



## **FVF RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-september**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **On September 19, the state health department - signed an MoU with the state of Meghalaya to facilitate recruitment and training of medical professionals in healthcare services.**



- ✓ The memorandum was signed by health minister Ma Subramanian and his Meghalaya counterpart James P K Sangma at Omandurar Hospital in Chennai
- ✓ This is a first-of-its-kind medical partnership between the two Indian States for collaboration on knowledge sharing, capacity building and improving health service delivery.
- ✓ Under the agreement, health care providers from the State will train doctors and nurses in Meghalaya to run tertiary care maternity centres, called CeMONC (Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CeMONC) Services) centres, Life-saving Anaesthesia Skills and Ultrasonography
- ✓ Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu government said it will work with Meghalaya to procure Indian traditional medicines available there.

# STATES

- **The West Bengal Cabinet - approved a proposal by Adani Ports to set up a deep sea port at Tajpur in Purba Medinipur district.**
  - ✓ The Rs 25,000 crore Greenfield project will provide direct employment opportunities for about 25,000 people and indirect jobs to several thousand people
  - ✓ Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone had emerged as the highest bidder for the proposal in an open auction conducted by the Mamata Banerjee government in March
  - ✓ Apart from Adani Ports, JSW Infrastructure had also put forward its bid.
  - ✓ There would be an investment of Rs 15,000 crore for the port and Rs 10,000 crore for infrastructure development by the Ahmedabad-based conglomerate
  - ✓ The state would play the role of facilitator in the project
  - ✓ Under the project, the state government plans to connect the industrial and economic corridor between Raghunathpur in Purulia district and Dankuni in Hooghly
  - ✓ Upon completion, Tajpur would be Bengal's only greenfield port in half a century since the Haldia Dock Complex was set up in the 1960s.
  - ✓ In December, Gautam Adani had met Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to discuss investment opportunities in the state.
  - ✓ At the Bengal Global Business Summit held in April, the Adani Group had announced that it will invest Rs 10,000 crore in the state over a decade to develop port infrastructure, data centres, undersea cables, centres of excellence in digital innovation, fulfilment facilities, warehouses and logistics parks.
  
- **The Jharkhand Government - recently approved a proposal to grant 77% reservation in the state government jobs for people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, backward classes, OBC and other economically weaker sections.**
  - ✓ The state cabinet, at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren, hiked the OBC reservation to 27% from the present 14%
  - ✓ In the proposed job reservation policy, local people of the SC community will have a quota of 12%, ST 28%, extremely Backward Class 15%, OBC 12%, and economically weaker section barring those from other reserved categories 10%.
  - ✓ Further, the state government also gave its nod to a proposal to use the 1932 land records to determine those who are local inhabitants.
  - ✓ The decision was taken in the backdrop of tribals' demand that the last land survey conducted by the British government in 1932 be used as the basis for defining locals

# NATIONAL

- **After the IAF Day fly-past, the annual Army Day parade - is also being shifted out of Delhi**
  - ✓ The decision has been taken in keeping with the government's directive to take major events out of the national capital region (NCR) to different parts of the country.
  - ✓ The Army Day parade on January 15 next year will be held in the area under the Southern Command, which has its headquarters in Pune.
  - ✓ The cities under the Army's Southern Command range from Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, Secunderabad and Hyderabad to Pune, Jhansi, Bhopal and Ahmedabad.
  - ✓ After the 2023 parade, it is likely to be shifted to some other location in 2024.
  
- **The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) - has added several new features to the "E-Baal Nidan" portal to ensure time-bound grievance redressal against violation of child rights**
  - ✓ The new features include segregation of complaints based on the nature of the complaint into their subject matters like Juvenile Justice, POCSO, Labour and Education
  - ✓ The portal will make the process of redressal of complaints 'transparent' for the complainant and helps in timely disposal of cases by the Commission
  - ✓ The NCPCR will be providing user IDs and Passwords to the State Commissions to enable them to view the complaints registered on the portal to take necessary action.
  - ✓ The portal will have an option of transferring the registered complaints from NCPCR to the concerned State Commission.
  - ✓ The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights is a statutory body constituted in March 2007 under Section 3 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 to protect the child rights and other related matters in the country
  - ✓ It works under the aegis of the ministry of women and child development (WCD).
  - ✓ The Commission is further mandated to monitor the proper and effective implementation of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012; Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.
  - ✓ The NCPCR, to fulfil its mandate and functions under Section 13 of the CPCR Act, 2005 had developed an online complaint mechanism "E-Baal Nidan" in 2015.

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar – inaugurated the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the governing body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) in New Delhi on September 19**



- ✓ Eminent scientists, resource persons and representatives of several countries are participating in this six-day event
  - ✓ The purpose of the treaty is to recognize the farmers and local community in the diversity of crops
  - ✓ The session will deliberate on developing climate resilient varieties and also prepare a roadmap for exchange of scientific information on plant genetic resources for increasing crop production and productivity.
  - ✓ It is held under the theme “Celebrating the Guardians of Crop Diversity: Towards an Inclusive Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework”.
  - ✓ The ITPGRFA is a legally binding comprehensive agreement signed during the 31<sup>st</sup> session of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome in November, 2001
  - ✓ The agreement took effect on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2004, and currently it has 149 Contracting Parties including India
  - ✓ This treaty seeks to achieve food security through the conservation, exchange and sustainable use of the world’s Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (PGRFA)
- **India - has launched a joint whitepaper with Denmark on ‘Urban Wastewater Scenario in India’ at World Water Congress and Exhibition 2022 in Copenhagen.**
- ✓ Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat attended the event on behalf of India
  - ✓ The whitepaper provides the details of current status of wastewater treatment in India and potential pathways for future treatment structures, co-creation and collaborations.
  - ✓ It is a result of the Indo-Danish Bilateral Green Strategic Partnership, which is focused on green hydrogen, renewable energy, and wastewater management.

- ✓ The Indo-Danish Bilateral Green Strategic Partnership was launched during the virtual summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Danish counterpart in 2020



- ✓ The whitepaper was jointly prepared by Indian government team consisting of partners from Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, Jal Shakti Ministry and NMCG, international agency Innovation Centre Denmark (ICDK) and academia Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB).
- ✓ The 2022 edition of International Water Association’s World Water Congress and Exhibition was based on the theme ‘Water for Smart Liveable Cities’.
- **A three-day international conference ANGAN 2022 – concluded recently on September 16, 2022**



- ✓ This is the second edition of the conference held under the theme “Making the Zero-Carbon Transition in Buildings”

- ✓ ANGAN refers to 'Augmenting Nature by Green Affordable New-habitat'
- ✓ ANGAN 2.0 is being organised by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power under the Indo-Swiss Building Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP).
- ✓ It is being held in collaboration with Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation (SDC)
- ✓ The objective of this conference is to promote a healthy ecosystem which was mentioned at COP 26 in Glasgow by the PM Narendra Modi on LiFE (Lifestyle And Environment) and Panchamrit, aiming to make India Net Zero by 2070
- ✓ The conference witnessed deliberation on critical issues like "Unlocking Finance for Low-Carbon Buildings and "Thermal Comfort and Climate Resilience in Residential buildings"
- ✓ More than 500 delegates including 75 eminent speakers took part in the conference

## DEFENCE

- **An Indo-US coast guard joint exercise called Abhyas-01/22 - was conducted off Chennai coast on September 19**



- ✓ The exercise involved various fleet manoeuvres, search and rescue, anti-piracy operation and coordinated joint boarding of vessels at sea
- ✓ United States Coast Guard cutter Midgett, which is on a four-day visit, took part in the exercise.
- ✓ In the anti-piracy demonstration, a scenario of pirates hijacking a ship was created and the coast guard personnel of both the countries carried out a coordinated action on the vessel to 'release' the crew.
- ✓ The search and rescue operation involved demonstration of various activities and external fire-fighting to retrieve burning ships

## ECONOMY/BUSINESS

- **On September 19, Federal Bank - has launched the pilot for instant Kisan Credit Card (KCC), which facilitates agriculture loans in minutes.**

- ✓ The first-of-its-kind digital facility introduced in Tamil Nadu to facilitate loans through KCC will be gradually extended to all the southern states
- ✓ Federal Bank has 75% presence in southern part of the country.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India announced the digitalisation of rural finance in select districts of Tamil Nadu with Federal Bank as the partner bank and with cooperation of the state government.
- ✓ The pilot of the strategic initiative, developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub, was launched in Chennai, Krishnagiri and Madurai districts.
- ✓ The bank is planning to expand the initiative to The Nilgiris district soon.
- ✓ Under the initiative, the farmers can avail loans without any collateral with a cap of Rs.1.6 lakh
- ✓ The turnaround time for sanctioning and crediting the loan in the borrowers' accounts will take just five minutes.
- ✓ The facility aims at providing small value loans to small and marginal farmers.
- ✓ The platform has built-in capabilities to enable an end-to-end digital and paperless journey.
- ✓ It uses digital capabilities such as eKYC and eSign, Application Programming Interfaces developed by the Tamil Nadu e-Governance agency (TNeGA) with bankers can access land records required for processing loans.
- ✓ The bank's agriculture portfolio currently stands at 18%.

## APPOINTMENTS

- **Justice T Raja, senior-most judge of the Madras high court - has been named acting chief justice (ACJ) of the high court from September 22.**

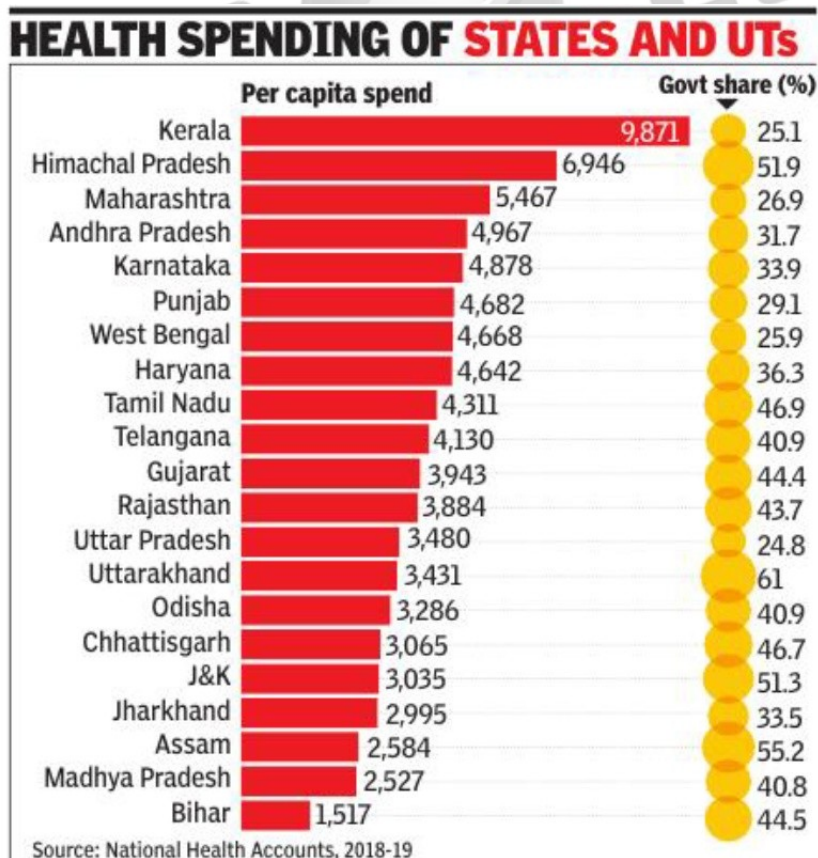


- ✓ A notification to this effect was issued by the Union law ministry on September 19.
- ✓ The incumbent Acting Chief Justice M Duraiswamy is scheduled to retire on September 21.
- ✓ Born on May 25, 1961, Justice Raja completed law degree at Madurai Government Law College and enrolled as an advocate on June 22, 1988.
- ✓ Justice Raja specialised in civil, criminal, constitutional and service laws in Delhi high court, Central Administrative Tribunal and Supreme Court.

- ✓ He served as standing counsel for Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University for 10 years in the Supreme Court.
- ✓ He also served as standing counsel for ESI, in the principal bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Delhi high court and in the Supreme Court.
- ✓ Further, he served as the standing counsel for the Supreme Court Legal Services Society for all civil and criminal matters for 6 years.
- ✓ On February 9, 2008, he was appointed as an additional advocate-general for the Madurai bench of the Madras high court.
- ✓ Later, on March 31, 2009, he was appointed as an additional judge of the high court.
- ✓ Justice Raja will be attaining superannuation on May 25, 2023.

## REPORT

- **The government's share in total health spending - was highest in Uttarakhand at 61% and Assam at over 55%, while it was lowest in UP and Kerala at about 25%.**
- ✓ In contrast, during 2004-05, the government accounted for just 9.7% of the spending in Kerala and 13% in UP.



- ✓ The data from the recently-released National Health Accounts for 2018-19 for 20 large states shows that in the states where total health expenditure is high, the bulk of the expenditure is borne by people out of their own pockets



- ✓ This has been the case since 2004-05, the earliest year for which the National Health Accounts (NHA) are available.
- ✓ Assam had the highest jump in share of public spending in the total health expenditure between 2004-05 and 2018, while J&K saw the lowest increase in this period
- ✓ Maharashtra, the third biggest spender on health after Kerala and Himachal Pradesh in per capita terms, also had the government accounting for barely 27% of this expenditure
- ✓ The total health expenditure has three components—government spending, people spending out of pocket and the third is a combination of private health insurance, expenditures by enterprises, not-for-profit institutions or NGOs and external sources or funds from outside India.

