

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 23, 2019

### TAMIL NADU

- ◆ **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami - said the state has attracted over Rs 200,000 crore of investments during the Global Investors Meet-2019 (GIM-2019)**



- ✓ The state government has promoted an exclusive aerospace and defence park in 250 acres, which can be expanded to 700 acres in Sriperumbudur near Chennai.
- ✓ About 35 companies from Tamil Nadu have already signed Transfer of Technology agreements with the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO)
- ✓ These include MRF Ltd to manufacture Aero-muscle tyres for Sukhoi fighter jets of the Indian Air Force
- ✓ Earlier, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister had inaugurated the two-day meet in Chennai on January 23
- ✓ Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu O. Pannerselvam, Industries Minister of Tamil Nadu M.C. Sampath have also attended the meet
- ✓ Tamil Nadu government has allocated nearly Rs 75 crores to conduct the event

- ✓ This year's the GIM's attention is more on micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME's)
- ✓ This year's GIM will be focusing on 12 sectors including automobile, textiles, aerospace, agro and food processing, pharmaceutical and chemicals along with more concentration on new areas like tourism, housing and construction and even schools.
- ✓ The website for GIM was opened on July 2, 2018
- ✓ Representatives from England, France, Korea, Japan, Australia and Singapore have taken part in the meet
- ✓ The first GIM was held in 2015 which attracted 98 investment proposals with an investment commitment of Rs 2.42 lakh crore over 3 to 7 years period

## NATIONAL

- ◆ **Central government-funded educational institutions, including elite ones such as IITs, IIMs and NITs – to increase up to 3 lakh seats in two phases over 2019-20 and 2020-21 – to provide for the new 10% quota for the economically weak sections in 'General' category**
  - ✓ The government has also written to states to implement the quota for "poor among forwards" in state-run institutions - which essentially means an overall increase of 25% of seats
  - ✓ The present intake in all such central higher educational institutions (HEIs) is around 9.3 lakh seats
  - ✓ The government introduced reservations for OBCs in higher educational institutions in 2006 with a mandate that 27% seats will be reserved for people from the backward communities.
- ◆ **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) - has notified norms for the launch of the new e-boarding process termed as 'Digi-Yatra'**



- ✓ The project 'Digi-yatra' aims to make ticket booking, airport entry and boarding pass security check-in, totally digital However, this facility will only be available for

domestic flights at smart airports which have a biometric-based verification system

- ✓ This facility is not available for international travellers since passport verification is required at multiple points like immigration and check-in
- ✓ For people who do not wish to use Digi Yatra, the existing ticket checking and verification will remain available
- ✓ Bangalore and Hyderabad airports - will start the facility first using biometrics (facial recognition) based verification system
- ✓ Other airports like Vijayawada, Pune, Kolkata and Varanasi will follow suit within three months.
- ✓ Procedure for 'Digi-yatra'
- ✓ Air travellers are required to generate a unique Digi Yatra ID on the aviation ministry portal.
- ✓ A passenger may provide any one of the approved identity cards such as passport, voter ID, driving license, Aadhaar etc. during the ID creation
- ✓ Once their unique ID is created, they will have to undergo physical verification at the airport when they first use this ID
- ✓ After the first-time verification, travellers will be able to use this unique ID for ticket booking and paperless boarding in future

◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - launched the 'Pravasi Teerth Darshan Yojana' on January 22, 2019**



- ✓ It is a new scheme under which a group of Indian diaspora will be taken on a government-sponsored tour of religious places in India twice a year
- ✓ The first batch of 40 Indian-origin people is chosen from the participants at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
- ✓ The first preference will be given to people from 'Girmitiya countries' such as Mauritius, Fiji, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica

◆ **The Central Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change - notified new 2019 Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) norms to replace the existing CRZ Notification of 2011 - on January 18**

✓ Objectives

- ✓ The new norms seeks to promote sustainable development based on scientific principles taking into account the dangers of natural hazards, sea level rise due to global warming
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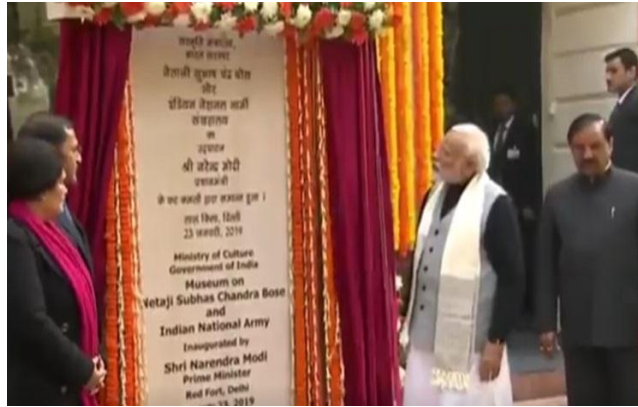
✓ Salient Features

- ✓ There is no reduction in Development Zone
- ✓ For CRZ-III (Rural) areas, two separate categories have been stipulated - CRZ-III A and CRZ-III B.
- ✓ Floor Space Index norms have been eased - as per 1991 Development Control Regulation (DCR) levels.
- ✓ Tourism infrastructure permitted in coastal areas – outside the 10m distance from HTL
- ✓ Coastal Regulation Zone clearances streamlined
- ✓ No Development Zone of 20 meters for all Islands
- ✓ CRZ-III A and CRZ-III B
- ✓ CRZ-III A - These are densely populated rural areas with a population density of 2161 per square kilometer, as per 2011 Census.
- ✓ Such areas shall have a No Development Zone (NDZ) of 50 meters from the HTL as against 200 meters from the High Tide Line (HTL) stipulated in the CRZ Notification, 2011
- ✓ CRZ-III B - Rural areas with population density of below 2161 per square kilometre as per 2011 Census.
- ✓ Such areas shall continue to have an NDZ of 200 meters from the HTL.

✓ Background

- ✓ The recommendations for the norms were made by the Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Shailesh Nayak (Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences) constituted in June 2014 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- ✓ A draft notification was issued in April, 2018 for inviting comments from public
- ✓ In December 2018, the Union Cabinet approve the draft notification

◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - inaugurated the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose museum at the iconic Red Fort in Delhi to mark the leader's 122nd birth anniversary**



- ✓ The museum showcases various artefacts related to Subhash Chandra Bose and Indian National Army.
- ✓ The PM had laid the foundation stone of the museum during the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of Azad Hind Government in October 2018
- ✓ The PM also unveiled two more new museums inside the Red Fort compound –
- ✓ Yaad-e-Jallian Museum (museum on the Jallianwala Bagh and World War I)
- ✓ The Museum on 1857- India's first war of Independence
- ✓ Together, the entire complex of museums will be known as 'Kranti Mandir' as a tribute to the revolutionary zeal and courage of our great freedom fighters
- ✓ Yaad-e-Jallian Museum
- ✓ The Yaad-e-Jallian museum provides an authentic account of the history of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, which happened on April 13, 1919
- ✓ The visitors would also be able to read a poem, titled 'The Gift', written by Sarojini Naidu on the plight of the 1.5 million Indian soldiers in WWI

◆ **15th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas**

- ✓ **The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi - inaugurated the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas on January 22, 2019 in his parliamentary constituency, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh – for the very first time in the history of the Diwas**
- ✓ Theme 2018 – 'Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India'
- ✓ For the first time, the convention is being organised from January 21 to 23 instead of January 9 to 11 to allow the NRIs to visit the Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj and attend the Republic Day parade in New Delhi
- ✓ The Chief Guest of the event was Mauritian Prime Minister, Pravind Jugnauth
- ✓ Around 6,000 non-resident Indians (NRIs) are expected to take part in the three-day event.



- ✓ The valedictory address and Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards will be given away by the President Ram Nath Kovind on January 23, 2019
- ✓ Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)
- ✓ The day commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa in Bombay on January 9, 1915
- ✓ The decision to celebrate Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was taken in accordance with recommendations of the High Level Committee on the Indian Diaspora set up by India Government under the chairmanship of L M Singhvi
- ✓ The day was formally established in 2003
- ✓ It is sponsored by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region of India.
- ✓ The Last edition of the PBD was held in New Delhi

◆ **President of India, Ram Nath Kovind - conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2019 on January 22, 2019**

- ✓ The awards were presented to 26 shortlisted awardees, chosen by the National Selection Committee under the Chairpersonship of Minister of Women and Child Development, Maneka Sanjay Gandhi
- ✓ Madhav Lavakare, Eiha Dixit, Shivangi Pathak, Nishant Dhankhar and Nikhil Jituri are among those children who received the Bal Shakti Puraskar
- ✓ The Ministry of Women and Child Development has introduced a revamped National award for Children 2018 scheme in 2 categories under the name of “Pradhan Mantri National Children Awards” (Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar)
  - ✓ Bal Shakti Puraskar (formerly known as National Child Award)
  - ✓ Bal Kalyan Puraskar (formerly known as National Child Welfare Award)



- ✓ The Bal Shakti Puraskar is given in the fields of Innovation, Social Service, Scholastic, Sports, Art & Culture, and Bravery
- ✓ The Bal Kalyan Puraskar is given in the categories of Individual and Institution.

◆ **The National Women's Party (NWP) - was launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra on January 21, 2019**



- ✓ The party was formed, with the motto of women empowerment, by Dr Swetha Shetty, a medical practitioner-cum- activist from Hyderabad, who would also serve as its President
- ✓ The key objective behind the formation of the party is to remove gender disparity in politics and guarantee equal representation in Parliament
- ✓ The party would be contesting in 283 Lok Sabha seats, which is half of the total number of seats, in the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections
- ✓ Besides this, the party also plans to open Youth Parliament (political schools for women) in every state for imparting practical and academic training for them

- ✓ The Women's Reservation Bill, 2008
- ✓ The Women's Reservation Bill or The Constitution (108th Amendment) Bill, 2008, is a lapsed bill in the Indian Parliament
- ✓ The Lok Sabha never voted on the bill, even though the Rajya Sabha passed the bill on March 9, 2010
- ✓ The bill lapsed after the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha in 2014

## **SUPREME COURT VERDICT**

### ◆ **The Supreme Court said - that it would take an "in-chamber" decision on petitions challenging the constitutional validity of Article 35A**

- ✓ The Article 35A provides special rights and privileges to permanent residents of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✓ The oral observation came from a Bench led by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and also comprising Justices L Nageswara Rao and Sanjiv Khanna
- ✓ In August 2018, the apex court adjourned hearing on a batch of petitions challenging Article 35A till January 2019
- ✓ Article 35A denies property rights to a woman who marries a person from outside the state.
- ✓ Article 35A was incorporated in the Constitution in 1954 by an order of President Rajendra Prasad on the advice of the then Cabinet headed by Jawaharlal Nehru
- ✓ Parliament was not consulted when the President incorporated Article 35A into the Constitution through a Presidential Order issued under Article 370
- ✓ Article 368 (i) of the Constitution mandates that only the Parliament can amend the Constitution by introducing a new article.

## **COMMITTEES**

### ◆ **The Government - constituted a Standing Committee headed by NITI Aayog to oversee the drug pricing regime on January 21, 2019**

- ✓ Currently, the National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (NPPA) regulates the price of medicines in the country
- ✓ The Standing Committee on Affordable Medicines and Health Products will be headed by NITI Aayog Member (Health)
- ✓ The National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (NPPA) was established as an autonomous regulator in 1997
- ✓ The main objective of NPPA is to oversee and set the prices of drugs and products on the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) prepared by the Health Ministry



# CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

## ◆ **World Economic Forum (WEF) 2019 - begins in Davos, Switzerland on January 22, 2019**



- ✓ Theme 2019 - 'Globalisation 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution'
- ✓ Overall, around 3000 participants from 115 economies would be present during the annual five-day meeting
- ✓ German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Swiss President Ueli Maurer, Japan's Shinzo Abe, Italy's Giuseppe Conte, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro and Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu, are among the 30 heads of states and governments attending the meeting
- ✓ The US President Donald Trump will not be attending the meet this year
- ✓ More than 100 CEOs from India are expected to participate in the meet.
- ✓ Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi and filmmaker Karan Johar are also going to be a part of session.
- ✓ The World Economic Forum was established in 1971 as a not-for-profit foundation with its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland

## ◆ **The 2nd World Integrated Medicine Forum 2019 on the Regulation of Homeopathic Medical Products - will be held in Goa from January 23, 2019**

- ✓ It will be inaugurated by AYUSH Minister Shripad Naik
- ✓ The 3-day forum is expected to witness participants from 20 countries

# PERSONALITIES

- ◆ **World's oldest man, Masazo Nonaka of Japan- has died at the age of 113**



- ✓ Nonaka was officially recognized as the oldest male in the world by Guinness World Records last April
- ✓ The Japanese are traditionally considered to be one of the most long-living people on the planet.

# DEFENCE

- ◆ **The Indian Navy - commenced its largest-ever coastal defence exercise - 'Sea Vigil' - off the Indian coast on January 22, 2019**

<b>'SEA VIGIL' FOR COASTAL SECURITY</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Exercise being undertaken along the entire <b>7516.6km coastline</b> and Exclusive Economic Zone of India</li><li>➤ Aims to comprehensively and holistically validate the efficacy of the measures taken for coastal defence since 26/11</li><li>➤ It will provide a realistic assessment of our strengths and weaknesses</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Mock drills and simulation of terror attacks will be conducted on Wednesday</li></ul>	

- ✓ It aims to activate the coastal security mechanism across all states and union territories
- ✓ The exercise is a build-up towards the major theatre level tri-service exercise 'TROPEX' (Theatre-level Readiness Operational Exercise) which Indian Navy conducts once every two years

# AWARDS

- ◆ **Vice President, M Venkaiah Naidu - presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chhatra Vishwakarma Awards to students and their mentors along with Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) awards to institutions - at an event organised by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) on January 21, 2019 in New Delhi**



- ✓ The awards were jointly organised by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Engineering Council of India and Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE).
- ✓ Chhatra Vishwakarma Awards

S.No.	Category	Winner
1.	Any other Rural Appropriate Technologies	Army Institute of Technology, Maharashtra
2.	Education, Skill Initiative & Startups	Gokaraju Rangaraju Institute of Engineering and Technology, Telangana
3.	Rural Craft & Livelihood, Rural Infrastructure, Tourism	Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering, Andhra Pradesh
4.	Agriculture & Food	Sri Krishna College of Technology, Tamil Nadu
5.	Water & Irrigation	Aditya Engineering College, Andhra Pradesh

6.	Sanitation & Solid Liquid Waste Management	Kalasalingam Academy of Research and Education, Tamil Nadu
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✓ Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana Awards

S.No.	Name of the Institution	Award/Rank
1	College of Technology and Engineering, Udaipur, Rajasthan	First
2	Seethi Sahib Memorial Polytechnic College, Tirur, Kerala	Second
3	Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu	Third

- ✓ Under the category, these institutes have been working hard to develop the adopted villages to translate the comprehensive vision of Mahatma Gandhi of an ideal Indian village

◆ **Eminent Indian scientist, Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao, popularly known as CNR Rao - chosen for the first Sheikh Saud International Prize for Materials Research - by the Centre for Advanced Materials of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)**



- ✓ Professor Rao of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru is an Indian scientist who has worked mainly in solid-state and structural chemistry
- ✓ In 2014, he was honoured with the Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award in India, becoming the third scientist after C.V. Raman and A. P. J. Abdul Kalam to receive the award
- ✓ He has also been conferred with 'Padma Shri' (1974), 'Padma Vibhushan' (1985) and 'Karnataka Ratna' (2001), among other honours which includes honorary fellowship of the 'Royal Society of Chemistry', London in 1989 and 'Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur' from France in 2005

# SPORTS

◆ **Virat Kohli became the first player to win all three ICC Awards - the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Cricketer of the Year, the ICC Men's Test Player of the Year and the ICC ODI Player of the Year - for his performances in 2018**

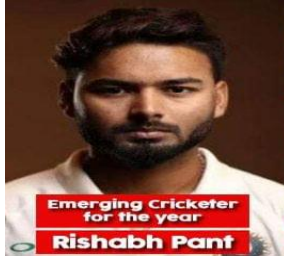
- ✓ In addition, the India captain was also named the captain of the ICC Test Team and the ODI Team of 2018
- ✓ South African pace spearhead Kagiso Rabada came second behind Kohli in the overall and the Test Player of the Year categories, while Afghanistan spin sensation Rashid Khan was the runner-up for the ODI award
- ✓ Kohli had also bagged the ODI player of the year award in 2012 and 2017



- ✓ Virat Kohli in 2018
- ✓ Tests: 13 matches, 1322 runs, average 55.08, five 100s
- ✓ ODIs: 14 matches, 1202 runs, average 133.55, six 100s
- ✓ All Int'l's: 37 matches, 2735 runs, average 68.37, 11 hundreds
- ✓ Captaincy Record: Six wins in 13 Tests, nine wins in 14 ODIs
- ✓ ICC Cricketers of the year

'04 R Dravid  
'05 J Kallis/ A Flintoff  
'06 & '07 R Ponting  
'08 S Chanderpaul  
'09 M Johnson  
'10 S Tendulkar  
'11 J Trott  
'12 K Sangakkara  
'13 M Clarke  
'14 M Johnson  
'15 S Smith  
'16 R Ashwin  
'17 & '18 VIRAT KOHLI

- ✓ Other ICC Awards winner
- ✓ ICC Emerging Player of the Year - Rishabh Pant



- ✓ ICC Associate Player of the Year - Calum MacLeod (Scotland)
- ✓ T20I Performance of the Year - Aaron Finch (Australia) (172 runs off 76 balls - against Zimbabwe in Harare in July 2018)
- ✓ ICC Spirit of Cricket award – Kane Williamson (New Zealand)
- ✓ Umpire of the Year - Kumar Dharmasena (Sri Lanka)

◆ **India's Ankita Raina - has won the International Tennis Federation's \$25,000 Women's tournament in Singapore**



- ✓ She had defeated world number 122, Arantxa Rus of the Netherlands in the final
- ✓ She toppled four seeded players in the tournament to win her first title of the season and eighth overall.

## RANKINGS

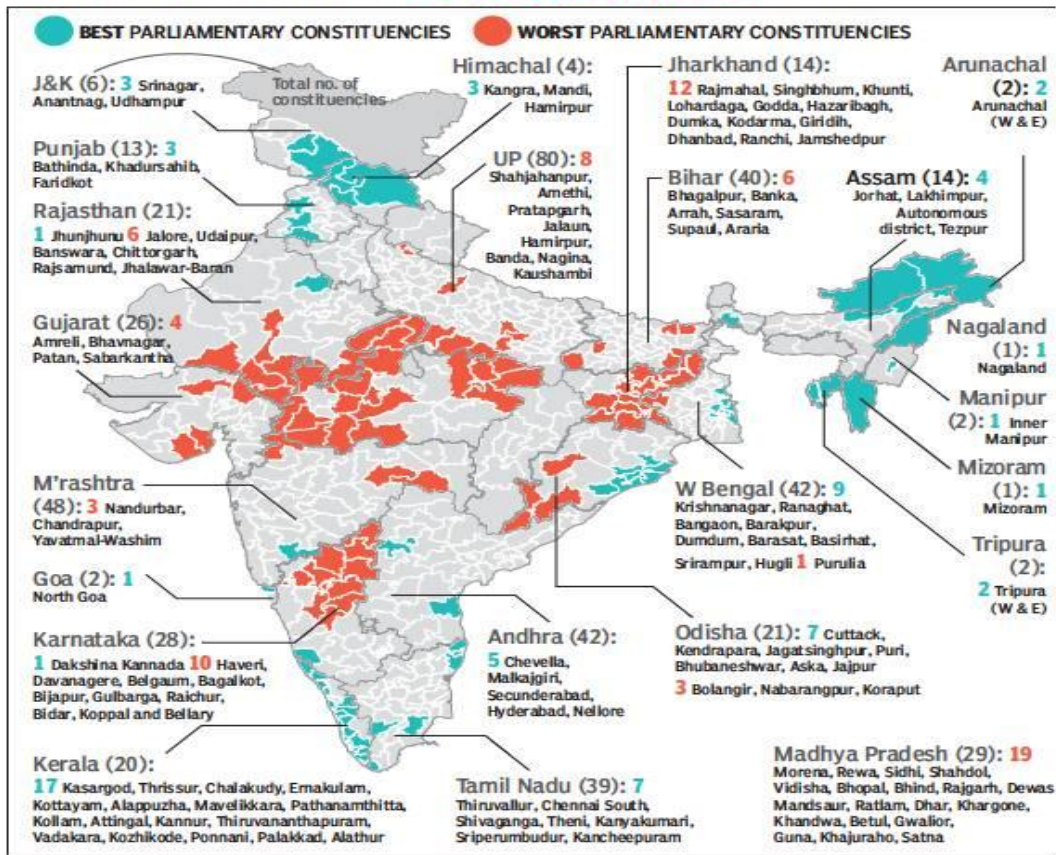
◆ **Global Economy Watch – Released by PwC, a global consultancy firm**

- ✓ India and France are likely to surpass the United Kingdom in the world's largest economy rankings in 2019
- ✓ The report predicts a GDP growth of 7.6% for India, 1.6% for the UK and 1.7% for France in 2019
- ✓ The US was the world's largest economy in 2017 with a size of \$19.39 trillion, followed by China at \$12.23 trillion, Japan (\$4.87 trillion), Germany (\$3.67 trillion), UK (\$2.62 trillion), India (\$2.59 trillion) and France (\$2.58 trillion)

# INDIAN CHILD MALNUTRITION REPORT

- ◆ The study mapped data on childhood malnutrition from the national family health survey conducted in 2015-16 on to 543 parliamentary constituencies(PCs)
- ◆ It was reported in the Economic & Political Weekly

## UNDER-FED KIDS A CORE ISSUE



- ✓ It was done by a multidisciplinary team of academics from Harvard University, the Institute of Economic Growth in Delhi, Tata Trust, and Niti Aayog
- ✓ It provides estimates for four child malnutrition indicators (stunting, underweight, wasting, and anaemia) for each constituency
- ✓ Of the 70 PCs with the best record on all four indicators, 17 were in Kerala, 9 were in West Bengal, and 7 each in Odisha and Tamil Nadu
- ✓ A total of 72 PCs were in the top bracket of prevalence for all indicators — 12 in Jharkhand, 19 in Madhya Pradesh, 10 in Karnataka, six in Rajasthan and eight in Uttar Pradesh

