pakistan's next army chief, succeeding Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa**
- ✓ This was announced by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on November 24
- ✓ The position of army chief is considered the most powerful in the country.
- ✓ The appointment of Munir was ratified by President Arif Alvi

### Munir was ISI chief for just 8 months

Lt-Gen Asim Munir, Pak's new army chief, served the shortest as stint ever as ISI chief as he was replaced within 8 months of appointment in 2019 at the insistence of then PM Imran Khan



- Munir was chief of Pakistan's two most influential intelligence agencies, the ISI & the **Military Intelligence (MI)**
- His **premature removal as ISI chief** was reportedly because Khan was not happy with him since he was believed to have brought the alleged corruption of his wife to his notice
- He was currently serving as army's quartermaster general
- Munir's most senior ranking general after outgoing army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa
- He is **Pak's 17th army chief** since it declared independence in 1947. In comparison, the country has seen 30 PMs during the same period

- ✓ Munir takes over after Bajwa's retirement on November 29.
- ✓ Bajwa headed the army for six years — double the tenure typically reserved for the post.
- ✓ Former PM, Imran had removed Munir as ISI chief when he was PM.
- ✓ Munir is currently posted at the army HQ in Rawalpindi as quartermaster general in-charge of supplies for the entire military.

- **On November 23, the UN General Assembly - unanimously adopted a resolution that calls for developing an international tax co-operation**

framework or instrument that is agreed upon through a UN intergovernmental process.

**LIKELY TO END OECD'S 60-YEAR REIGN**

<p>&gt; An Oct 2021 initiative by the 38-country OECD resulted in 136 countries <b>agreeing on a 'Two-Pillar Solution'</b></p> <p>&gt; <b>'Pillar One' covered taxation in an e-economy</b> – giving taxing rights &amp; allocation of profits of global giants to countries where the customer base is</p> <p>&gt; In all, <b>taxing rights over \$125bn were to be reissued annually</b> for 100 of world's</p>	<p>most profitable cos to consumer-centric countries</p> <p>&gt; <b>'Pillar Two' sought minimum 15% effective tax rate globally</b></p> <p>&gt; But Indian govt officials point out that <b>several developing countries had a problem</b> with Pillar One framework</p> <p>&gt; They <b>hope for a more fairer allocation under the UN</b>, which many expect to end OECD's 60-yr reign as world's top tax-rule maker</p>
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- ✓ This resolution was submitted for consideration by Nigeria on behalf of a consortium of 54 African countries.
- ✓ The dialogues between countries are expected to begin next year.
- ✓ In addition to dealing with tax issues in a digital economy, discussions are also expected to cover the subject of illicit money flows and solutions to overcome the same.
- ✓ The historic decision is likely to mark beginning of the end of the OECD's (Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development's) 60-year reign as the world's leading rule maker on global tax
- ✓ The aim is to end global tax abuse by multinational enterprises (MNEs) and the super rich.
- ✓ In October 2021, history was made when 136 countries reached an agreement on the 'Two-Pillar Solution' spearheaded by the OECD.
- ✓ From the very inception, India as part of the G20, has been an active participant in the OECD-led discussions.
- ✓ OECD, a group of 38 member countries, had increasingly become more inclusive in its approach with non-members such as India.

## INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **India - rejected the US Commission for International Religious Freedom's (USCIRF) report, which alleged religious freedom is under threat in India**
- ✓ The MEA described the observations made in the report as biased and inaccurate observations about India by USCIRF
- ✓ On November 22, the USCIRF published a report on Religious Freedom Conditions in India
- ✓ The panel reiterated its recommendation from April that the United States government should designate India as a "country of particular concern" for engaging in or tolerating systematic violations of religious freedom

- ✓ They claimed in the report that religious freedom conditions in India remained poor in the year 2022
- ✓ In the 6-page report, USCIRF mentioned the Tek Fog allegation as an example of lack of religious freedom in India.
  - ✓ 'Tek Fog' is a highly sophisticated app utilized by online operatives to hijack major social media and encrypted messaging platforms
- ✓ The commission also mentioned the Karnataka government's ban on wearing the hijab in educational institutions, and protests on the matter
- ✓ It added that the National Register of Citizen process in Assam has aggravated tensions between ethnic Assamese Hindus and Bengali-descent Muslims.
- ✓ The US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) is a Congressional-appointed body, created by the International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA), 1998.
- ✓ It is an independent American government agency that monitors the universal right to freedom of religion and makes policy suggestions to the White House.
- ✓ Its recommendations are, however, not mandatory to be implemented by the US State Department.
- ✓ The US State Department has refused to incorporate the commission's recommendations so far.
- ✓ In July this year, the Indian government had condemned the organisation with strong words after they made similar claims against India in their 2022 annual report.

## SPORTS

- **On November 24, Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo - became the first man to score at five World Cups**



- ✓ He achieved the feat after scoring the opening goal from the penalty spot in Portugal's 3-2 win over Ghana in the FIFA World Cup 2022 being held in Qatar
- ✓ The 37-year-old set the record when he converted his spot-kick in the 65th minute in Doha
- ✓ Ronaldo overtakes Pele and Germans Uwe Seeler and Miroslav Klose, who all scored in four World Cups.



# INTERNATIONAL DAY

## ➤ International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – November 25



- ✓ The day is observed every year to raise awareness about preventing and eliminating violence against women and girls around the world.
- ✓ It also honours the Mirabal sisters who were brutally murdered in the year 1960 by the ruler of the Dominican Republic, Rafael Trujillo
- ✓ This year's campaign is a 16-day initiative starting on International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women and concluding on International Human Rights Day on December 10.
- ✓ Theme 2022 - 'UNITE! Activism to End Violence against Women and Girls.'
- ✓ In 1979, the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).
- ✓ The UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women through resolution 48/104 on 20 December 1993
- ✓ Furthermore, the UNGA adopted resolution 54/134, officially designating November 25 as the International day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on February 7, 2000.

