

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 19, 2023

### TAMIL NADU

- Chief Minister M K Stalin – has announced that Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar will inaugurate the ‘Kalaingar Kottam’, a memorial for late DMK patriarch M Karunanidhi, in Tiruvarur on June 20.
- ✓ Bihar deputy chief minister Tejaswi Yadav would inaugurate the ‘Muthuvelar library’, while CM Stalin would unveil a statue of Dr. M. Karunanidhi at the event, coinciding with the former Chief Minister’s centenary celebrations.
- ✓ According to CM Stalin, the inaugural ceremony of Kalaingar Kottam would be marked by several cultural events.
- A water conservation project taken up at Kadavur village in the Karur district - has won the second prize in the National Water Award 2022 under the best village panchayat category.



- ✓ Collector T Prabhushankar received the award from Union Jal Shakti minister Gandedra Singh Shekhawat in New Delhi on June 17.
- ✓ Kadavur, surrounded by hillocks on three sides, had faced severe scarcity of water till now.

- ✓ Further, unchecked soil erosion in the area reduced water recharge and retention capacity of subsoil.
- ✓ Besides, the water table depleted at a quick rate and caused severe water shortage in the village due to poor rainfall.
- ✓ The innovative science-based water conservation model made immediate impact, as the water table went up three times and soil erosion has also been checked.

## STATES

- **The World Bank - has approved a \$150 million loan to support the Resilient Kerala Program**
- ✓ The funding will be used to strengthen the state's preparedness against natural disasters, climate change impacts, and disease outbreaks.
- ✓ This financing adds to the World Bank's earlier investment of \$125 million
- ✓ The overall support of the two projects would protect nearly 5 million people from the impacts of floods.
- ✓ The project will focus on addressing coastal erosion along vulnerable areas of the state by building a shoreline management plan
- ✓ After the devastating floods and landslides of 2018, the World Bank had invested in building Kerala's capabilities to prevent the loss of lives, assets, and livelihoods.

## NATIONAL

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - addressed the 102<sup>nd</sup> edition of his monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat on June 18**



- ✓ Mann Ki Baat was aired a week earlier this month because of the Prime Minister's scheduled visit to the United States from June 21 to 24.
- ✓ During his address, the PM said India has set a target of eradicating tuberculosis (TB) by 2025 and 'Ni-kshay Mitra' has taken charge of this movement against the disease.
  - ✓ The Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (Ni-kshay Mitra Initiative) has been implemented by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

- ✓ The PM also spoke about Emergency, imposed on June 25, 1975, which was a dark era in the country's history when atrocities were committed on those supporting democracy.
- ✓ Further, the PM also congratulated India's women's junior hockey team for lifting their maiden Women's Junior Asia Cup in Kakamigahara, Gifu Prefecture, Japan.
- ✓ He also praised Shrishankar Murali, who has won a bronze for the country in a prestigious event like the Paris Diamond League and the success achieved by Under-17 women wrestling team in Kyrgyzstan
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the people of Kutch for facing Cyclone Biparjoy with 'full courage and preparedness'
- ✓ Highlighting water conservation, the PM mentioned the efforts being made by people like Tulsiram Yadav, the pradhan of Luktara gram panchayat in Banda district of UP, who has built more than 40 ponds in the area
- ✓ He also mentioned about Raafi Ramnath of Kerala, who learnt the Japanese technique of Miyawaki and created a mini forest called 'Vidyavanam' with over 115 varieties of vegetation.
- ✓ The Prime Minister commended the efforts of the residents of Hapur, Uttar Pradesh, in reviving an extinct river and developing its source as an Amrit Sarovar.
- ✓ He also mentioned the canal work of Nilwande Dam in Maharashtra which was completed last month
- ✓ Jammu & Kashmir's Baramulla district also found mention in the PM's radio show as a "symbol of a new white revolution" referring to dairy farming.
- ✓ PM Modi also elaborated on the upcoming Rath Yatra in Odisha on June 20.
- ✓ Highlighting the management skills of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, PM Modi emphasized the lessons to be learned from his governance, including water management and the Navy.
  - ✓ He acknowledged the completion of 350 years since the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, marking an important milestone.
- ✓ PM Modi revealed that the theme for this year's International Yoga Day is "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," emphasizing unity.
- ✓ He announced his participation in a yoga session at the UN Headquarters on the 9th International Day of Yoga, celebrated on June 21.
- ✓ The Mann Ki Baat program, having recently completed its 100th episode, was aired live across the country on April 26 and also broadcasted at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

## **CONFERENCES & SUMMITS**

- **The concluding and fourth meeting of the G20 Tourism Working Group and tourism ministers' - will be held in Goa from June 19 till June 22.**
- ✓ The aim of the meeting is to strengthen economic growth, preserve cultural heritage, and promote sustainable development of the region



- ✓ The two key deliverables of the Tourism Working Group are Goa Roadmap for tourism as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development goals and G20 Tourism Ministers' Declaration.

## DEFENCE

- **The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy - successfully demonstrated the transfer of command and control capabilities of TAPAS unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)**



- ✓ The TAPAS UAV took off from Chitradurga's Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) and flew 285 km and landed successfully on INS Subhadra, a warship situated 148km away from the Karwar naval base.
- ✓ The UAV took off from the ATR and soared to a height of 20,000 feet and flew for three-and-a-half hours non-stop to land on INS Subhadra
- ✓ TAPAS is a Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) drone, which has a flight endurance of 24 to 48 hours and can operate at altitudes of up to 28,000 feet
- ✓ TAPAS was designed and developed by the Aeronautical Development Agency and can be used for patrolling and intelligence gathering for all the three forces.

- ✓ It was developed in response to the ISTAR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition, Tracking, and Reconnaissance) requirements of the tri-services.
- ✓ TAPAS UAV can fly autonomously or be remotely controlled, depending on pre-programmed flight plans, and it can operate in both day and night conditions.
- ✓ It was publicly showcased during its first flight at Aero India 2023 in Bengaluru earlier this year

## AWARDS

- **The Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021 - will be conferred on The Gita Press, Gorakhpur.**



- ✓ The decision was taken by a jury headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ PM Modi said the conferment of Gandhi Peace Prize on Gita Press, on completion of 100 years of its establishment, is recognition of the work done by the institution in community service.
- ✓ The prize recognises The Gita Press’s “outstanding contribution towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violent and other Gandhian methods”.
- ✓ The prestigious prize was instituted by the government of India in 1995 to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi as a tribute to the ideals espoused by him
- ✓ It carries an amount of Rs.1 crore, a citation, a plaque and a traditional handicraft object.
- ✓ Established in 1923, Gita Press is the world’s largest publisher of Hindu religious texts, with 41.7 crore books —16.21 crore of them copies of the Bhagvad Gita — published in 14 languages, to its credit.
- ✓ On its website, Gita Press describes itself as an institution whose “main objective is to promote and spread the principles of Sanatan Dharma, the Hindu religion among the general public by publishing Gita, Ramayana, Upanishads, Puranas, discourses of eminent saints and other character-building books and magazines and marketing them at highly subsidised prices ”.

- ✓ In the institution's 100-year-old history, it has never relied on advertisement in its publications for revenue generation and has not accepted any awards.
- ✓ Gita Press joins the prestigious list of past awardees, including esteemed organizations like ISRO and Ramakrishna Mission

## SPORTS

- **Asian Champions and World No.6 pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty – scripted history by winning their maiden BWF Super 1000 title.**



- ✓ The seventh seeded Indian pair defeated Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik in the final of the men's doubles title at the Indonesian Open in Jakarta on June 18
- ✓ By winning the Indonesian Open, they have also created history by becoming the first-ever Indian pair to win a BWF Super 1000 tournament.
- ✓ With the win at the Super 1000 tournament, they now have a victory each in a Super 300 (Syed Modi), Super 500 (Thailand and India Open), and Super 750 (French Open) tournaments.
- ✓ Apart from this they have also won the gold medals at the Asian Championships, Birmingham Commonwealth Games and the Thomas Cup.
- ✓ Badminton world No. 1 Viktor Axelsen of Denmark clinched his third-consecutive Indonesia Open title on June 18 after defeating Indonesia's Anthony Sinisuka Ginting in straight games
- ✓ The BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour is divided into six levels, namely World Tour Finals, four Super 1000, six Super 750, seven Super 500, and 11 Super 300.
- ✓ One more category of tournament, the BWF Tour Super 100 level, also offers ranking points.  
Each of these tournaments offers different ranking points and prize money.
- ✓ The Super 1000 level provides the highest number of ranking points and offers the most significant prize pool among all the tiers.

- **India - defeated Lebanon in the Intercontinental Cup 2023 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on June 18**



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Odisha announced Rs 1 crore reward for the Indian Football team for winning the coveted Intercontinental Cup 2023.
  - ✓ He also handed over the trophy to the winning team.
  - ✓ Indian Football stars Sunil Chhetri and Lallianzuala Chhangte scored a goal each to give India a decisive edge.
  - ✓ This is India's first win over Lebanon since 1977.
  - ✓ This was also India's 6th consecutive clean sheet equalling a record dating back to 1951-52, under the guidance of Syed Abdul Rahim
  - ✓ The Indian Football team lifted the Intercontinental Cup for the second time.
  - ✓ India also won the inaugural season of the Intercontinental Cup tournament in 2018, with North Korea clinching the cup in 2019.
  - ✓ Sunil Chhetri, is the third-highest goal scorer among active football players, as he has scored 87 goals in 137 appearances.
    - ✓ Only Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo and Argentina's World Cup-winning captain Lionel Messi are ahead of him.
- **India's Abhishek Verma – won the gold medal in the men's compound individual final at the World Cup Stage 3 in Medellin, Columbia.**



- ✓ The 33-year-old Abhishek, winner of the compound team gold and individual silver at the 2014 Incheon Asian Games, defeated James Lutz of USA on June 17.
  - ✓ Abhishek, the multiple World Cup gold medallist, had earlier stunned the world No 1 and top seed Mike Schloesser of the Netherlands to advance to the individual semifinal.
  - ✓ The eighth-seeded Verma then defeated Luccas Abreu of Brazil in the last-four clash, which helped him secure a place in the final.
  - ✓ This is Abhishek's third individual World Cup gold, and his first since the 2021 Paris leg.
  - ✓ He had won his maiden individual World Cup gold in Wroclaw (Poland) in 2015.
  - ✓ He also has two silvers and a bronze in the individual section of the World Cup.
- **Seventeen-year-old Coimbatore girl Dhanyadha JP - became the first Indian to win a 2 km individual pursut silver medal in the junior Asian track cycling championship in Nilai, Malyasia on June 17.**



- ✓ With a timing of 2 min 28 sec, she created a new national record in the 2 km category, breaking the earlier record of 2 min 31 second.
  - ✓ The silver medal also helped her clinch a spot in the Indian team for the youth Commonwealth Games in Trinbago, Port of Spain, from August 4.
  - ✓ Following her progress, Dhanyadha was selected by the SAI for the Olympic Podium 2028 project in 2019.
- **Chief Minister of Goa Dr Pramod Sawant - launched the mascot, named 'Moga', for the upcoming 37th National Games on June 18.**
- ✓ The launch ceremony was held at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium in Taleigao, Goa
  - ✓ It was organized by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs and the Sports Authority of Goa and held on the occasion of the Goa Revolution Day
  - ✓ Sports Minister of Goa, Govind Gaude, President of Indian Olympic Association Dr. P.T Usha and Olympic medalist MC Mary Kom were present in the launch ceremony





✓ Goa will be hosting the upcoming National Games for the first time since 2008.