

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 21, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- ◆ **The Tamil Nadu government - has won three awards for excellence under Union government's Poshan Abhiyaan scheme.**
 - ✓ According to the Union ministry of women and child development, Tamil Nadu was the topper in "Overall Excellence in Implementation" and "Capacity Building, Convergence and Behavioural Change & Community Mobilisation"
 - ✓ The state finished runner up in the category of 'Integrated Child Development Services-Common Application Software' (ICDS-CAS)
 - ✓ The state Government will receive a cash prize of Rs 3 crore for the topmost awards
 - ✓ Poshan Abhiyaan, a multi-ministerial mission to attain malnutrition-free India, was launched in 2017
 - ✓ The aim of the mission is to reduce stunting in districts with highest malnutrition by extending anganwadi services in providing adequate nutrition for pregnant women, mothers, adolescent girls and children
 - ✓ The awards will be conferred in New Delhi on August 23
- ◆ **Three postal divisions in the state — Puducherry, Tambaram and Chennai City North — received 'Revenue Generation Award' of the Chennai City Region, Department of Posts**
 - ✓ The honour was part of the Regional Excellence Awards given to postal divisions, post offices and officials who have contributed to the growth of the department
 - ✓ The post offices in Mylapore, T. Nagar and Vellore were chosen as top performing head offices
 - ✓ Last year, revenue of the Chennai City postal region rose to ₹252 crore in 2018-19 from ₹186.6 crore during the previous fiscal, registering an increase of more than 35%
 - ✓ The post office savings bank accounts too have increased from 55.76 lakh accounts to 58.96 lakh accounts in this financial year.

NATIONAL

- ◆ **The Union home ministry - to double the time limit to 120 days from the existing 60 days for filing appeals in foreigners tribunals for all those names excluded from the final National Register of Citizens (NRC)**

RULES TO BE AMENDED

➤ It may not be possible for all those excluded from final NRC to appeal within the prescribed time. So, MHA will amend rules to increase present time limit of filing appeals from 60 days to 120 days

➤ The decision was taken at a review meeting on NRC on Monday, chaired by home minister Amit Shah

➤ Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003, are being amended accordingly

➤ Adequate arrangements will be made by state to provide full opportunity to appeal against non-inclusion

➤ Every individual whose name does not figure in final NRC can approach foreigners tribunals



- ✓ The ministry will amend the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003 in this regard
- ✓ Every person, whose name does not figure in the final NRC, can represent his/her case in front of appellate authority or foreigners tribunals.
- ✓ Under the provisions of the Foreigners Act 1946 and Foreigners (Tribunals) Order 1964, only foreigners tribunals are authorised to declare a person as a foreigner.

SUPREME COURT VERDICT

- ◆ **The Supreme Court - has upheld the compulsory 'bond condition' imposed by states for students taking admission in PG and specialty courses in government medical colleges**

- ✓ It had also asked the centre to frame a policy to make it 'mandatory' for them to serve in public hospitals in rural areas for a certain period after passing out.
- ✓ A bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao and Hemant Gupta observed that the move is meant to ensure that specialist healthcare is extended to rural areas



- ✓ The court fixed the 'compulsory' service period at two years and penalty in case of violation at ₹20 lakh.

- ✓ So far, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and West Bengal have already imposed compulsory rural service
- ✓ According to the reports, there are 176 doctors for every ten thousand people in India
- ✓ In the rural areas, hardly 8 doctors are providing services to 10,000 people.

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- ◆ **India and Zambia - signed six Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) in several areas including geology, defence, arts and culture, election commission, network project and Foreign Service institute**



- ✓ Zambian President Edgar Chagwa Lungu is currently on a three day state visit to India.
- ✓ He held bilateral talks with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, after arriving in the country on August 20

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- ◆ **The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) – had successfully guided Chandrayaan-2 into an elliptical orbit around Moon on August 20 in a 29-minute operation that began at 9.02am**
- ✓ Currently, the spacecraft is in a 114km x 18,072km orbit around Moon after the completion of ‘lunar orbit insertion’ (LOI) manoeuvre from the ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC), Bengaluru

TARGET IS TO SOFT-LAND VIKRAM

Sept 2 Lander Vikram separates from orbiter	
Sept 3 Mission control runs a three-second 'health check' on Vikram	
Sept 4 Vikram undergoes a de-orbit manoeuvre for 6.5 seconds	
Sept 7, 1.40am Powered descent starts	
Sept 7, 1.55am Vikram lands on Moon	

Four hours later | Rover Pragyan rolls out of Vikram to explore Moon

- ✓ Isro will now perform four more manoeuvres – on August 21, 28, 30 and September 1 – to take the spacecraft to lower orbits
- ✓ After the last set of manoeuvres on September 1, the spacecraft is likely to be put in a 114km x 128km orbit
- ✓ On that day, Chandrayaan-2 will be 114 kms away from the lunar surface while at the farthest point it will be 128 kms away from the Moon
- ✓ The next major step of this mission is the separation of the Lander Vikram from the orbiter on September 2.
- ✓ Finally, Vikram, the lander, is expected to soft land in the south polar lunar surface at 1.55am on September 7 between two craters, Manzinus C and Simpelius N
- ✓ Chandrayaan-2 is an integrated spacecraft comprising the orbiter on which Vikram, the lander, is attached
- ✓ Vikram, in turn, has inside it Pragyan, the rover, which is expected to roll out about four hours after the lunar landing.
- ✓ India's second Moon mission was launched on July 22 by country's heavy-lift rocket GSLV-Mark-III.
- ✓ India will be fourth to soft-land a rover on the lunar surface after Russia, US and China

