

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DEC 7, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- **The Supreme Court - allowed local body elections in Tamil Nadu, except in 9 newly created districts as legal formalities such as delimitation and reservation have not been completed.**
- ✓ Polls will not be held in the districts of Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Vellore, Thirupattur, Ranipeti, Villupuram, Kallakuruchi, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi.
- ✓ A bench of Chief Justice S A Bobde and Justices B R Gavai and Surya Kant directed the authorities to complete the legal formalities of delimitation and reservation for women and SC/ST candidates within a month
- ✓ The SC also directed the State to comply with the one-third reservation mandated for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and 50% quota for Other Backward Classes in the offices of panchayat presidents, panchayat union councils chairmen and district panchayats' chairpersons, as provided under Rule 6 of Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Reservation of Seats and Rotation of Reserved Seats) Rules, 1995.
- ✓ The state election commission had earlier announced that the local body polls in Tamil Nadu will be held in two phases — on December 27 and 30.
- ✓ The court ordered the State Election Commission to issue a fresh notification clarifying that the polls in the 9 new districts have been postponed for now
- ✓ It also asked the Commission to conduct polls to rural local bodies in the 9 new districts within four months after completing the delimitation process
- ✓ Following the SC order, the state election commission cancelled its earlier notification for conducting election to rural local bodies in the state
- ✓ Filing of nominations was supposed to have commenced on December 6 for the rural local body polls
- ✓ Following the SC verdict, the Commission will announce a fresh notification now for polls in rural local bodies in the 27 districts

- **Irumbai, a village in Vanur taluk in Villupuram district - would soon become the country's first fully solar-powered village**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu Energy Development Corporation (TEDA) plans to complete the work within two to three months, after the completion of local body polls
- ✓ The state government has allocated ₹2.2crore from the State Innovative Fund for the project.
- ✓ The project intends to study the socio-economic impact of energy conservation, besides creating awareness on sustainable and renewable energy.
- ✓ A 170kWp ground-mounted solar farm would be established in 4,000sqft in the village, which would be supplying three-phase uninterrupted power to the village
- ✓ More villages would be covered under the scheme by TEDA in the future
- ✓ Once the solar farm is established, the village would not be dependent on the Tangdeco power grid.
- ✓ The village was shortlisted after a detailed energy audit survey five years ago

- **Tamil Nadu's immunisation coverage in the last 3 years- remains at 148%, compared to the national average of 91%**
- ✓ This was announced in the Lok Sabha by Union minister of state for health and family welfare Ashwini Kumar Choubey, based on the data compiled by the centre on the Health System's Management Reports of states.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu's coverage remains at 148%, mainly because the state vaccinates all its children and even offers them to visitors and migrants
- ✓ Chandigarh, Delhi, Manipur and Punjab had vaccination coverage above 100%
- ✓ At least 15 other states have reported coverage above 90%
- ✓ The overall coverage in India has gone up by 4% from 87% in 2018-19
- ✓ All pregnant women in the state are registered with the state government
- ✓ After issuing birth certificates, the village health nurses monitors the vaccines they are given

- **S Prabakaran, designated senior advocate and president of Tamil Nadu Advocates Association - has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Bar Council of India (BCI)**



- ✓ Election for the post was held in New Delhi and eventually, two advocates were elected to the vice chairman's post
- ✓ Satish Deshmukh, representing Maharashtra Bar Council, will hold the post for 2020-21

- ✓ Prabakaran, who represents the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry in BCI, will hold the post in 2021-22
- ✓ He already holds a nominated post of co-chairman of BCI
- **An exclusive Police control room – has been set up at the Thousand Lights office, for rendering quick assistance to women and children in distress.**



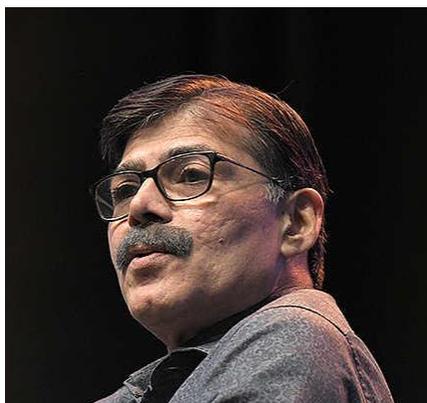
- ✓ It will be managed by women officers from the special wing for crime against women and children, who will be on round-the-clock duty to attend calls.
- ✓ Senior officers in the ranks of inspector will monitor them.
- ✓ Each of the 35 All-Women police station in Chennai is allotted a pink-coloured Amma Patrol vehicle.
- ✓ The vehicle displays the child helpline number, 1098, and the woman helpline number, 1091.

STATES

- **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan - formally announced the formation of the Kerala Bank at Thiruvananthapuram on December 6**
- ✓ The RBI had earlier given its approval for the bank's formation in October.
- ✓ The Kerala Bank was created by the merger of district co-operative banks
- ✓ It is expected to soon evolve into a more robust institution and the largest banking network in the State

APPOINTMENTS

- **Retired IPS officer K. Vijay Kumar - has been appointed Senior Security Adviser to the Union Home Ministry**



- ✓ The 1975 batch officer will advise the Ministry on security related matters of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Left Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected States for a period of one year from his 'charge' date
- ✓ Vijay Kumar was serving as an Adviser to Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satyapal Malik till October 31, when the former State was divided into two Union territories — J&K and Ladakh.
- ✓ He had earlier also served in the Home Ministry as Senior Security Adviser

AWARDS

- **Lini P N, the nurse from Kozhikode, Kerala - was posthumously awarded National Florence Nightingale Award-2019.**
- ✓ Lini died due to Nipah virus that she contracted while treating a patient last year during the Nipah outbreak in Kerala
- ✓ The award was presented by President Ram Nath Kovind on December 5 in New Delhi and it was received by Lini's husband, Sajeesh P



- ✓ President Kovind presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards to 36 nursing personnel on the occasion of International Nurses Day.
- ✓ The World Health Organisation also announced the year 2020 as the 'Year of Nurses and Midwives'.
- ✓ The year 2020 also commemorates the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale.
- ✓ The Florence Nightingale Awards were constituted in 1973 by the Union Government to honour the meritorious services rendered by the nurses, midwives etc., to the society
- ✓ Florence Nightingale was the founder of modern nursing, credited with the tag of 'the Lady with the Lamp' for making rounds at night with a lamp in hand to care of the wounded soldiers.

SPORTS

- **Anthony Amalraj and Sutirtha Mukherjee - clinched the men's and women's singles' titles in table tennis in the 13th South Asian Games at Kathmandu in Nepal**



- ✓ They have defeated Harmeet Desai and Ayhika Mukherjee, who settled for silver medal in the event
- ✓ With 7 gold and 5 silver medals, Indian paddlers have now won the maximum medals on offer in their events.
- ✓ India's leads the medal tally with 178 medals (89 gold, 62 silver, 27 bronze) leaving second-placed Nepal (41 gold, 28 silver, 54 bronze) far behind.
- ✓ The South Asian Games saw the participation from 7 South Asians including India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Maldives.
- ✓ The South Asian Games 2019 official mascot is a pair of blackbucks, an endangered species mostly found in the Southern Nepal
- ✓ The 13th edition of the games will conclude on December 10.

