

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 25, 2019

### TAMIL NADU

- ◆ **Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami – to distribute around 200 ‘body-worn cameras’ for the traffic police personnel in the city on August 26 for better traffic rule enforcement**

✓ The Small microphone-fitted cameras, which are to be worn on an officer’s chest or head, will record all minute details that can be reviewed later

Representative Image

<b>CLOSE WATCH</b>	
<p><b>Body-worn cameras help in</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Increasing public confidence in policing</li> <li>➤ Checking the number of complaints made against officers</li> <li>➤ Reducing criminal justice costs due to an increase in early guilty pleas</li> <li>➤ De-escalating anti-social behaviour</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Reducing the number of assaults on police officers</li> <li>➤ Improving officer's skills by reviewing their performance when handling incidents</li> <li>➤ Reducing the officer's time spent on paperwork</li> </ul>


- ✓ About 20% of the 1,000 cameras purchased for the state police by the government will be allocated to the Chennai city traffic police who comprise 219 inspectors and sub-inspectors
- ✓ A budget of ₹ 1crore was being sanctioned by the Government to buy the cameras
- ✓ The chief minister will also hand over pink patrol vehicles to all-women police under the new wing very soon - to tackle crimes against women and children
- ✓ The Kerala government had launched the scheme last year by introducing ‘Pink Beat’ patrol vehicles

◆ **The Tamil Nadu Government – plans to set up ‘Tamil chairs’ in 5 foreign universities, following the success in setting up the Harvard Tamil Chair in the US**

- ✓ The government is currently in talks with Jaffna University in Sri Lanka, University of Malaya in Malaysia, University of Johannesburg in South Africa, a university in Myanmar and Oxford University in the United Kingdom.
- ✓ The move would help researchers to explore the language further and help spread the language among non-native speakers.
- ✓ The TN government would be contributing 25% for each chair, while soliciting donations from Tamils across the world for the rest
- ✓ Two states in the US have given accreditation for Tamil courses, which means students can earn credits if they study these courses
- ✓ Currently, Tamil is ranked 14th on the Unesco most influential languages list

◆ **Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami - to launch “Kalvi Tholaikatchi” or “Education TV channel” for school students on August 26**

<b>MAKING LEARNING EASY</b>	
<p>➤ Kalvi Tholaikatchi or Education TV channel would be a 24X7 channel</p>	<p>➤ Initially, it will be telecast for eight hours; it will be increased to 16 hours in a phased manner</p>
<p>➤ It will be available on Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV and Thamizhaga Cable TV Communication Private Limited on channel 200</p>	<p>➤ It will telecast rhymes as well as videos explaining difficult concepts</p>



- ✓ The channel will telecast programmes on difficult concepts for all classes with focus on board exam students, videos on speaking and writing in English, rhymes, career guidance programmes, sports and education-related information.
- ✓ These content was produced by State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT)
- ✓ Barring technical staff, the channel will be managed by a team of school teachers
- ✓ Programmes will be telecast on the channel from 6 a.m. to 9.30 p.m
- ✓ The television channel would also be made available through mobile applications on Android and iOS platforms.
- ✓ A state-of-the-art studio for the TV channel has been set up on the eighth floor of Anna Centenary Library in Kotturpuram, which will also function as the head office for the channel

◆ **Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami - is scheduled to meet British MPs and industry heads on August 29**

- ✓ During the meeting, he will explore investment opportunities and possible cooperation in health, energy, information technology and industry sectors.
- ✓ In the presence of CM, the health and family welfare department will sign Memorandum of Understanding with King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London, School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and International Skill Development Corporation Limited and ISDC Global Services Limited to explore areas of mutual interest and possibilities of collaboration

## FOR BETTER STANDARDS

### MoUs TO BE INKED WITH

- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine - To control communicable diseases
- International Skill Development Corporation Limited - To improve skill set of paramedical staff
- King's College Hospital National Health Service Foundation Trust - To collaborate on healthcare services, especially to combat maternal mortalities



- ✓ A visit is scheduled at 999 emergency vehicle headquarters given that average accident response time taken by ambulance back home is 8.6 minutes, while it is 8 minutes globally.
- ✓ The delegation will also engage talks with the representatives of National Health Services, the popular public-funded health service
- ✓ The CM will be leading a delegation of ministers and bureaucrats on a visit to the UK and the US

## INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- ◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - was honoured with the “Order of Zayed”, UAE’s highest civilian award on August 24 in recognition of his pivotal role in building bilateral ties between the two nations.**



- ✓ The award was conferred by Abu Dhabi crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan at the presidential palace in Abu Dhabi
- ✓ The order of Zayed award has earlier been bestowed on world leaders, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II and Chinese President Xi Jinping.
- ✓ The award is named after Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founding father of the UAE, whose birth centenary is celebrated this year
- ✓ The PM had also launched the RuPay card, making the UAE the first country in the Middle East to initiate the Indian indigenous system of electronic payment.

- ✓ India has already launched the RuPay card in Singapore and Bhutan
- ✓ RuPay card scheme was launched in 2012 to fulfill the Reserve Bank of India's vision to have a domestic, open and multilateral system of payments.
- ✓ RuPay facilitates electronic payment at all Indian banks and financial institutions.
- ✓ The United Arab Emirates had announced its decision to honour Prime Minister Modi with its highest decoration, Zayed medal on April 4, 2019
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a state visit to the gulf, covering UAE and Bahrain
- ✓ It is the first visit of an Indian Prime Minister to Bahrain, with former foreign minister Sushma Swaraj visiting Bahrain three times in the past five years
- ✓ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honoured with “The King Hamad Order of the Renaissance” (or Bahrain Order - First Class) in Bahrain**, as he held talks with Bahrain King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa on bilateral and regional issues



- ✓ After talks with the Bahrain king, Modi will also witness the formal beginning of the redevelopment of the temple of Shreenathji — the oldest in the Gulf region

## OBITUARY

### ◆ **Arun Jaitley, former Union Minister and senior BJP leader (66 years)**



- ✓ Jaitley shot to fame during the struggle against the Emergency in 1975, during which he was arrested and sent to jail for 19 months
- ✓ He joined the BJP in 1980
- ✓ In 1989, Jaitley was appointed Additional Solicitor-General by the V.P. Singh government and did much of the paper work for the legal case on the Bofors scam
- ✓ He held many important portfolios in the Vajpayee government from 1999, including those of Law and Justice, Shipping, Information and Broadcasting and Commerce and Industry.
- ✓ In the Modi government too, Arun Jaitley held many portfolios, including Finance, Defence, Corporate Affairs and Information and Broadcasting
- ✓ He lost the only Lok Sabha election he ever contested, from Amristar, in 2014.
- ✓ As Finance Minister, his achievements include the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime.
- ✓ He was the Finance Minister when the controversial decision to demonetise high-value currency notes was taken in November 2016
- ✓ Jaitley served as the Leader of the Opposition between 2009 and 2014

## SPORTS

### ◆ **P V Sindhu – creates history by becoming the first Indian to win badminton World Championships (BWF) gold on August 25, 2019 in Basel**

- ✓ In her third consecutive world final appearance, the fifth seeded Sindhu defeated third seeded Nozomi Okuhara of Japan in straight sets
- ✓ It was Sindhu's fifth World Championships medal in just 6 appearances, joint-most for a woman singles player with former Olympics and world champion Zhang Ning of China



- ✓ Sindhu had earlier won two successive silvers in 2017 and 2018 and bronze medals in 2013 and 2014.
  - ✓ Sindhu has also won an Olympic silver in 2016 Rio Games, a silver at Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, an Asian Games silver at Jakarta and the BWF World Tour Finals last year
  - ✓ With this gold, Sindhu became only the world's fourth singles player ever to have a full set of world championship medals
  - ✓ Earlier, en route the finals, Sindhu defeated World No. 3 and All England champion Chen Yu Fei of China in straight sets
  - ✓ Sindhu was awarded Padma Shri in 2015
  - ✓ India's Sai Praneeth, however, settled for a bronze as he lost the semifinal to Japanese World No. 1, Kento Momota
  - ✓ Prakash Padukone was the first to win a men's singles World Championships medal — a bronze — in the 1983 edition.
- ### ◆ **The Indian junior (U-21) compound mixed team of Markoo Raginee and Sukhbeer Singh - bagged the first gold for the country in the World Youth Championships in Madrid**
- ✓ They managed to prevail by one point (37-36) for an overall five-point lead which proved enough for them to win the title by defeating Switzerland

