

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 24, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **On May 23, Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin - left for Singapore and Japan to invite investors to the global investors meet (GIM) to be held in January next year.**



- ✓ During his nine-day tour, the chief minister would participate in investors' meet in Singapore and Japan and meet ministers and industrialists in both the countries.
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government would also sign MoUs in Singapore in the presence of CM Stalin.
- ✓ The Chief Minister was accompanied by officials of the industries department.
- ✓ Industries minister T R B Rajaa, who left for Singapore ahead of the CM, welcomed him at the Singapore airport.
- ✓ This is the CM's second visit to foreign countries after assuming office to attract investments.
- ✓ He visited the UAE in March last where MoUs worth more than Rs.6,000 crore were signed by the state government.

STATES

- **On May 23, the Odisha government - decided to ban carrying and offering ganja, or marijuana, to the presiding deity in Shiva shrines across the state.**

- ✓ The decision was conveyed by the Odia language, literature and culture department
- ✓ On April 13, a religious body, Ananta Balia Trust's founder Biswapremi Balia, popularly known as Baba Balia, had appealed to the government to ban ganja as its use in the shrines was hugely impacting temple environment.
- ✓ In various ritual forms, a little quantity of ganja is kept aside to be offered to Lord Shiva, apart from other offerings.

NATIONAL

- **The Union Public Service Commission - announced the result of the Civil Services Examination 2022 on May 23.**

IT WAS THIRD TIME LUCKY FOR NO. 1

<p>➤ Ishita Kishore of Greater Noida, who graduated in Economics (Hons) from Shri Ram College of Commerce topped UPSC in her third attempt</p>	<p>➤ For Uma Harathi of Hyderabad, who came 3rd, this was her fifth attempt. She is a BTech from IIT-Hyderabad</p>
<p>➤ Garima Lohia, from Buxar in Bihar, is a commerce grad from Kirori Mal. She bagged 2nd spot in her 2nd attempt</p>	<p>➤ Smriti Mishra of Noida, who graduated in Economics (Hons) from Shri Ram College of Commerce, topped UPSC in her 2nd attempt.</p>
<p>➤ In all, 933 candidates – 613 men and 320 women – have qualified in the civil services examination 2022</p>	

- ✓ Notably, the top four positions and 12 of the top 20 slots were secured by women candidates.
- ✓ Delhi University graduates Ishita Kishore from Greater Noida in UP, Garima Lohia from Buxar, Bihar and Smriti Mishra from Noida bagged all-India ranks 1, 2 and 4 respectively, while IIT alumna Uma Harathi N of Hyderabad took the third spot.
- ✓ A total of 933 candidates - 613 men and 320 women - have been recommended for appointment to various administrative services.
- ✓ Out of these 345 are from general category, 99 from Economically Weaker Sections, 263 from Other Backward Classes, 154 Scheduled Caste and 72 from the Scheduled Tribes.
- ✓ The top 25 successful candidates consisted of 14 women and 11 men, with diverse educational backgrounds ranging from engineering, humanities, science, commerce, and medical science.
- ✓ Additionally, among the recommended candidates, 41 had benchmark disabilities, including orthopedically handicapped, visually challenged, hearing impaired, and multiple disabilities.
- ✓ **Gee Gee A.S., 22, of Kolathur, secured All India Rank 107 and Tamil Nadu rank one in the Civil Services Examination 2022.**

- ✓ She has cleared it in her first attempt, choosing Tamil literature as the optional paper in the main exam.



- ✓ R Ramakrishnasamy of Thiruvengadam in Tenkasi came second in the state securing 117th rank
- ✓ Likewise, G Ashwini from Tiruvarur has secured 229 at all India level, while KR Harini from Krishnagiri got 289th place.
- ✓ Out of 933 successful candidates, only 42 students (4.5%) are from the state and none from the state managed to figure in the top 100 rank list.
- ✓ In 2014, of the 1,126 candidates who cleared the exam, 119 (11%) were from Tamil Nadu, and since then there has been a steady decline in the performance.
- ✓ Last year, out of 27 students chosen from Tamil Nadu, Swathi Sree T from Coimbatore emerged as state topper with all India 42nd rank
- ✓ To financially help the civil service aspirants, the Tamil Nadu government has launched a scheme to support 1,000 aspirants with a monthly stipend of Rs.7,500.
- ✓ Among them who clear the preliminary exam will get a lumpsum amount of Rs.25,000.
- ✓ The UPSC CSE preliminary exam was conducted on 5 June 2022 and the results of the examination were declared on 22 June.
- ✓ The UPSC Mains examination was conducted from 16 to 25 September and the results were declared on December 6, while the interviews were held from April to mid May.
- ✓ The civil services examination is conducted annually in three stages – prelims, main and interview (personality test) – to select officers of the Indian Administrative Service, Indian Foreign Service, Indian Police Service and others.
- **Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing (eVTOL) aircraft maker, The ePlane Company - has received Design Organisation Approval (DOA) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).**
- ✓ With this, ePlane becomes the first Indian electric aircraft maker to obtain this approval
- ✓ The approval makes the concept of electric air taxis to ferry passengers and cargo a reality by 2024.

- ✓ The DOA is the first step in the aircraft certification process, and it paves the way for ePlane to begin commercial production of its e200 eVTOL aircraft.
- ✓ The e200 taxi is a piloted vehicle that takes off like a drone and flies like a plane, and is a two-seater aircraft that is designed to operate in urban spaces.
- ✓ With a travel range of 200 km, it can make multiple stops on a single charge.
- ✓ ePlane recently also successfully conducted flight tests of its product e50, a drone with eVTOL capabilities.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **In a rare conjunction, three celestial bodies - Moon, Mars and Venus - will come together in the skies above Earth on May 24**



- ✓ The Moon, Mars and Venus will form a rare alignment, though not in straight line, in the skies.
- ✓ While the three bodies will not be in a straight alignment, the Moon and Venus will be in the same right ascension making a close approach, which is technically called an 'appulse'.
- ✓ Planetary conjunction takes place when two or more planets in our solar system appear to be in close proximity to each other when observed from Earth.
- ✓ During a conjunction, two planets align in such a way that their positions in their respective orbits appear close together when viewed from Earth.
- ✓ Although the planets are not physically close to one another in space, their positions in their respective orbits create the illusion of proximity when viewed from Earth during conjunction

SPORTS

- **India - bagged two senior individual medals for the first time in women's skeet at an ISSF World Cup in Almaty on May 23**
- ✓ Ganemat Sekhon won silver while Darshna Rathore claimed bronze during the day.



- ✓ It was Ganemat's second individual world cup medal and a first-ever for Darshna who appeared in her maiden senior final.



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