

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 4, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- ◆ **The Tamil Nadu government - notifies rent courts in all the 32 districts in the state in accordance with Section 32 of the Tamil Nadu Regulation of Rights and Responsibilities of Landlords and Tenants Act of 2017**
 - ✓ Housing and urban development department is the nodal agency for these courts
 - ✓ Out of 32 rent courts, seven courts had been designated as Rent Courts for Chennai district.
 - ✓ The presiding officers of the Courts of Small Causes No. X to XVI, functioning in a separate building on the High Court campus, will function as Rent Courts
 - ✓ In the rest of the Rent courts, the Principal District Munsif Courts, Additional District Munsif courts and District Munsif Courts in those districts had been designated as Rent Courts.
 - ✓ In Chennai district, District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officer, Revenue Divisional Officers and Personal Assistants to Collector had been designated as Rent Authorities for different taluks.
 - ✓ Background
 - ✓ Earlier, The Tamil Nadu government introduced the new rules under the Tamil Nadu Regulation of Rights and Responsibilities of Landlords and Tenants Act, 2017, making the registration of rent agreements mandatory in the state, on February 22, 2019
 - ✓ The Act replaced the Tamil Nadu Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1960, popularly known as 'Rent control act', which was criticized for being in favour of tenants
 - ✓ It was modeled after the centre's Tenancy Act
 - ✓ Under the new Act, new as well as existing tenants and landlords will have to register the rent agreement with the rent authority within 90 days
 - ✓ The government has also launched a portal, www.tenancy.tn.gov.in, to facilitate the registration for both the parties

- ✓ Each district will also have a rent court and tribunal, to be set up as a part of the new Act, in order to address the grievances of both the parties
- ✓ Disputes between landlords and tenants will be solved at the first instance by the Rent Authority concerned and then taken on appeal to the Rent Court and followed by the Rent Tribunal.
- ✓ As per the 2011 census, the state has 23.4% rental houses

◆ **The Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation's (TANGEDCO) – proposed its 13th Master plan for infrastructure development in Chennai**

- ✓ The five-year plan focuses on infrastructure works consisting of substations, lands to be acquired, underground cable network and the equipment needed to be installed in these substations.
- ✓ It plans to construct 20 substations, including a 230 kilo volt (KV) of gas insulated substation at Thanikachalam Road and a 110 KV substation at the B&C Mills located on Cooks Road near Perambur
- ✓ The electricity department has planned to construct 18 substations of 33-KV capacity to improve the distribution network in highly congested localities
- ✓ As per the proposed master plan 33/11-KV plants would come up at CIT Nagar 4th Main Road, Corporation Colony, Pudupet, Kannamapet, Egmore, Nungambakkam, Wallajah Road, Fore Shore Estate and Vepery

◆ **2nd World Conference on Palmyrah Economy 2019- to take place in Coimbatore from May 5 to 7, 2019**



பேரூரில் வெள்ளிக்கிழமை தொடங்கிய 2-ஆவது பணப் பொருளாதார மாநாட்டு மலரை வெளியிட்ட சாந்தலிங்க மருதாசல அடிகள், உடன், (இடமிருந்து) வேளாண் பொருளாதாரப் பேரமைப்பு நிர்வாகிகள் இராமகிருஷ்ணன், சாமியப்பன், பர்க் கல்வி நிறுவனங்களின் தலைமைச் செயல் அலுவலர் அனுஷா ரவி, தென்னை நார் வாரிய முன்னாள் தலைவர் சி.பி.ராதாகிருஷ்ணன், பட்டக்கரர் ச.கு.பாலகப்பிரமணிய பெரியண்ண வேணாவுடையார், பேரமைப்பு பொதுச் செயலாளர் குமரி நம்பி, ரவிக்குமார், சித்த மருத்துவர் மணிவாசகம்,

- ✓ It is organized by World Palmyrah Agro Economy Consortium
- ✓ The conference will discuss the implementation of modern technologies in Palmyrah industry
- ✓ It also features various exhibitions and seminars regarding the Palmyrah industry

◆ **Nileena M.S. - was presented the prestigious ACJ Award for Investigative Journalism, 2018 in Chennai**



- ✓ She bagged the award for her story published in The Caravan last year on how the Adani Group was reaping benefits worth thousands of crores as the coal scam continued under the Modi government
- ✓ Two other entries — ‘A Chronicle of the Crime Fiction That is Adityanath’s Encounter Raj’ by Neha Dixit published in The Wire and the two-part series on ‘The Death of Judge Loya’ by Nikita Saxena published in The Caravan found special mention.
- ✓ The ACJ Award for Investigative Journalism comprises a trophy, citation and a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh.
- ✓ Former Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi was the chairperson of the jury

◆ **Chennai region – recorded a pass percentage of 92.93 in the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) results of the Class 12 board examinations announced on May 2**

- ✓ The region was second overall, behind Thiruvananthapuram which recorded a pass percentage of 98.20
- ✓ Chennai region covers Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Daman and Diu
- ✓ Last year, the region recorded a pass percentage of 93.87



- ✓ Two students from Chennai — G. Karthik Balaji from PSBB Senior Secondary School in K.K. Nagar and Shreyansh Amit Shah from Kola Saraswathi Vaishnav Senior Secondary School in Kilpauk — found a place among the 23 national toppers with 499 marks
- ✓ In the Chennai region, girls recorded a pass percentage of 95.06 while it was 91.18 for boys
- ✓ A total of 82,719 students from 1,153 schools in the region took the board examinations, held in March and April.
- ✓ Overall, 83.4% of the 12.87 lakh students passed in the examinations with 88.7% of girls and 79.4% of boys clearing it
- ✓ Among transgender students, the pass percentage was 83.3%



- ✓ The joint toppers — who scored 499 out of a possible 500 — were also girls, both from Uttar Pradesh

◆ **India's No. 1 singles player Prajnesh Gunneswaran - was awarded the prestigious T.K. Ramanathan award at the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association's annual day ceremony in Chennai**



- ✓ Vijay Amritraj, President, TNTA outlined the various future activities lined up by the association.

◆ **The Department of School Education – announced that the Transfer Certificates for the students will be henceforth issued only through the website, emis.tnschools.gov.in**



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- ✓ EMIS refers to the Educational Management Information System, launched by the State Government

NATIONAL

◆ **The Authority on Advance Ruling (AAR) in West Bengal - has ruled that services such as preferential location and facilities like car parking in apartments should be treated as “composite construction service” and attract the same GST levy as construction**

- ✓ Builders will now have to charge 5% GST on services bundled with affordable homes and 8% on others
- ✓ Several builders were charging 18% GST on these services, which includes preferential location charges (PLC), parking charges, transfer fees, external development charges, internal development charges (IDC), document charges etc

INTERNATIONAL

- ◆ **The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) – has frozen all investment accounts of Jaish-e-Muhammed chief, Masood Azhar**



- ✓ The country's financial regulatory agency has directed all non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and other regulated entities to comply immediately with the freeze order of the funds, accounts and other financial resources of the JeM chief.
- ✓ Regulated entities include securities brokers, commodities brokers, insurers, and NBFCs.
- ✓ The move follows after the UN placed him on its global terror list
- ✓ Pakistan has also imposed a travel ban on Azhar

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- ◆ **London - emerged as the top choice for Indian investors with investments reaching an all-time high last year**
- ✓ The UK emerged as the top most country to attract Indian FDI with 52 projects, followed by the US (51) and the UAE (32), in 2018
- ✓ Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from India into London increased by 255% from 2017 to 2018, with a giant leap of 32 more projects last year

COMMITTEES

- ◆ **The Supreme Court - appointed its former judge, Justice A.K. Sikri, to examine the evaluation process of the main exam for the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division) in Haryana**



- ✓ A Bench led by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and comprising Justice Deepak Gupta directed the Punjab and Haryana High Court to submit answer sheets to Justice Sikri.
- ✓ In the exam meant to fill up 107 vacancies, only 9 people were shortlisted out of more than 1,100 candidates

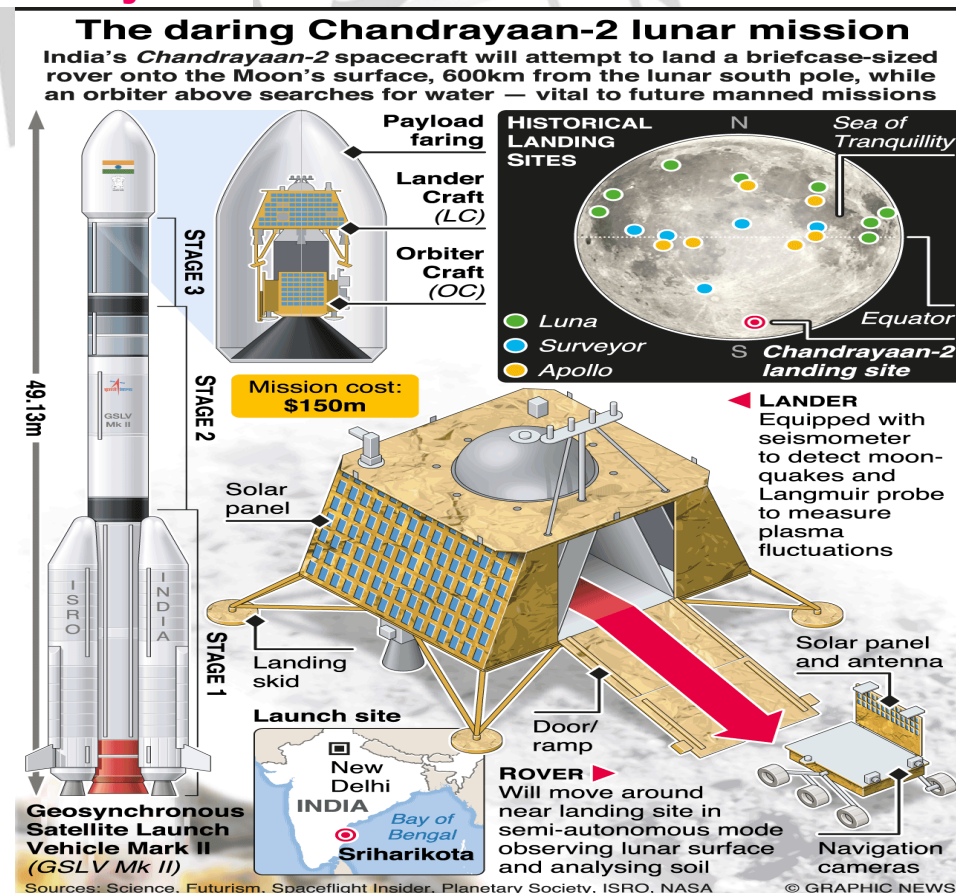
CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

◆ India - has been invited to the G7 summit to be held at Biarritz, France this year

- ✓ France, which is the chair of the G-7 group, has invited India to the summit scheduled for August 24-26
- ✓ The group consists of US, UK, Canada, France, Germany, Japan and Italy.
- ✓ This is the second time India has been invited to the G7 summit
- ✓ In 2005, Tony Blair had invited then PM Manmohan Singh to the Gleneagles G8 summit.
- ✓ Russia was invited to be a member in 1998, but was removed after it annexed Crimea in 2014, along with worsening relations between Russia and US
- ✓ The EU also participates as a “non-enumerated” member
- ✓ G7 is an informal group, whose summits typically focus on macro issues of global economy and governance

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

◆ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) - will attempt to land a rover on the lunar South Pole during the country's second moon mission, Chandrayaan-2



- ✓ The south pole is a region on the moon to which no one has gone till now, with all the missions landing near the moon's equator till now
- ✓ If ISRO manages to successfully execute this, India will be the first country to land a rover on the moon's South Pole
- ✓ The Chandrayaan-2 mission on board a GSLV-MkIII is expected to have a launch window between July 5 and July 16, with an aim to land on the moon around September 6
- ✓ China is reportedly aiming to construct a moon research station on the lunar South Pole, while the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is working to send astronauts there by 2024
- ✓ According to NASA, some regions of the lunar South Pole have permanently shadowed craters with some of the lowest temperatures in the solar system, where water ice is stable as finding water is one of the key objectives of the mission

DEFENCE

◆ **INS Ranjit, the Indian Navy's frontline missile destroyer - will be decommissioned at the naval dockyard in Visakhapatnam on May 6 after having served for 36 years**

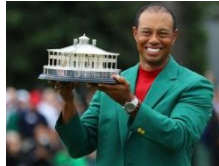
- ✓ It was the third of the five Kashin-class destroyers built by erstwhile USSR in present-day Ukraine
- ✓ The ship was given its Russian name "Lovkly" which means "Agile" and was launched on 16 June 1979
- ✓ The ship was commissioned as INS Ranjit on September 15, 1983, with Captain Vishnu Bhagwat at the helm



- ✓ With a motto of 'Sada Rane Jayate' or 'Ever Victorious in Battle', INS Ranjit was at the forefront of IPKF operations and Operation Talwar during Kargil conflict
- ✓ In 2003, the ship was deployed off Mozambique to provide security cover for the African Union Summit.
- ✓ The ship was also actively deployed as part of relief operations after the 2004 tsunami and cyclone Hud-hud in 2014.
- ✓ In recognition of her service, the ship was awarded Unit Citation in 2003-04 and 2009-10
- ✓ Last month, the Indian Navy had launched guided missile destroyer Imphal, the third ship under Project 15-B, at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders in Mumbai
- ✓ It is the first of the five Rajput class destroyer to go out of service
- ✓ Rajput class destroyers were first to be fitted with Brahmos supersonic cruise missiles
- ✓ The destroyer has been the flag ship of both the eastern and western fleet.

AWARDS

- ◆ **US President Donald Trump - will present the Presidential Medal of Freedom to ace golfer Tiger Woods**



- ✓ The 43-year-old, who won his fifth Masters in April in Augusta will receive the medal at a White House ceremony on May 6
- ✓ The medal is one of the highest civilian honours in the US, and Woods will be only the fourth golfer to receive one

SPORTS

- ◆ **The Volleyball Federation of India - appointed Serbian, Dragan Mihailovic as head coach of the men's national team**



- ✓ Mihailovic has more than 25 years of experience as a coach and has won several medals as an assistant coach with Serbia at World Championships, European Championships as well as Olympics
- ✓ It had also announced the appointment of Pryemyslaw Gaszyoski and Valadimir Radosevic as the team's physio trainer and physiotherapist respectively

FANI LANDFALL – A REPORT

- ◆ **An “extremely severe” cyclonic storm ‘Fani’ – crossed Odisha’s coast in South of Puri around 8am on May 3**

- ✓ Aftermath of Fani



Cyclone Fani flattened roadside shops in Puri on Friday morning

► Makes landfall near Puri around 8am on Friday with wind speed of 175kmph. Batters Khurda, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Jajpur, Bhadrak and Balasore

► No electricity in Puri and Bhubaneswar, telecom networks disrupted. Summer crops, plantations, orchards devastated on large scale

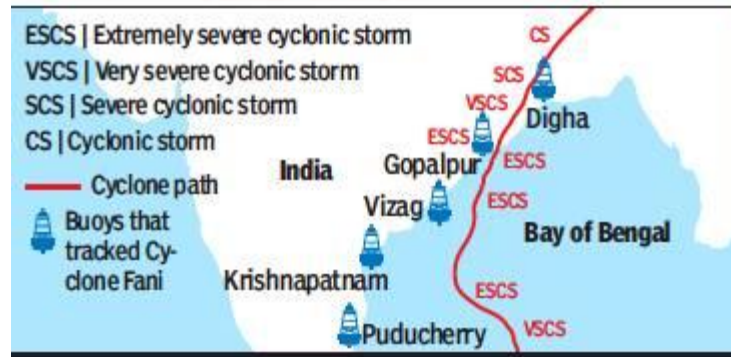
► Fani likely to move north-northeastwards and weaken into severe cyclonic storm. Likely to hit gangetic West Bengal with 90-100 kmph gusts by Saturday morning

- ✓ India Meteorological Department's improved warning system, successful evacuation of lakhs of people, better Centre-state coordination and the highest ever deployment by NDRF limited casualties to 8 deaths

FIGHTING FANI	
IMD gave hourly bulletins from May 2	Army kept 2 columns on standby at Gopalpur, engineering task force at Panagarh; navy deployed 6 ships, 7 choppers; IAF deployed 2 C-17s, 2 C-130s, 4 AN-32s; Coast Guard kept 6 ships on standby, positioned response teams at Gopalpur, Paradip, Haldia and Fraserganj
ALL SMS MESSAGES IN AFFECTED AREAS OF ANDHRA PRADESH, ODISHA AND WEST B MADE FREE OF COST	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Restoration of telecom network under way at Puri and Bhubaneswar ➤ 200 water purification units sent to Odisha; medical teams from AIIMS, Safdarjung, LHMC, RML and JIPMER kept ready ➤ IRCS provided tarpaulins, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> kitchen sets, mosquito nets ➤ Stockpiling of 7 lakh water bottles, 6150 cartons of biscuits, 5470 cartons of fruit juices and beverages, 1165 MT of baby food ➤ 20 teams of Odisha disaster rapid action force deployed; state provided 4.5 lakh polythene sheets

- ✓ Hundreds were rendered homeless following the Cyclone unleashing its full force with wind speed going up to 175 kmph
- ✓ The cyclone lashed Capital, Bhubaneswar for five hours with winds gusting up to 100 kmph damaging power and telecommunication lines.
- ✓ Telecom network broke down in Puri and Bhubaneswar while it suffered partial damage in other parts
- ✓ More than 10,000 villages and 52 towns in nine districts of Odisha were affected as heavy rain pounded the state all through the day
- ✓ Precautionary efforts
 - ✓ After responding successfully to Phailin (October 2013) and Hudhud (October 2014) cyclones, central agencies and state governments were able to manage a massive evacuation
 - ✓ The NDRF, in fact, made its highest ever deployment by putting 65 teams on the ground with 38 in Odisha.
 - ✓ Over 11.5 lakh people were evacuated in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal in the past three days
 - ✓ Indian Coast Guard and the Navy have deployed ships and helicopters for relief and rescue operations
 - ✓ Army and Air Force units in the three States have also been put on standby
 - ✓ Nearly 12 tiny yellow buoys deployed along the east coast and deep in the ocean assisted meteorologists in tracking movement of the cyclone in real time and estimate its path.
 - ✓ Seven of the buoys along the coast were deployed by Hyderabad-based Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) and five far into the sea by National Institute of Ocean Technology

BUOYED AND HOW



- ✓ These floating devices played a key role in forecasting the cyclone's shift in course
- ✓ These buoys along the coast recorded winds gusting at 190kmph and waves reaching a height of 6.3m
- ✓ Cyclone Fani
- ✓ Cyclone 'Fani' is only the second storm in the past over 126 years to form over the Bay of Bengal and cross India's mainland in April
- ✓ The last severe cyclone Nargis, formed in April over the Bay of Bengal, had devastated Myanmar in 2008
- ✓ The name of the Cyclone 'Fani' was suggested by Bangladesh. It means 'Snake' or 'hood of snake'
- ✓ Eight countries namely, India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan and Thailand send names of tropical cyclones developing in the North Indian Ocean to the regional committee
- ✓ It has to be remembered the worst ever 1999 super cyclone killed more than 10,000 people in Odisha, battering the state with winds of 270kmph to 300kmph.

