

RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS - september

TAMIL NADU

➤ The National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) of IIT Madras - has launched 'Tamil Vazhi Payirchi,' a remediation programme for children with dyslexia studying in Tamil medium



- ✓ The initiative has been launched in association with the Madras Dyslexia Association (MDA) on September 2, 2022
- ✓ To be offered free of cost online, the programme was launched by IIT Madras director Prof V Kamakoti and MDA president D Chandrasekhar.

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- ➤ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to visit Mongolia and Japan this week to further expand bilateral defence and strategic ties
- ✓ Singh will be in Mongolia from September 5 to 7 to hold talks with his counterpart Lt General Saikhanbayar
- ✓ This will be the first-ever visit by an Indian defence minister to Mongolia.
- ✓ In Japan on September 8-9, Singh will join foreign minister S Jaishankar for the 'two-plus-two' defence and foreign ministerial dialogue with their counterparts Yasukazu Hamada and Yoshimasa Hayashi.



- ✓ The 'two-plus-two' dialogue seeks to further enhance bilateral cooperation in defence and security as well as review the developments in the Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's continuing aggression in the region.
- ➤ Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will begin her four-day visit to India on September 5.



- ✓ The bilateral talks on the next day will see Hasina having her 13th meeting with PM Narendra Modi since 2015
- ✓ The two leaders will review bilateral cooperation in a range of areas including security, defence trade and commerce, power & energy, transport and connectivity, science and technology, rivers and maritime affairs
- ✓ PM Hasina thanked India for its help during the pandemic and also for evacuating Bangladesh nationals from Ukraine.

PERSONALITIES

- ➤ Former Kerala health minister and CPM's central committee member, K K Shailaja -rejects Magsaysay award following her party's diktat
- ✓ The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation had picked K K Shailaja for the 64th Magsaysay award a few weeks ago
- ✓ Shailaja had played a stellar role as health minister, initially during the Nipah outbreak and later during the Covid pandemic.



✓ According to CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury, the party leadership had rejected an award in the name of Ramon Magsaysay, a 'known oppressor' of Communists in the Philippines.

OBITUARY

➤ Former chairman of Tata group, Cyrus Mistry - was killed in a road accident in Palghar near Mumbai on September 4, 2022



- ✓ Mistry, 54, was returning to Mumbai from Gujarat's Udwada in his Mercedes Benz GLC that crashed on a divider
- ✓ Besides Mistry, three other persons were travelling in the fateful car renowned Mumbai gynaecologist Dr Anahita Pandole, her husband Darius Pandole and his brother Jehangir Pandole
- ✓ Jehangir Pandole is the other person who died in the accident that took place on Charoti bridge over the River Saryu, 110 km from Mumbai
- ✓ Jehangir Pandole was a director at London office of KPMG Global Strategy Group
- ✓ Darius Pandole (60) is the MD and CEO of JM Financial Private Equity, a former independent director of the Tata Group of companies on the board of Tata Global Beverages Limited and was once an Indian junior national squash champion
- ✓ Darius and Jehangir Pandole's family owned Dukes, the 100-year old popular soft drinks company from Mumbai which was eventually sold to PepsiCo in 1995
- ✓ Anahita Pandole is also a tree activist, who had filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the High Court on illegal hoardings across Mumbai

- ✓ Cyrus Mistry and the Pandoles had visited the Iranshah Atash Behram at Udvada on the morning of September 4, which is first of the eight fire temples of the Zoroastrian religion in the country.
- ✓ Behram Roj, according to the Parsi Zoroastrian calendar, was observed on September 4, during which many devout Parsis visit their most revered fire temple in Udvada
- ✓ Dinshaw Pandole, the father of Jehangir and Darius, had died last week, on August 29
- ✓ This is the latest blow for the Mistry family whose patriarch, Pallonji Mistry Cyrus's father died in June at the age of 93
- ✓ Pallonji Mistry is the owner of Shapoorji Pallonji Group, which is the biggest stakeholder in the Tata group
- ✓ Pallonji Mistry built some of post-independence Mumbai's best-known buildings like the RBI, the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, the Homi Bhabha Auditorium among others
- ✓ Mistry, who was the sixth chairman of Tata Sons, was ousted as Tata Sons chairman on October 24, 2016, and was also removed as a director on the board of the holding company on February 6, 2017
- ✓ He had taken over as the chairman in December 2012 after Ratan Tata announced his retirement

SPORTS

- ➤ Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram won the 22nd Dubai Open on September 4 after drawing his final round against compatriot R Praggnanandhaa.
- ✓ Aravindh finished the tournament with 7. 5 points from 9 rounds.
- ✓ Alexandr Predke, the top seed, finished runner-up on 7 points after a five-way tie for the second spot, while Praggu took the third spot
- ✓ The 22-year old Aravindh remained unbeaten in the competition --notching up 6 wins and 3 draws.

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL DAY

National Teachers Day - September 5



- ✓ Teachers' Day is observed in honour of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the greatest teacher and scholar of the country
- ✓ It marks the birthday of Dr S Radhakrishnan, the country's first Vice President (1952–1962) who went on to become the second President of India (1962-1967), a scholar, philosopher, Bharat Ratna awardee, a highly-respected teacher and prolific statesman
- ✓ The first Teachers' Day was celebrated on September 5, 1962 on his 77th birthday.
- ✓ Born on September 5, 1888 at Tiruttani in Tamil Nadu, Radhakrishnan possessed a master's degree in Philosophy and authored the book 'The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore' in 1917.
- ✓ He joined Voorhees College in Vellore but later moved to the Madras Christian College at the age of 17.
- ✓ He also served as the Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University from 1931 to 1936 and the Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in 1939, succeeding Madan Mohan Malviya.
- ✓ Dr Radhakrishnan used to teach Philosophy at the Madras Presidency College, University of Mysore, University of Calcutta, the University of Chicago and also the University of Oxford.
- ✓ He was knighted in 1931 and since then till the attainment of Independence, he was addressed as Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- ✓ In 1936, he was named as Spalding Professor of Eastern Religions and Ethics at the University of Oxford
- ✓ He was elected to the Constituent Assembly in 1946 and served as ambassador to UNESCO from 1946 to 1952 and later to Moscow.
- ✓ Dr Radhakrishnan secured a Master's degree in Philosophy and followed Advaita Vedanta, a spiritual discipline about cosmic non-duality/monism.
- ✓ He also identified with the philosophies of another great educator of India, Rabindranath Tagore, who created the school Shantiniketan.
- ✓ He has been nominated for the Nobel Prize a total of 27 times and these included multiple nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize and Nobel Prize for Literature
- ✓ Radhakrishnan was among the recipients of the first Bharat Ratna the highest civilian award in India in 1954, along with C Rajagopalachari and CV Raman He was admitted as an honorary member of the British Royal Order of Merit in 1963
- ✓ He has authored a book named An Idealist View of Life, which contains the
 Hibbert Lecture that he gave at Manchester College in 1929
- ✓ The theme for World Teacher's Day 2022 is- Leading in crisis, reimaging the future.
- ✓ To encourage and appreciate the teachers, every year on September 5, the President of India awards 'National Teacher Awards' to the extraordinary teachers
- ✓ On this occasion, Environment Ministry launched Prakarti khoj, an environment awareness 'online' quiz competition conducted at national level.

- ✓ Globally, the world celebrates Teachers' Day on October 5
- ➤ International Day of Charity September 5



- ✓ International Day of Charity is observed on September 5th to commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa
- ✓ The International Day of Charity was officially declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012.
- ✓ The day was established to raise awareness and promote charitable work around the world
- ✓ This day also got the support of the Hungarian Civil society with the support of the Hungarian parliament and government.
- ✓ Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 "for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitute a threat to peace."
- ✓ Mother Teresa, the renowned nun and missionary, was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910 in Greece's Macedonia
- ✓ In 1928, she went to India, where she devoted herself to helping the destitute.
- ✓ In 1948, she became an Indian citizen and founded the order of Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata (Calcutta) in 1950, which became noted for its work among the poor and the dying in that city.
- ✓ Mother Teresa died on September 5th, 1997, at 87 years of age.

