

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JAN20,21,22, 2019

### TAMIL NADU

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami - inaugurated kindergarten sections at Presidency Girls Higher Secondary School in Egmore, Chennai on January 21



- ✓ The government had earlier announced that Montessori-based LKG and UKG classes will be started in 2,381 government middle schools with Anganwadi centres
- ✓ More than 53,000 children in these middle schools will be put in KG sections in which the medium of instruction will be English
- ✓ It is a pilot project for a period of three years, launched at a budget of Rs 7 crore
- ✓ Middle school head masters will monitor these classes and surplus secondary grade teachers will be utilised for the same
- ✓ Educational tools, teaching and learning materials — including colour pencils and crayons and printed curriculum — will be made available in all these classes
- ✓ Four sets of free uniforms, one pair of chappals and completion certificates will be distributed to all the students

➤ **Defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman - inaugurated the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor on January 20**

- ✓ The corridor aims to take forward the Centre’s initiative to boost indigenous production of defence equipment through MSMEs
- ✓ A range of defence public sector undertakings (DPSU) and private defence products manufacturers have pledged investments worth Rs 3,100 crore in the five nodal cities of Chennai, Trichy, Salem, Coimbatore, and Hosur chosen for the corridor in the state

**5 NODAL CITIES**  
To boost indigenous defence production through MSMEs

Name of company	Amount (in crore)
Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)	2,305
Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)	140
Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)	150
TVS Defence	30
Data Patterns	75
Alpha Designs	100
AIDAT	163
Aerospace Engineers	105



- ✓ Lockheed Martin, a US defence manufacturing company, has also announced its intention to invest in the corridor
- ✓ Finance minister Arun Jaitley, in his budget speech on February 2 last year, had announced that two defence industrial production corridors will be set up in the country to promote domestic defence production
- ✓ On August 11, 2018, the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor was launched at Aligarh at an investment of Rs 3,732 crore
- ✓ Earlier, the defence minister also inaugurated the country’s first defence incubation centre named CODISSIA Defence innovation and incubation centre in Coimbatore.

➤ **Tamil Nadu Government – unveils ‘Startup policy’ on January 18 with a proposal to set up a ‘Tamil Nadu Startup fund’ with a corpus of Rs 250 crore**



- ✓ The 2018-2023 policy aims to provide a Global innovative ecosystem in the state
- ✓ The mission aims to create –
  - ✓ At least 1 lakh high-skilled jobs in the startup ecosystem
  - ✓ 500 technology startups of which at least 10 are startups in the social impact sector

- ✓ The core objectives are to support infrastructure in areas like Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence & machine learning (AI/ML), and software-as-a-service (SaaS)
- ✓ The state is also planning to set up startup hubs in Chennai, Coimbatore, Salem-Erode, Madurai, Trichy-Thanjavur and Tirunelveli
- ✓ Funds
- ✓ The state will also set up two funds to back up the startups –
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu Startup Fund –
  - ✓ It is registered as an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) for investment in startups and MSMEs
  - ✓ It will be managed by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
  - ✓ This fund has a corpus of Rs 250 crore
  - ✓ The government's investment will be up to Rs 75 crore, the first portion of Rs 25 crore will be allotted in FY19-20
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu Startup Seed Grant Fund
  - ✓ Grants under this fund will be allotted to financial institutions and universities to back early-stage fund needs of startups
  - ✓ It has a corpus of Rs 50 crore, with an allotment of Rs 5 crore in the first year.
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu Startup and innovaTN Mission (TANSIM) will manage this fund, which will be governed by a professional 'Scientific Startup Seed Fund Board'
- ✓ Nodal Agencies
  - ✓ The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) will be the nodal agency to promote startups, while Tamil Nadu Startups and InnovaTN Mission (TANSIM) will advocate and oversee policy
- ✓ The conditions for recognizing an entity as a startup
  - ✓ Registration under the TANSIM
  - ✓ Date of incorporation below 7 years, and below 10 years for biotech and AI/ML startups
  - ✓ Turnover of below Rs 25 crore
- ✓ CoE for Fintech
- ✓ Additionally, the Union Ministry for Electronics and IT (MeitY) will set up a Centre of Excellence for Fintech at Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) Chennai
- ✓ The objective of the center is to enable startups to help financial institutions find an alternative way to verify customers on the basis of existing KYC documents
- ✓ The center will be set up in association with the Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu, and Rs 23 crore has been earmarked for it.
- ✓ Further, STPI has received a letter of intent from AU Capital Partners-UK and Pontaq-UK for \$1 million.
- ✓ Arun Jain, Chairman and Managing Director of the Chennai-based Intellect Design Arena, will be the Chief Mentor of the centre.

- **Tamil Nadu Government's Health Department – has released the details of the beneficiaries of CM Comprehensive Insurance scheme in the last year**



GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

**CHIEF MINISTER'S**  
COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

- ✓ A budget of Rs 909 crores has been allocated for the scheme during the period
- ✓ Overall, 5,42,878 people have benefitted from the scheme (Male – 3,23,778; Female – 2,19,048 and Transgender – 52)
- ✓ Chennai Rajiv Gandhi Government General hospital has treated the maximum of 30,370 patients at a cost of Rs 52 crores
- ✓ Recently the state Government has integrated the scheme with the Centre's Ayushman Bharat and increased the insurance amount from Rs 2 lakhs to Rs 5 lakhs per person
- ✓ Beneficiaries
  - ✓ Chennai – 34,385 – Rs 53.7 crores
  - ✓ Thiruvallur – 33,806 – Rs 49.3 crores
  - ✓ Kancheepuram – 32,211 – Rs 48.4 crores
  - ✓ Villupuram – 28,692 – Rs 43.71 crores
  - ✓ Vellore – 28,562 – Rs 47.84 crores
  - ✓ Madurai – 28,394 – Rs 50.07 crores
  - ✓ Salem – 28,098 – Rs 50.08 crores
- **50 Government school students and 2 Teachers– undertake 'Education tour' for the first time to Finland and Sweden from January 21-30**



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- ✓ During the trip, these students will visit schools, colleges, universities and research labs and museums.
  - ✓ A journey by ship has also been arranged for them
  - ✓ Of the 50 students, 36 are boys and 14 girls, studying in various classes between Standard 8 to 12
  - ✓ They were selected on the basis of their science projects and participation in national level science competitions
- **Viralimalai Jallikattu in Pudukottai district – sets a new World record for the largest Jallikattu gathering with a record 1353 bulls and 700 tamers**
- ✓ It was conducted over a period of 9.5 hours continuously
  - ✓ Chief Minister, Edappadi K Palaniswami inaugurated the event
  - ✓ The event made a Guinness record by beating the earlier record of 647 bulls' participation in Madurai Jallikkattu



- ✓ Tiruchi district's Muruganandam tamed the maximum number of 21 bulls and won the first prize
- **6072 Students in Class VIII and Class IX from government and aided schools in Chennai –join the student police cadet (SPC) programme sponsored nationally by the Union home ministry**

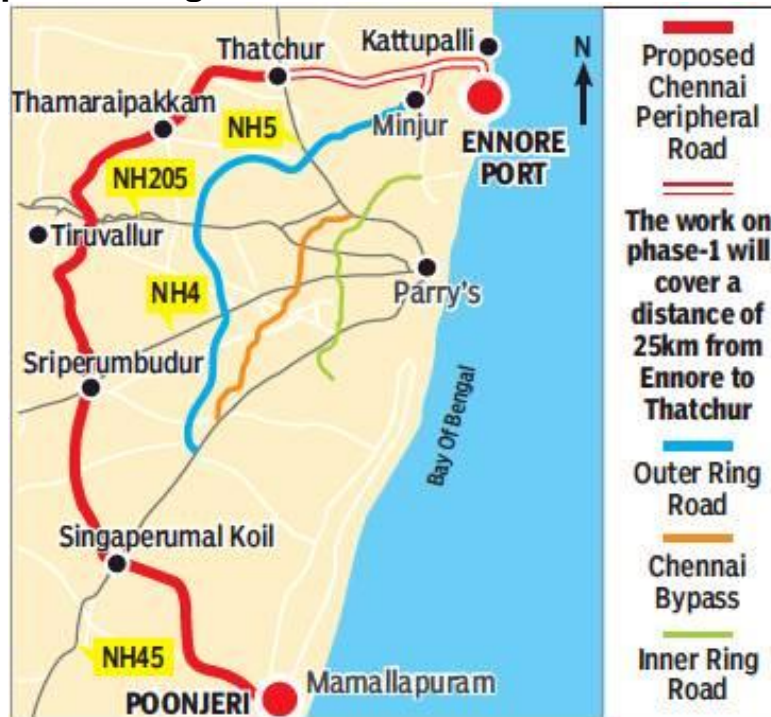


- ✓ The Centre is providing Rs 50,000 to each school chosen to buy the children's uniforms and training material
- ✓ The student volunteers will get a khaki uniform, cap, belt and shoes and once a week will stay back after school for the training, which will be imparted by a sub-

inspector and constable from the nearest police station, besides two designated teachers

- ✓ The project aims to inculcate in children respect for the law, discipline and civic sense, and empathy for vulnerable sections of society.
- ✓ It is intended to strengthen students' commitment towards family, community, and the environment
- ✓ The student police cadet (SPC) programme was launched nationally in Gurugram, Haryana, by Union home minister Rajnath Singh in the presence of Union human resource development minister Prakash Javadekar on July 21, 2018
- ✓ The Bureau of Police Research and Development with support of the National Council of Educational Research and Training has prepared a handbook for imparting instructions
- ✓ In the first phase, the programme is being rolled out in Chennai, Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts
  
- **The Union ministry of environment - has approved the draft 'Tamil Nadu Coastal Regulation Zone' notification - allowing construction up to 50m of the sea, and temporary structures 10m from it**
- ✓ The draft notification prepared by the state environment department was vetted by the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management and sent to the ministry last July
- ✓ Buildings along the coast which were considered unauthorized until now will be regularized under the new rule
  
- **The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) - directed all certified compostable bag manufacturers to print a QR/bar code on their products to help consumers confirm the genuineness of their products**
- ✓ The QR/ bar code can be scanned to view information about the manufacturer
- ✓ The TNPCB reiterated that only compostable carry bags were allowed in the state
- ✓ Compostable bags were exempted as they are made of poly-lactic acid that are made from organic polymers
- ✓ The state banned single-use plastic items such as sheets, plates, plastic-coated tea cups/ tumblers, straws, flaps, water pouches and carry bags (irrespective of thickness) from January 1
  
- **More than 60 doctors from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry - launched an initiative called 'Doctors for Clean Air – Tamil Nadu and Puducherry' on January 20 in Chennai**
- ✓ The initiative aims to bring together the medical community to address health implications of air pollution
- ✓ The state launch comes a month after the national launch of the Doctors for Clean Air network in New Delhi

- **The Union government - signed a Rs 2,470 crore loan agreement with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on January 18, 2018 for the Chennai Peripheral Ring Road**

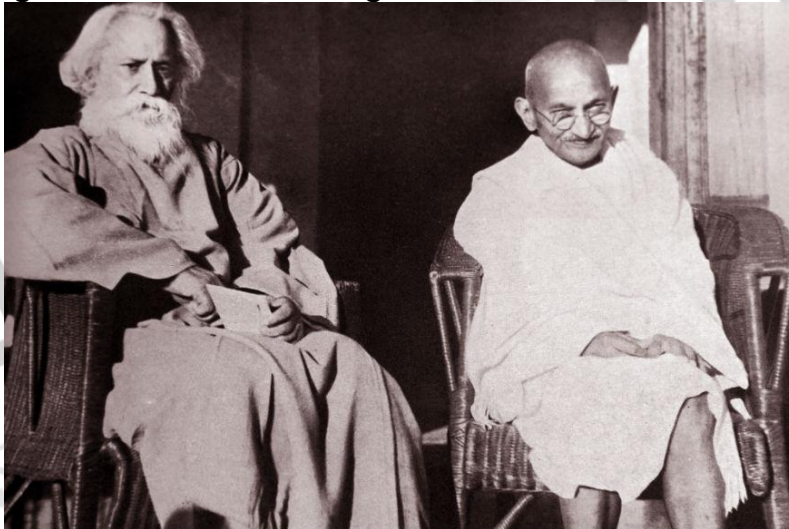


- ✓ It aims to link Ennore and Katupalli ports in the north with East Coast Road at Mamallapuram covering 133.65km
- ✓ It will comprise of four-lane divided carriageway and two-lane service road on both sides to accommodate future widening and laying of pipelines
- ✓ The programme is expected to be completed by 2023
- ✓ While the proposed project stretches from Ennore to Mamallapuram via Thatthur, Tiruvallur Bypass and Sriperumbudur, the state also proposed to further extend it from Poonjeri to Madhya Kailash via Siruseri
- ✓ Currently, Inner Ring Road, Chennai Bypass and Outer Ring Road connect the radial roads with the peripheries of the city
- ✓ The loan agreement with JICA also facilitates installation of Intelligent Transport Systems to mitigate the traffic congestion

## NATIONAL

- **The Madras high court - became the first high court to entertain a PIL against the Centre's 10% reservation for economically weaker sections of forward communities**
- ✓ A division bench of Justice S Manikumar and Justice Subramonium Prasad had issued notice to the Centre to file a detailed objection through a counter affidavit on a PIL filed by the DMK

- **Department of personnel and training – issues a formal memorandum to kick start the 10% quota in Central government jobs notified on or after February 1 - for the economically weaker sections (EWS) in the general category**
- ✓ As per the office memorandum of January 19, persons who are not covered under the existing scheme of reservations for the Scheduled Castes, Schedules Tribes and the Socially and Educationally Backward and whose family has gross annual income below Rs 8 lakh are to be identified as EWS for the benefit of reservation
- ✓ As per the DoPT memorandum, income and assets of families of persons seeking to avail 10% EWS quota would have to be certified by an officer not below the rank of tahsildar in the states/UTs
- **The Central Government – has accepted West Bengal’s tableau theme of ‘Gandhi-Tagore’ unity for the Republic day parade this year**
- ✓ The Bengal tableau showcases ‘Shantiniketan and Gandhi at Beliaghata’ as the theme revolving around two father figures — Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore



- ✓ West Bengal’s Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee conceived the theme remembering Gandhi meeting Tagore in March 1915 at Tagore’s ‘Shyamoli’ home

## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**

- **Facebook Inc’s WhatsApp messenger service - is globally limiting the number of times a user can forward a message to five - in a bid to fight “misinformation and rumours”**
- ✓ Previously, a WhatsApp user could forward a message to 20 individuals or groups
- ✓ The five-recipient limit was earlier put into place in India by WhatsApp in July 2018, when it had also removed the quick forward button for media messages



# STATE WISE GROWTH REPORT

## GUJARAT STAYS ON TOP, BUT BENGAL MAKES BIG GAINS

The three best performing states in clocking growth now are Gujarat, Karnataka and West Bengal. Kerala and Punjab stayed stuck in the bottom three, according to a Crisil report. Growth, inflation and fiscal deficit determined the overall rankings

Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat were top rankers in terms of state gross domestic product growth in fiscal 2018. Jharkhand, Kerala and Punjab were at the bottom

Madhya Pradesh, which was among the top three earlier, slid in fiscal 2018, due to a slowdown in gross state domestic product growth and slippage on fiscal deficit

West Bengal gained a foothold into the top three with an all-round turnaround – GSDP grew 9.1% on-year in fiscal 2018 compared with 4.8% earlier, even as inflation dropped sharply to sub-4% from 7%; and fiscal deficit to 2.4% from 3%

Inflation fell across all states in fiscal 2018, compared with five years ago. However, significant inter-state differences persist with the highest consumer inflation in Kerala at 6% and the lowest in Odisha at 2.2%

GSDP Growth		CPI Inflation	Fiscal Deficit
<span style="color: green;">●</span>	GSDP growth > All India GDP growth for the given period (6.9% for FY13-FY17 and 6.7% for FY18)	Inflation <= 4%	Fiscal deficit <= 3% of GSDP
<span style="color: orange;">●</span>	GSDP growth <= All India GDP growth	Inflation >= 6%	Fiscal deficit > 3% of GSDP
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span>		4% < Inflation < 6%	

### Has growth translated into jobs?

Growth has not quite been beneficial for job creation for the majority of states. Eleven of 17 states recorded lower than all-India growth in 'employment-intensive' sectors such as manufacturing, construction and trade, hotels, transport and communication services

### Gross Value Added Of Sectors That Create Jobs

%Y-O-Y, FY13-FY18 (average)

Gujarat*	7.0	11.5
Bihar	All India avg	8.2
Haryana*	8.0	
West Bengal		7.4
Uttar Pradesh		7.3
Telangana		7.0
Maharashtra		6.9
Chhattisgarh		6.9
Karnataka		6.8
Andhra Pradesh		6.8
Odisha		6.6
Tamil Nadu		5.9
Punjab*		5.5
Kerala*		5.4
Madhya Pradesh		5.3
Jharkhand		5.1
Rajasthan		5.0



Source: Crisil (analysis of 17 non-special category states)

## RANKING IN FY18 VS THE PREVIOUS FIVE FISCALS

FY13-FY17 (average)			Ranking for FY13-17 (avg)	Ranking for FY18	FY18		
GSDP growth (%y-o-y)	CPI inflation (%y-o-y)	Fiscal deficit (%of GSDP)			GSDP growth (%y-o-y)	CPI inflation (%y-o-y)	Fiscal deficit (%of GSDP)
9.9	6.6	2.1	1   Gujarat*	1	11.1	2.6	1.7
8.1	6.6	2.9	2   Madhya Pradesh	10	7.3	2.7	3.4
8.1	7.7	2.4	3   Karnataka	2	9.3	3.0	2.8
7.4	6.3	1.5	4   Maharashtra	5	7.3	4.1	1.8
7.0	7.5	1.6	5   Odisha	12	7.1	2.2	3.5
7.9	6.2	3.9	6   Haryana*	6	7.2	4.1	2.8
7.6	7.6	3.7	7   Andhra Pradesh	8	11.2	3.4	3.4
7.4	7.5	3.5	8   Telangana	9	10.4	3.9	3.2
6.2	7.5	2.2	9   Chhattisgarh	13	6.7	2.7	3.0
6.1	7.2	2.8	10   Tamil Nadu	4	8.1	4.9	2.8
5.6	7.5	2.9	11   Bihar	7	11.3	2.7	7.2
4.8	7.0	3.0	12   West Bengal	3	9.1	3.7	2.4
6.6	7.4	4.6	13   Rajasthan	11	7.2	3.2	3.5
6.1	7.0	3.6	14   Uttar Pradesh	15	6.4	2.4	3.1
5.8	6.8	3.9	15   Kerala*	17	5.0	6.0	3.4
5.7	6.3	5.1	16   Punjab*	16	6.2	3.7	4.5
5.4	7.3	3.1	17   Jharkhand	14	4.6	3.9	2.5

Note: States under the non-special category given by Reserve Bank of India (except Goa) have been considered

\*Due to unavailability of FY18 data, averages are Crisil estimates

# KHELO INDIA GAMES

- The second edition of the Khelo India Youth Games concluded in Pune on January 20
- ✓ The games are considered as the biggest platform for talent identification among age-group athletes in the country, featuring U-17 and U-21 categories of sportsperson
- ✓ Maharashtra won the Overall winners' trophy with 228 medals



## SOME HEROES FROM KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES, MAHARASHTRA 2019



### Abhinav Shaw

10 year old Shaw became the youngest medallist when he won the 10m air rifle mixed gold along with Mehuli Ghosh in the under 21 category. The youngster took to the sport at the age of 8 and he will continue to be the record holder given the change in policy by the National Rifle

Association of India last month that states the starting age should be 10 years.

### Dhanush Srikant

Dhanush Srikant is the only shooter in the country with a hearing impairment to have won a medal in the regular category, he won a gold medal in the under-21 boys 10m air rifle final. He was not wearing his hearing impairment, but he knew he had won gold as he beamed at his mother and coach immediately after his contest.



### Akshata Basvani Kamati



U-21 Women's 71kg gold medal winner, Akshata comes from Halaga near Belgaum owes it all to her father for the unconditional support. Her father, a farmer by occupation, is the sole earning member of the family, and Akshata's maturity at such a young age shows in her understanding of her father's untiring efforts towards her success in weightlifting.

### Deepak Singh

Wrestler Deepak Singh is a lone entry from Jammu & Kashmir in the wrestling discipline in Khelo India Youth Games, which is also his first tournament at the National level. Whatever he has learnt, he credits it to his coach watching videos of Sushil Kumar and Bajrang Punia.



## FINAL MEDAL TALLY

STATE				TOTAL
1. MAHARASHTRA	85	62	81	228
2. HARYANA	62	56	60	178
3. DELHI	48	37	51	136
4. KARNATAKA	30	28	19	77
5. TAMIL NADU	27	35	25	87
6. UTTAR PRADESH	23	25	40	88
7. PUNJAB	23	19	30	72
8. GUJARAT	15	9	15	39
9. WEST BENGAL	13	15	16	44
10. KERALA	12	16	30	58

### Soumya Dalvi

Soumya Dalvi will surely be a name to reckon in coming years in weightlifting. The 13 year old from Kalyan has stamped her authority on her chosen sport in very quick time. Her other love is dancing, and if it was not for weightlifting, it would have been dancing that would have been her profession of choice.



### K. Loyangamba Singh

Manipur's K Loyangamba Singh clinched gold in the U-17 Greco-Roman 51kg category in wrestling. He started training early on at the Special Area Games (SAG) when he was 15 years old and he is looked after by his uncle, after he lost both his parents.



## TOP 10 PARTICIPATING STATES

State	Under 17 Boys	Under 17 Girls	Under 21 Boys	Under 21 Girls	Grand Total
Maharashtra	196	202	187	187	772
Haryana	176	142	153	105	576
Uttar Pradesh	163	120	123	91	497
Punjab	115	82	130	88	415
Delhi	127	94	99	60	381
Tamil Nadu	98	81	94	105	378
Kerala	65	82	98	67	312
Karnataka	81	78	82	54	295
Gujarat	54	64	47	49	214
Rajasthan	64	56	39	37	196