

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-SEPTEMBER 29,2022

TAMIL NADU

- On September 28, the State government – officially brought into effect the amended Registration Act that empowers the Tamil Nadu registration department to invalidate bogus registrations, impersonations in registration and bogus documents.



- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin inaugurated the amended Act by handing over new orders for the cancelled documents to five rightful owners of properties at the state secretariat
- ✓ Till now, according to the Registration Act of 1908, no officer was empowered to cancel a property registration
- ✓ In September 2021, the state Assembly passed an amendment bill to the Registration Act, 1908 granting power to the Registration Department to invalidate land documents registered using fake documents, forgery and impersonation.
- ✓ The President granted assent to the bill on September 6, 2022.

- ✓ The amendment also provides for initiating criminal proceedings against such registration department officials and parties intentionally registering bogus documents.
- ✓ The registering officials are empowered under Section 77 A of the Act, to cancel registered documents if they are found to have been registered in contravention.
- ✓ The Chief Minister also launched the Tatkal registration scheme, which allows people to register on days considered auspicious and cases requiring urgent registration
- ✓ Tatkal registration facility would be introduced in 100 registering sub registrar offices from September 28
- ✓ People can immediately avail tatkal registration tokens online on payment of Rs 5,000 through the website <https://tnreginet.gov.in>.
- ✓ The government also introduced the facility to make corrections in the marriage certificates for obtaining passport and visa by means of 'online' through the website <https://tnreginet.gov.in>.

NATIONAL

- **On September 28, the government declared the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates, affiliates or fronts as “unlawful association” under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, for five years.**
- ✓ The ban comes days after the National Investigation Agency, Enforcement Directorate and various state/UT police conducted a nationwide, coordinated raids against PFI
- ✓ The PFI was found to be involved in cases relating to alleged terror activities, terror funding, terror training and radicalisation by its leaders and cadre.
- ✓ Hundreds of PFI leaders and cadres have been arrested over the past few days as part of the crackdown ordered by home minister Amit Shah.
- ✓ The eight “associates, affiliates or fronts” of PFI also banned as “unlawful association” are Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organisation (NCHRO), National Women’s Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala.
- ✓ Importantly, PFI’s political arm Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) was not named in the notification as an ‘unlawful association’, as it is a registered political party with being a part of the democratic set-up and owing allegiance to the Constitution.
- ✓ PFI and its associates were banned citing links with terrorist groups like Jamat-ul-Mujahideen, Bangladesh and obtaining funding and ideological support from external sources.
- ✓ The ban on PFI, which has presence in 17 states, and its fronts was recommended by the governments of Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Gujarat.
- ✓ Hours after the ban, PFI announced disbanding of the outfit.

- ✓ The PFI was founded in 2007 after merging the three Muslim organizations – the National Democratic Front (NDF) in Kerala, the Karnataka Forum for Dignity and the Manitha Neethi Pasarai in Tamil Nadu
- ✓ It was created after the Students' Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) was banned by the Indian Government in 2001.
- **On September 28, the Cabinet - approved Rs.10,000 crore for redevelopment of three major railway stations — New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus**
- ✓ The centre will award contracts based on government funding, abandoning the earlier plan to modernise through the public private partnership (PPP) route.
- ✓ Following the Cabinet decision, the modernisation project is targeted to be completed in 2026.
- ✓ The government will redevelop all these stations in the EPC (engineering, planning and construction) mode and the investment will be made from the government budget.
- ✓ The designs for all stations include creation of spacious “roof plazas” above the platforms and tracks with all passenger amenities at one place along with spaces for retail, cafeterias, recreational facilities and play areas for kids
- **On September 28, the government - announced the extension of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) for three more months till December 2022.**
- ✓ This is the eighth phase of the scheme that provides 5kg free foodgrains to nearly 80 crore beneficiaries every month since the first wave of Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020.
- ✓ With the latest extension, the identified beneficiaries will get free foodgrain for 28 months.
- ✓ The decision will put an additional burden of Rs. 44,762 crore on the exchequer, with the overall food subsidy bill this year expected to hit Rs. 3.2 lakh crore.
- **The Archaeological Survey of India - has restarted exploration and documentation work in the Bandhavgarh reserve forest area of Madhya Pradesh**



- ✓ The ASI team will study ancient caves, remains of Buddhist structures, temples, and statues of Vishnu Dashavataras in the Bandhavgarh reserve forest area
- ✓ The last time ancient structures were explored in the reserve forest area of Bandhavgarh was in 1938 when the exercise was led by ASI archaeologist N P Chakravarti.
- ✓ This year, the ASI had conducted an exploration project between May 20 and June 27 under Shivakant Bajpayee, the superintending archaeologist of the Jabalpur Circle
- ✓ During the exploration, they found, among other things, names of cities like Mathura and Kaushambi inscribed in Brahmi script, 26 new temples, 46 new sculptures and several monolithic sculptures of Lord Vishnu that have not been documented before
- ✓ According to the historians, these are believed to date back to the 9th and 10th Century CE.
- ✓ The exploration of nearly 176 sq km of core forest area that was not accessible to the public also led to the discovery of the remains of Buddhist structures predating the Hindu rulers of the region

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **Two South Korean navy ships - arrived at the Chennai Port on a goodwill visit aimed at strengthening bilateral relationship between the two nations**



- ✓ The ships - ROKS Hansando and ROKS Daecheong - are on a friendly visit to Chennai from September 28 to October 1.
- ✓ This is the third visit of ROKN Cruise Training Task Group to Chennai following their earlier visits in 2014 and 2015
- ✓ A total of 470 sailors, including 164 final year cadets of Korean Naval Academy, are on board the naval ships
- ✓ ROKS Hansando, commissioned in 2020, is Korea's first training ship with full capacity of 300 personnel.

- ✓ ROKS Daecheong, commissioned in 1997, is a multipurpose fast combat support ship capable of supplying ammunition, fuel, fresh water, and other logistic support to combat ships in naval operations.
- ✓ The Korean Naval Ships began their 110-days long voyage on September 2, during which they will cover 9 countries and 10 ports around the Indo-Pacific region, including Vietnam, Malaysia, India, Indonesia, PNG, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and the USA.
- ✓ On September 29, they will take part in "We Love Marina" campaign in which they clean up the beach along with Korean community people and local Indian participants.

APPOINTMENTS

- **On September 28, the Centre - appointed Lt-Gen Anil Chauhan, a known China expert who retired as the Eastern Army Command chief in May last year, as the country's next chief of defence staff (CDS).**



- ✓ Chauhan, 61, is currently serving as the military advisor to national security advisor Ajit Doval and the National Security Council Secretariat
- ✓ The critically needed service reforms have largely stalled since India's first CDS Gen Bipin Rawat died in a helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu on December 8 last year.
- ✓ This is the first time a retired three-star officer (Lt-Gen, Air Marshal, Vice Admiral) will return to active service as a four-star officer like the Army, Navy and IAF chiefs.
- ✓ Lt-Gen Chauhan will be the "first among the equals" as the permanent chairman of the chiefs of staff committee.
- ✓ Chauhan, who was commissioned in the 11 Gorkha Rifles in 1981 (Gen Rawat too was from 11 GR), will also serve as the secretary of the department of military affairs in the defence ministry.
- ✓ He will also act as the military advisor to the Nuclear Command Authority chaired by the Prime Minister.

- ✓ In June, the government had tweaked the rules to allow even retired three-star officers to be considered for the CDS post if they were younger than 62 years of age.
- ✓ In a career spanning four decades in the Army, Chauhan had held several command, staff and instrumental appointments, including the crucial DGMO post during the Balakot air strike in February 2019.
- ✓ He was involved in counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir and Northeast India.
- ✓ Lt Gen Chauhan was an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun.
- ✓ In the rank of Major General, he commanded the Infantry Division in Baramulla sector in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✓ When he became Lieutenant General, he commanded a Corps in the North East and later went on to become the Eastern Army Commander in September 2019.
- ✓ After his retirement, he became the Military Advisor in the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) in October 2021.
- ✓ The post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) was created in December 2019.

AWARDS

- **Legendary Hindi actress Asha Parekh - will receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2020 in honour of her exemplary lifetime contribution to Indian Cinema**



- ✓ This was announced by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- ✓ The 68th National Film Awards will be held on 30th September, 2022 in New Delhi and will be presided over by President of India, Droupadi Murmu.
- ✓ Asha Parekh is a renowned film actress, director and producer and an accomplished Indian classical dancer.
- ✓ Starting her career as a child actor she made her debut as lead heroine in the hindi movie 'Dil Deke Dekho' and has gone on to act in over 95 movies
- ✓ Parekh was awarded the Padma Shri in 1992 and has also served as the head of Central Board of Film Certification from 1998 to 2001

- ✓ The jury for the 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke award consisted of five members – singer Asha Bhosle, actor-MP Hema Malini, actor Poonam Dhillon, filmmaker T S Nagabharana and singer Udit Narayan.
- ✓ The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is the country's highest award in the field of cinema
- ✓ In 2019, the Award was conferred to veteran actor, Rajinikanth.
- ✓ The award is given in the memory of Dadasaheb Phalke, who is regarded as the 'father of Indian cinema', having made the first Hindi movie, Raja Harishchandra.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ **World Heart Day - September 29**



- ✓ The day is observed every year to to raise awareness about the growing concerns of heart health and cardiovascular diseases
- ✓ Heart disease and stroke are the world's leading causes of death killing 17.9 million people each year and account for 31% of all deaths worldwide
- ✓ Theme 2022 - 'USE HEART FOR EVERY HEART'
- ✓ The president of the World Heart Federation from 1997 to 1999, Antoni Bayés de Luna had devised the idea of World Heart Day
- ✓ The World Heart Federation (WHF) is a non-governmental organisation established in 1972 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✓ The World Heart Federation (WHF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) collaborated to establish this international event on September 29, 1999
- ✓ The first ever World Heart Day was observed on September 24, 2000
- ✓ Until 2011, it was celebrated on the final Sunday in September and later it was decided to observe the day on September 29.

➤ **International Day for Universal Access to Information - September 28**

- ✓ This day aims to support the idea that everyone has the right to seek, receive, and distribute information
- ✓ On November 17, 2015, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared that International Day for Universal Access to Information will be observed on September 28



- ✓ Further, the UN General Assembly also decided to declare September 28 as the International Day for Universal Access of Information (IDUAI).
- ✓ The theme of the Global Conference in 2022 is “Artificial Intelligence, e-Governance and Access to Information”, which is set to take place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

