

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JAN 26, 2020

TAMIL NADU

- Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami - announced that the state government would set up its ambitious Financial Tech city on 300 acres at Kattupakkam near Chennai.
- ✓ Also, the CM announced that the state was studying options to divert water from Marakkanam in Villupuram district to meet the drinking water needs of Chennai, as more than 4 tmcft of water is now getting wasted into sea at Marakkanam.
- ✓ The Chief Minister had announced these initiatives while speaking at the martyr's day event in Chennai
- Eight prominent people from Tamil Nadu - have been nominated for Padma awards on the eve of the Republic Day on January 25



- ✓ TVS group chairman and Managing Director, Venu Srinivasan, littérateur Manoj Das and social worker Krishnammal Jagannathan have been chosen for Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian award.
- ✓ Well known Carnatic vocalist and Sangita Kalainidhi awardee Bombay Sisters C Saroja and C Lalitha, artist Manohar Devadoss, Amar Seva Sangam founder S Ramakrishnan, Nagaswara vidwans Kalee Shabi Mahaboob and Sheik Mahaboob Subani and IIT-Madras chemistry professor Pradeep Thalappil have been chosen for Padma Shri.
- ✓ Krishnammal Jagannathan and her late husband Sankaralingam Jagannathan were famous for their noteworthy contributions for promoting social justice.

- ✓ The couple started 'Land for the Tillers' Freedom', an organisation based in Nagapattinam district, which brought the landlords and landless poor to the negotiating table to help them work in a cooperative environment.
- ✓ It is an NGO working for the upliftment of women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and their families, particularly in the Thanjavur region.
- ✓ One of the leading bilingual literary figures in Odia and English, Manoj Das has an active presence in the literary and cultural scene of Puducherry
- ✓ Since 1963, he has been a resident of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, where he teaches literature and Aurobindo's philosophy at Sri Aurobindo International University.
- ✓ Veteran artist Manohar Devadoss, whose vision has deteriorated over the years and cannot see now, sketched numerous drawings of many historic, social and cultural landmarks of Madurai and Madras, which are among the few documentary evidences available today
- ✓ The Nagaswaram vidwans, Sheik Mahaboob Subhani and his wife Kaleeshabi Mahaboob, hail from Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh and have settled in Srirangam.
- ✓ They are disciples of eminent Sheik Chinna Moulana, a famous nagaswaram vidwan.
- ✓ S Ramakrishnan suffered multiple spinal injuries while doing naval exercises, resulting in paralysis below the neck.
- ✓ After this he started Amar Seva Sangam, named after his Doctor Air Marshall Amarjit Singh Chahal in 1981.
- ✓ The Tirunelveli-based organisation is involved in providing free shelter, food, clothing & medical aid to physically challenged children from the age of five to 17.
- ✓ Saroja and Lalitha were born in Thrissur, Kerala and received training in Carnatic vocal music under H AS Mani, Musiri Subramania Iyer, and T K Govinda Rao.
- ✓ The duo became known as Bombay Sisters.
- ✓ A team led by Pradeep Thalappil found that noble metal nanoparticles degrade halocarbons efficiently to amorphous carbon and metal halides at room temperature and at low concentrations.
- ✓ He and his team had developed affordable and safe drinking water solutions using nano materials, which had already benefitted about 9 million people.
- ✓ Artist V.K. Munusamy from Puducherry, who was chosen for the Padma Shri, has taken the art of terracotta sculpture far and wide, creating a wide array of unconventional objects alongside traditional sculptures.

STATES

- **The Rajasthan Assembly - passed a resolution urging the Centre to repeal the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Act on January 25**
- ✓ Rajasthan is the third state to pass a resolution against the CAA after Punjab and Kerala.

- ✓ Chief minister Ashok Gehlot, while passing the resolution, urged the central government to repeal the law as it discriminates a person on religious grounds, which violates the secular principles of our Constitution.
- ✓ The resolution, which was passed by a voice vote, also asked the Centre to withdraw the new questionnaire framed for preparation of the National Population Register (NPR)
- ✓ Rajasthan's resolution is the first legislative document incorporating objections to the NPR and the proposed National Register of Citizens (NRC).

NATIONAL

- **The Centre - is all set to sign a comprehensive peace deal with the four factions of the National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) and the All Bodo Students Union on January 27.**
- ✓ The deal is likely to be signed in the presence Union home minister Amit Shah and Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal
- ✓ The new peace accord would not upgrade the existing Bodoland Territorial Autonomous Council set up under the 6th Schedule of the Constitution to a separate state or Union Territory.
- ✓ As per the deal, neither a Union Territory will be created, nor new areas will be added under the Bodo council.

SUPREME COURT VERDICT

- **A three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court - has confirmed that 3% reservation should be given to disabled persons both in direct recruitment and in promotions.**
- ✓ The Bench led by Justice Rohinton F. Nariman, also comprising Justices Aniruddha Bose and V. Ramasubramanian, gave the verdict as to whether the disabled, included under The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995", were eligible for reservation in promotion.
- ✓ The judgment confirms a 2016 verdict of the top court in Rajeev Kumar Gupta's case that granted reservation in promotion to disabled persons employed in Groups A and B in addition to Groups C and D in the public sector.

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **India and Brazil - signed 15 agreements as Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro on January 25**



- ✓ Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro will also be the chief guest at the Republic Day parade at Rajpath on January 26.
- ✓ The two sides signed a joint statement and an action plan with specific goals to deepen cooperation in defence and security; trade and investment; agriculture and energy; civil aviation; energy; environment; and health and innovation.
- ✓ The two sides promised to work together to conclude an agreement to deal with international terrorism.
- ✓ The major focus was on boosting bilateral trade and investment as both the large economies have been hit by economics slowdown.
- ✓ The 15 agreements cover a wide range of areas including oil and gas, mineral resources, traditional medicine, animal husbandry, bio-energy and trade and investment.

DEFENCE

- **The President of India - has approved awards of 409 gallantry and other defence decorations to armed forces personnel and others on the eve of 71st Republic Day celebrations**
- ✓ These include 9 Shaurya Chakras, 28 Param Vishisht Seva Medals (PVSM), four Uttam Yudh Seva Medals (UYSM), 53 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals (AVSM), 10 Yudh Seva Medals (YSM), 123 Vishisht Seva Medals (VSM), 111 Sena Medals (Gallantry), 5 Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry), 4 Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry), 40 Sena Medals (devotion to duty), 8 Nao Sena Medals (devotion to duty) and 14 Vayu Sena Medals (devotion to duty).
- ✓ India's third-highest gallantry medal in peacetime, Shaurya Chakra, has been awarded to 6 Army and 3 police personnel for conspicuous bravery in counter-terror operations
- ✓ The Jammu and Kashmir police won the highest number of 108 gallantry medals, followed by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) with 76 medals

AWARDS

- **The Centre – announced the winners list of Padma Awards this year on January 25**
- ✓ It has decided to confer 141 awards, including 7 Padma Vibhushan, 16 Padma Bhushan and 118 Padma Shri.
- ✓ BJP stalwarts Arun Jaitley and Sushma Swaraj and socialist icon George Fernandes, all of whom passed away last year, have been honoured with the Padma Vibhushan



- ✓ The honours for Jaitley and Swaraj are in keeping with the central role they played in the government and their long record as parliamentarians and eminent persons in public life
- ✓ Swaraj was a charismatic campaigner who made an early mark in electoral politics.
- ✓ Jaitley graced the world of law as a top-notch lawyer and was a well-regarded parliamentarian in opposition and government.
- ✓ Apart from a long and distinguished record in public life, Fernandes was defence minister in the Vajpayee government during the Kargil war, when he played a key role in the military and diplomatic decision-making.
- ✓ The Padma Vibhushan, the country's second highest civilian honour after Bharat Ratna, is conferred in recognition of their services to public life and as parliamentarians.
- ✓ Another BJP luminary Manohar Parrikar, who had held the defence portfolio and was chief minister of Goa till he passed away in March 2019, has been awarded the Padma Bhushan posthumously.
- ✓ The Padma Vibhushan list also includes the late Udupi Pejavara Math leader and votary of Ram Mandir, Shri Vishveshateertha Swamiji and Olympian boxer and Rajya Sabha MP Mary Kom.
- ✓ Shri Vishveshateertha Swamiji worked for abolition of untouchability and had once thrown open the doors of his mutt for Muslims to host iftaar
- ✓ Hindustani classical singer from Varanasi Chhannulal Mishra and former Indian-origin PM of Mauritius Anerood Jugnauth were also named as the winners of the Padma Vibhushan awards
- ✓ There are 34 women among the awardees and 18 from the foreigners, NRI, PIO and OIC categories.
- ✓ As many as 12 awards are being given posthumously
- **Bollywood Cinema**
- ✓ From Bollywood, actress Kangana Ranaut and producers Karan Johar and Ekta Kapoor, apart from singers Adnan Sami and Suresh Wadkar have received the Padma Shri .
- **Sports**
- ✓ Sportspersons recognised for their achievements include cricketer Zaheer Khan, badminton star P V Sindhu, shooter Jitu Rai, former hockey team captain M P Ganesh, archer Tarundeep Rai, women's hockey captain Rani Rampal and footballer from Manipur Oinam Bembem Devi.
- ✓ While Sindhu will receive the Padma Bhushan, others have been named for Padma Shri.
- **Industry**
- ✓ Industrialist Anand Mahindra (Padma Bhushan), TVS Group chairman Venu Srinivasan (Padma Bhushan), naukri.com founder Sanjeev Bikhchandani (Padma Shri) and Indo-American billionaire businessman Romesh Wadhvani (Padma Shri), industrialist J P Agarwal (Padma Shri) and Indo-Canadian

billionaire businessman Prem Watsa (Padma Shri) have been awarded for their contribution to trade and industry

➤ **Artist**

✓ The artist awardees include vocalist Ajoy Chakravorty (Padma Bhushan), lyricist from Odisha Mitrabhanu Gountia, Carnatic vocalists Lalitha and Saroja Chidambaram; theatrist Daya Prakash Sinha; and folk singer from Rajasthan Ustad Anwar Khan Mangniyar

➤ **Medicine**

✓ Among the 15 professionals honoured in the field of medicine are Dr Tsering Landol, first gynaecologist from Ladakh, who received the Padma Bhushan, Delhi-based cardiologist N N Khanna, dermatologist Sushovan Banerjee, ex-IAF doctor Padmavathy Bandopadhyay and gynaecologist from MP Leela Joshi.

➤ **Foreigners and NRI category**

✓ The awardees in the foreigners and NRI category include educationist Prof Jagdish Sheth, Gloria Arieira from Brazil, who has translated Bhagvad Gita from Sanskrit to Portugese, Gandhian from Brazil Lia Diskin, management professor from USA S P Kothari, British Labour politician Barry Gardiner and American Buddhist author Robert Thurman. Physicist Harish Chandra Verma and Bihar mathematician Vashishtha Narayan Singh were awarded Padma Shri.

➤ **Others**

✓ PDP leader Muzaffar Hussain Baig and Congress veteran S C Jamir have been honoured with Padma Bhushan

✓ Shri M Mumtaz Ali, a spiritual guru from Kerala who was born in a Muslim family and became a yogi, has been awarded Padma Bhushan.

✓ Former Bangladesh envoy to India Syed Muazzem Ali has been given Padma Bhushan posthumously.

OBITUARY

➤ **Former Tamil Nadu chief secretary, T V Antony (86 years) – passed away in Chennai on January 24**



✓ Hailed as a champion of family planning, Antony had two stints as TN chief secretary, first in 1985-1986 and later for a brief while in 1991

✓ Antony, who joined the IAS in 1956, was a second-generation civil servant who drew inspiration from his father T V Varghese, an ICS officer, who retired as TN chief secretary in 1965

- ✓ His commitment and nation-wide campaign for family planning and two-child formula got him the moniker 'Tubectomy Vasectomy' Antony, which he accepted with grace.
- ✓ The reward for his decades of campaign for family planning came in 2004 when he was conferred Padma Bhushan.

SPORTS

- **Top-seed Russian Grand Master Pavel Pankratov - clinched the title in the 12th Chennai Open international GM chess tournament 2020 here on January 25**



- ✓ In a first, the tournament saw an eight way tie for the top spot
- ✓ Pankratov finished with eight points from 10 rounds and won the title and a cash award of Rs 3 lakh on the basis of a superior tie-break score.
- ✓ Grand Masters Jose Eduardo Martinez Alcantara (Peru), Sergei Yudin (Russia), Aleksej Aleksandrov (Belarus), Ivan Rozum (Russia), Stanislav Bogdanovich (Ukraine), Kirill Stupak (Belarus) and V Vishnu Prasanna apart from Pankratov were tied for the top spot with eight points.
- ✓ Peru GM Martinez Alcantara finished first runner-up and took home Rs 2 lakh
- ✓ During the event, International Master (IM) norms were achieved by Chennai schoolboy GB Harshavardhan, Jimmy Jubin, V Pranav and S Rohit Krishna while K Priyanka made a WIM Norm

PADMA AWARDS – COMPLETE LIST OF WINNERS



Padma Vibhushan (7)

SN	Name	Field	State/Country
1.	Shri George Fernandes (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Bihar
2.	Shri Arun Jaitley (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Delhi
3.	Sir Anerood Jugnauth GCSK	Public Affairs	Mauritius
4.	Smt. M. C. Mary Kom	Sports	Manipur
5.	Shri Chhannulal Mishra	Art	Uttar Pradesh
6.	Smt. Sushma Swaraj (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Delhi
7.	Sri Vishveshateertha Swamiji Sri Pejavara Adhokhaja Matha Udupi (Posthumous)	Others-Spiritualism	Karnataka

Padma Bhushan (16)

SN	Name	Field	State/Country
8.	Shri M. Mumtaz Ali (Sri M)	Others-Spiritualism	Kerala
9.	Shri Syed Muazzem Ali (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Bangladesh
10.	Shri Muzaffar Hussain Baig	Public Affairs	Jammu and Kashmir

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STUDY CENTRE

11.	Shri Ajoy Chakravorty	Art	West Bengal
12.	Shri Manoj Das	Literature and Education	Puducherry
13.	Shri Balkrishna Doshi	Others-Architecture	Gujarat
14.	Ms. Krishnammal Jagannathan	Social Work	Tamil Nadu
15.	Shri S. C. Jamir	Public Affairs	Nagaland
16.	Shri Anil Prakash Joshi	Social Work	Uttarakhand
17.	Dr. Tsering Landol	Medicine	Ladakh
18.	Shri Anand Mahindra	Trade and Industry	Maharashtra
19.	Shri Neelakanta Ramakrishna Madhava Menon (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Kerala
20.	Shri Manohar Gopalkrishna Prabhu Parrikar (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Goa
21.	Prof. Jagdish Sheth	Literature and Education	USA
22.	Ms. P. V. Sindhu	Sports	Telangana
23.	Shri Venu Srinivasan	Trade and Industry	Tamil Nadu

Padma Shri (118)

SN	Name	Field	State/Country
24.	Guru Shashadhar Acharya	Art	Jharkhand
25.	Dr. Yogi Aeron	Medicine	Uttarakhand
26.	Shri Jai Prakash Agarwal	Trade and Industry	Delhi
27.	Shri Jagdish Lal Ahuja	Social Work	Punjab
28.	Kazi Masum Akhtar	Literature and Education	West Bengal
29.	Ms. Gloria Arieira	Literature and Education	Brazil
30.	Khan Zaheerkhan Bakhtiyarkhan	Sports	Maharashtra
31.	Dr. Padmavathy Bandopadhyay	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
32.	Dr. Sushovan Banerjee	Medicine	West Bengal
33.	Dr. Digambar Behera	Medicine	Chandigarh
34.	Dr. Damayanti Beshra	Literature and Education	Odisha
35.	Shri Pawar Popatrao Bhaguji	Social Work	Maharashtra

36.	Shri Himmata Ram Bhambhu	Social Work	Rajasthan
37.	Shri Sanjeev Bikhchandani	Trade and Industry	Uttar Pradesh
38.	Shri Gafurbhai M. Bilakhia	Trade and Industry	Gujarat
39.	Shri Bob Blackman	Public Affairs	United Kingdom
40.	Ms. Indira P. P. Bora	Art	Assam
41.	Shri Madan Singh Chauhan	Art	Chhattisgarh
42.	Ms. Usha Chaumar	Social Work	Rajasthan
43.	Shri Lil Bahadur Chettri	Literature and Education	Assam
44.	Ms. Lalitha & Ms. Saroja Chidambaram (Duo)*	Art	Tamil Nadu
45.	Dr. Vajira Chitrasena	Art	Sri Lanka
46.	Dr. Purushottam Dadheech	Art	Madhya Pradesh
47.	Shri Utsav Charan Das	Art	Odisha
48.	Prof. Indra Dassanayake (Posthumous)	Literature and Education	Sri Lanka
49.	Shri H. M. Desai	Literature and Education	Gujarat
50.	Shri Manohar Devadoss	Art	Tamil Nadu
51.	Ms. Oinam Bembem Devi	Sports	Manipur
52.	Ms. Lia Diskin	Social Work	Brazil
53.	Shri M. P. Ganesh	Sports	Karnataka
54.	Dr. Bangalore Gangadhar	Medicine	Karnataka
55.	Dr. Raman Gangakhedkar	Science and Engineering	Maharashtra
56.	Shri Barry Gardiner	Public Affairs	United Kingdom
57.	Shri Chewang Motup Goba	Trade and Industry	Ladakh
58.	Shri Bharat Goenka	Trade and Industry	Karnataka
59.	Shri Yadla Gopalrao	Art	Andhra Pradesh
60.	Shri Mitrabhanu Gountia	Art	Odisha
61.	Ms. Tulasi Gowda	Social Work	Karnataka
62.	Shri Sujoy K. Guha	Science and Engineering	Bihar
63.	Ms. Harekala Hajabba	Social Work	Karnataka

64.	Shri Enamul Haque	Others-Archaeology	Bangladesh
65.	Shri Madhu Mansuri Hasmukh	Art	Jharkhand
66.	Shri Abdul Jabbar (Posthumous)	Social Work	Madhya Pradesh
67.	Shri Bimal Kumar Jain	Social Work	Bihar
68.	Ms. Meenakshi Jain	Literature and Education	Delhi
69.	Shri Nemnath Jain	Trade and Industry	Madhya Pradesh
70.	Ms. Shanti Jain	Art	Bihar
71.	Shri Sudhir Jain	Science and Engineering	Gujarat
72.	Shri Benichandra Jamatia	Literature and Education	Tripura
73.	Shri K. V. Sampath Kumar & Ms. Vidushi Jayalakshmi K.S. (Duo)*	Literature and Education-Journalism	Karnataka
74.	Shri Karan Johar	Art	Maharashtra
75.	Dr. Leela Joshi	Medicine	Madhya Pradesh
76.	Ms. Sarita Joshi	Art	Maharashtra
77.	Shri C. Kamlova	Literature and Education	Mizoram
78.	Dr. Ravi Kannan R.	Medicine	Assam
79.	Ms. Ekta Kapoor	Art	Maharashtra
80.	Shri Yazdi Naoshirwan Karanjia	Art	Gujarat
81.	Shri Narayan J. Joshi Karayal	Literature and Education	Gujarat
82.	Dr. Narindar Nath Khanna	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
83.	Shri Naveen Khanna	Science and Engineering	Delhi
84.	Shri S. P. Kothari	Literature and Education	USA
85.	Shri V. K. Munusamy Krishnapakthar	Art	Puducherry
86.	Shri M. K. Kunjol	Social Work	Kerala
87.	Shri Manmohan Mahapatra (Posthumous)	Art	Odisha
88.	Ustad Anwar Khan Mangniyar	Art	Rajasthan
89.	Shri Kattungal Subramaniam Manilal	Science and Engineering	Kerala
90.	Shri Munna Master	Art	Rajasthan

91.	Prof. Abhiraj Rajendra Mishra	Literature and Education	Himachal Pradesh
92.	Ms. Binapani Mohanty	Literature and Education	Odisha
93.	Dr. Arunoday Mondal	Medicine	West Bengal
94.	Dr. Prithwindra Mukherjee	Literature and Education	France
95.	Shri Sathyanarayan Mundayoor	Social Work	Arunachal Pradesh
96.	Shri Manilal Nag	Art	West Bengal
97.	Shri N. Chandrasekharan Nair	Literature and Education	Kerala
98.	Dr. Tetsu Nakamura (Posthumous)	Social Work	Afghanistan
99.	Shri Shiv Datt Nirmohi	Literature and Education	Jammu and Kashmir
100.	Shri Pu Lalbiakthanga Pachuau	Literature and Education-Journalism	Mizoram
101.	Ms. Moozhikkal Pankajakshi	Art	Kerala
102.	Dr. Prasanta Kumar Pattanaik	Literature and Education	USA
103.	Shri Jogendra Nath Phukan	Literature and Education	Assam
104.	Ms. Rahibai Soma Popere	Others-Agriculture	Maharashtra
105.	Shri Yogesh Praveen	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh
106.	Shri Jitu Rai	Sports	Uttar Pradesh
107.	Shri Tarundeep Rai	Sports	Sikkim
108.	Shri S. Ramakrishnan	Social Work	Tamil Nadu
109.	Ms. Rani Rampal	Sports	Haryana
110.	Ms. Kangana Ranaut	Art	Maharashtra
111.	Shri Dalavai Chalapathi Rao	Art	Andhra Pradesh
112.	Shri Shahbuddin Rathod	Literature and Education	Gujarat
113.	Shri Kalyan Singh Rawat	Social Work	Uttarakhand
114.	Shri Chintala Venkat Reddy	Others-Agriculture	Telangana
115.	Smt. (Dr.) Shanti Roy	Medicine	Bihar
116.	Shri Radhamohan & Ms. Sabarmatee (Duo)*	Others-Agriculture	Odisha
117.	Shri Batakrushna Sahoo	Others-Animal Husbandry	Odisha
118.	Ms. Trinity Saioo	Others-Agriculture	Meghalaya

119.	Shri Adnan Sami	Art	Maharashtra
120.	Shri Vijay Sankeshwar	Trade and Industry	Karnataka
121.	Dr. Kushal Konwar Sarma	Medicine	Assam
122.	Shri Sayed Mehboob Shah Qadri alias Sayedbhai	Social Work	Maharashtra
123.	Shri Mohammed Sharif	Social Work	Uttar Pradesh
124.	Shri Shyam Sunder Sharma	Art	Bihar
125.	Dr. Gurdip Singh	Medicine	Gujarat
126.	Shri Ramjee Singh	Social Work	Bihar
127.	Shri Vashishtha Narayan Singh (Posthumous)	Science and Engineering	Bihar
128.	Shri Daya Prakash Sinha	Art	Uttar Pradesh
129.	Dr. Sandra Desa Souza	Medicine	Maharashtra
130.	Shri Vijayasarithi Sribhashyam	Literature and Education	Telangana
131.	Smt. Kalee Shabi Mahaboob & Shri Sheik Mahaboob Subani (Duo)*	Art	Tamil Nadu
132.	Shri Javed Ahmad Tak	Social Work	Jammu and Kashmir
133.	Shri Pradeep Thalappil	Science and Engineering	Tamil Nadu
134.	Shri Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi	Literature and Education	Arunachal Pradesh
135.	Shri Robert Thurman	Literature and Education	USA
136.	Shri Agus Indra Udayana	Social Work	Indonesia
137.	Shri Harish Chandra Verma	Science and Engineering	Uttar Pradesh
138.	Shri Sundaram Verma	Social Work	Rajasthan
139.	Dr. Romesh Tekchand Wadhvani	Trade and Industry	USA
140.	Shri Suresh Wadkar	Art	Maharashtra
141.	Shri Prem Watsa	Trade and Industry	Canada

Note: * In duo case, the award is counted as one.

