

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOV 27, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami – announced Rs 1,000 Pongal Cash gift for all 1.88 crore rice cardholders in the state in addition to 1kg rice, 1kg sugar, and packets of cashews and raisins



- ✓ Last Pongal, the government had announced a similar hamper for the 2 crore ration cardholders in the state, including the 10.12 lakh sugar cardholders, which was later challenged in the High Court
- ✓ A month later, the government had allotted another ₹2,000 dole to 60 lakh families below poverty line last year.
- ✓ The CM made the announcement while inaugurating Kallakurichi as the state's 34th district
- ✓ Roughly, ₹2,300 crore may be required for the scheme
- ✓ **The Government schools in Tamil Nadu – to dedicate one period every week to improve the English speaking skills of Class 1 to Class 9 students, starting from the third term in January next year**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu State Council for Educational Research and Training (TNSCERT) with the help of expert educationalists and teachers has prepared handbook modules that include videos and programmes aired by Kalvi tholaikatchi
 - ✓ School education minister K A Sengottaiyan will release the handbook modules on November 27, 2019
 - ✓ English teachers from schools will be trained to use the module in the next month
 - ✓ As per the new move, students of classes I to V in panchayat union schools and government schools will get one class for 90 minutes every week for spoken English.
 - ✓ In the first 40 minutes, students will watch videos or do-it-yourself activities, which will be followed by exercises by teachers in the next 10 minutes.
 - ✓ Students will be trained in speaking the language in the last 40 minutes.
 - ✓ Students from Class VI to Class IX will have one class of 45 minutes duration every week consisting of four modules
 - ✓ A common handbook has been prepared for classes I to V, while classes VI to IX will have separate handbooks for each class.
 - ✓ Kalvi Tholaikatchi, the TV channel run by the government for education, will also telecast programmes on spoken English training
- **The Public health department – makes mandatory for educational institutions to provide free-flowing water and liquid hand washing soaps in toilets, without which sanitation certificates will not be issued.**

5 STEPS TO FOLLOW

- Wet hands with clean, running water and apply soap
- Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails by rubbing them together with soap
- Scrub hands for 20 seconds
- Rinse well under clean water
- Use a clean towel and do not touch the tap or door again

- ✓ The school education department will not allow schools to function without sanitary certificates
- ✓ School managements must declare the facilities available including toilet-student ratio, closed sewer lines and ventilation to the related agencies
- ✓ Students and parents can complain against poor sanitary hygiene in schools at '104' helpline or to local health officials in respective district
- ✓ School education department has recently proposed students be given three special breaks to ensure they drink adequate water

- **Governor Banwarilal Purohit - appointed N Panchanatham as vice-chancellor of Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University on November 26**



- ✓ Panchanatham, who has been teaching for more than 29 years in the business administration department of Annamalai University, has published 33 research papers and authored 5 books.
 - ✓ He also held the post of registrar of Annamalai University during 2013-15.
 - ✓ He will hold office for three years
 - ✓ He had visited 35 countries for academic research and training programmes.
- **The Department of tourism, culture and religious endowments - has issued a notification to declare the Danish Governor Bungalow at Tharangambadi in Nagapattinam district, an ancient monument.**



- ✓ It was a 17th century Danish colonial house, which was the private residence of the Danish governor
- ✓ It was taken over by the British administration after the exit of the Danes in 1845
- ✓ Also known as Collector's House, it is located opposite Dansborg Fort at Tharangambadi and is marked distinctly by the large pillars of its veranda.
- ✓ The fort was the residence and headquarters of the Danish governor and other officers for about 150 years.
- ✓ As per the government notification (GO Ms number 101) dated November 20, Governor Bungalow at Sathangudi village in Tharangambadi taluk would be brought under the Tamil Nadu Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1966, as it requires protection.
- ✓ The government has given a two-month notice to declare the bungalow a protected monument.

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- **The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind - launched a web portal of National Youth Parliament Scheme on the occasion of 70th anniversary of the adoption of Indian Constitution**



- ✓ The President released commemorative coins and a special stamp of Rs 250 on the occasion of Constitution Day.
 - ✓ National Youth Parliament Scheme Portal contains photographs, videos, scripts and e-training modules for online self-learning.
 - ✓ India's all recognized educational organizations will be eligible to take in the National Youth Parliament Scheme.
 - ✓ National youth Parliament Scheme Portal will provide impetus to PM Modi's vision of organizing youth parliament sessions across the country.
 - ✓ Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla inaugurated tenth Commonwealth Youth Parliament at the Delhi Vidhan Sabha
 - ✓ This Programme will witness the participation of 47 young minds from 24 different countries.
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- **The Union Cabinet - has approved the extension of the term of the 15th Finance Commission till October 30, 2020**
 - ✓ The cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, also gave its approval to the finance commission to submit the first report for the fiscal year 2020-21.
 - ✓ The extension has been given to enable the presentation of the final report covering all its recommendations for the fiscal year period from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
 - ✓ The 15th Finance Commission is expected to submit its interim report by November 30, 2019
 - ✓ The Union Government set up the 15th Finance Commission under the chairmanship of NK Singh on November 27, 2017.
 - ✓ It was set up to give its recommendations for five fiscal years beginning from April 1, 2020.

- **UP Sunni Central Waqf Board - passed a resolution with a 6-1 majority against filing a petition for seeking a review of the Supreme Court's verdict in the Ayodhya case**
- ✓ It is the main litigant from the Muslim side in the case

6-1 VOTE AGAINST FILING PLEA

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lawyer Abdul Razzaq Khan, the lone dissenter, says review petition should be filed. Six members of UP Sunni Central Waqf Board vote against review plea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Apart from Sunni board, two other litigants – Iqbal Ansari and Shia Central Board of Waqf, UP – have announced that they won't file a review petition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Contentious site in Ayodhya will remain in board's records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sunni board among 10 litigants from the Muslim side. Six litigants had announced last week that they would file a review plea with the backing of All India Muslim Personal Law Board
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Members seek more time to decide on the SC's offer for five-acre alternative land 	

- ✓ However, the board is undecided about accepting the court's offer of five-acre alternative land for the construction of a mosque elsewhere in Ayodhya
- ✓ The board is among the total 10 litigants from the Muslim side in the Ayodhya case
- **Shiv Sena executive president Uddhav Thackeray - will be sworn in as the next Maharashtra chief minister at the Shivaji Park on Thursday, November 28**



- ✓ He will be the first member of the Thackeray family to take over the reins of the state.
- ✓ Earlier, leaders of the Shiv Sena, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress met Mr. Koshiyari to stake claim to form the next government

FADNAVIS 2ND MAHA CM TO COMPLETE 5 YRS ALSO HAS 3RD-SHORTEST TERM IN COUNTRY



6:30am, Sat | Sworn in



4:30 pm, Tue | Resigned

Fadnavis is only the second CM in the state to complete a full five-year term. Before him, this feat was achieved by Vasantnao Naik (Congress), who completed full tenure in 1972

Devendra Fadnavis, Maharashtra's longest-serving single-term chief minister in 47 years, on Tuesday recorded the state's shortest stint for a CM—of just 80 hours—thereby also becoming the CM with the third-shortest tenure in independent India

VASANTRAO NAIK AS CM

In office
Dec 1963 - Mar 1967 | 1,548 days
Mar 1967 - Mar 1972 | 1,840 days
Mar 1972 - Feb 1975 | 709 days

Total 4,097 days

DEVENDRA FADNAVIS AS CM

In office
Oct 2014 - Nov 2019 | 1,834 days
Nov 23, 2019 - Nov 26, 2019 | 3 days

Total 1,837 days

Indian CMs who lasted a week or less

Harish Rawat (Cong) Uttarakhand 21-22 April, 2016	1 day
Jagdambika Pal (UPLC) Uttar Pradesh 21-23 February, 1998	2
Devendra Fadnavis (BJP) Maharashtra 23-26 November, 2019	3
Nabam Tuki (Cong) Arunachal Pradesh 13-17 July, 2016	4
Satish Prasad Singh (Cong) Bihar Jan 28 - Feb 1, 1968	4
Om Prakash Chautala (JD) Haryana 12-17 July, 1990	5
Ravi S Naik (Cong) Goa 2-8 April, 1994	6
B S Yedyurappa (BJP) Karnataka 17-23 May, 2018	6
Nitish Kumar (JDU) Bihar 3-10 March, 2000	7
V R Nedunchezian (DMK) Tamil Nadu 3-10 February, 1969	7

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- ✓ Maharashtra governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari appointed Kalidas Kolambkar, BJP MLA from Wadala, as the pro tem speaker
- ✓ He is the senior-most MLA who has won the assembly elections for eight consecutive terms
- ✓ The pro tem speaker is appointed temporarily to discharge the immediate duties of the legislative assembly such as to conduct a floor test in a free and fair way and administer the oath to all the MLAs.
- ✓ The BJP had won 105 seats, while the Shiv Sena had won 56 seats in the 288-member assembly.
- ✓ On the other hand, the NCP had won 54 seats in the elections and its ally the Congress had won 44 seats.
- ✓ Back in 1995, Sena leader Manohar Joshi was sworn in as chief minister, in an alliance government comprising the Sena and the BJP.
- ✓ Then, BJP leader Gopinath Munde was sworn in as deputy chief minister

- **The information and broadcasting ministry - has notified the draft Registration of Press and Periodicals Bill, 2019**
 - ✓ It seeks to replace more than a century-old Press and Registration of Books (PRB) Act, 1867 that still governs registration of print and publishing industry in India.
 - ✓ The biggest change in the draft regulation is that digital media has been brought under the purview of the new registration regulation.
 - ✓ In addition, it has recommended that publishers and printers need not furnish declarations before the local administration where the publications are registered.
 - ✓ The draft bill says publishers of news on digital media shall register themselves with the Registrar of Newspapers of India and has also proposed a system of registering e-papers.
 - ✓ The Bill also authorises the Central and the State governments to frame appropriate rules/ regulations to regulate the criteria/conditions for issuing government advertisements in newspapers, accreditation of newspapers and other facilities for newspapers
 - ✓ It also seeks to centralise the process of registering periodicals by the proposed Press Registrar General
 - ✓ The Bill proposes to remove the earlier provision under the PRB Act,1867 of prosecution of publishers
 - ✓ At present, offences under the PRB Act are punishable with an imprisonment term of up to 6 months as part of the penalties clause for improper disclosure of information.

- **The Supreme Court - gave its consent for commercial production of 'green' crackers with up to 30% less pollution, if the manufacturers comply with the new chemical composition approved by the Centre.**
 - ✓ Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute have certified that the new chemical formulation of crackers would produce up to 30% less pollution
 - ✓ They have instructed the cracker manufacturers' associations to establish testing units at cracker units to ensure that the crackers conform to the new standard.

- **The Lok Sabha - passed the National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill, 2019 on November 26**
 - ✓ The new bill aims to declare the NIDs in Andhra Pradesh (Amravati), Assam (Jorhat), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal) and Haryana (Kurukshetra) of national importance
 - ✓ The Rajya Sabha had cleared the Bill during the previous session.
 - ✓ Earlier, these institutes came under the Societies Registration Act and have no power to issue degrees or diplomas.
 - ✓ The National Institute of Design, 2014 Act will be amended by this bill.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **The World - is heading for an average temperature rise by 3.2^o Celsius by 2100, as per recent UN report**
- ✓ The report specifies that disastrous consequences of climate change will be felt even if all current commitments under the Paris Agreement are implemented.
- ✓ The annual report of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) — called Emission Gap Report – was released on November 26, ahead of the upcoming 25th edition of the Conference of Parties (COP25) in Madrid in December
- ✓ As per the report, the Green House gas (GHG) emissions have increased by 1.5% per year over the last decade, hitting an all-time high of 55.3 gigatonnes of CO₂ equivalent emissions.
- ✓ The report warned that unless global GHG emissions fall by 7.6% each year between 2020 and 2030, the world cannot progress towards the goal of 1.5^o C temperature rise.
- ✓ The report also noted that developed countries cannot just reduce emissions by exporting carbon pollution (GHG emitting activities such as manufacturing) to the emerging economies such as China, India, Brazil and South Africa.
- ✓ It is expected that the countries during December 2-13 COP25 in Madrid would try to find a common platform to raise their climate action targets by 2020 to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.
- ✓ Over 195 countries vowed in 2015 to take climate actions to keep the global average temperature rise within 2^o C by 2100 and make efforts to limit the increase to 1.5^o C
- ✓ India is the third-largest emitter behind the United States and China respectively.
- ✓ However, India's per capita emissions are significantly below the United States, China and many other countries.

- **Advanced earth observation satellite Cartosat-3 - to be launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR at Sriharikota in coastal Andhra Pradesh on November 27**
- ✓ It will be carried by PSLV-C47 rocket on its 49th flight.
- ✓ 13 small satellites of two U.S. customers will be the secondary payloads.

Mapping the earth

Cartosat-3 is a third generation earth observation satellite with high resolution imaging capability. A look at some of its features



A view of Cartosat-3 at the Assembly Complex at Sriharikota. ■ PTI

Uses: Large scale urban planning, rural resource and infrastructure development, coastal land use and land cover

Overall mass: 1,625 kg

Mission life: 5 years

Minute details:

The satellite will be able to see objects that are just

25 cm
from its orbital perch around 500 km away

▪ The previous best view from a Cartosat was 65 cm

▪ Only government or government-
authorised agencies can access images below a resolution of 1 m

- ✓ It is the ninth satellite of the Cartosat series, which will be launched from the second launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Center at Sriharikota.
- ✓ Cartosat-3 will be placed in orbit with an inclination of 97.5 degrees at 509 kilometres away in the space.
- ✓ It is also the satellite with the highest-ever resolution that the ISRO has developed till date.
- ✓ One of Cartosat-3's cameras offers a ground resolution of 25 cm — this means it can pick up an object of a minimum of that size from a height of around 500 km.
- ✓ Currently, WorldView-3, a satellite owned by U.S. company Maxar, has the best ground resolution of 31 cm.
- ✓ So far, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has put into orbit eight Cartosats since May 2005.
- ✓ Data from most of them, especially the last four Carto-2 series ones, are exclusively used by the armed forces.
- ✓ The previous best view from a Cartosat was 65 cm, as put in the last three or four satellites in the Cartosat-2 series — 2C, 2D, 2E and 2F
- ✓ At 1,625 kg, Cartosat-3 is unusually heavy and more than double the mass of the previous eight in its class
- ✓ Cartosat-3 will have a lifespan of five years.
- ✓ Cartosat-3 can take clear pictures up to a height of 0.25 meters i.e. 9.84 inches of the ground from space.
- ✓ America's private space company Digital Globe's GeoIP-1 satellite can take pictures up to a height of 16.14 inches.
- ✓ Cartosat-3 is the most complex and advanced satellite India has ever developed

- ✓ Cartosat-3 is an earth observation satellite that will provide spatial, spectral and temporal data for various fields including urban planning, agriculture, water resource management, environment and disaster management.
- ✓ Cartosat-1, the first satellite of the Cartosat series, was launched on 05 May 2005
- ✓ Cartosat-2, the next satellite, was launched on 10 January 2007

AWARDS

- **Arcadia Education Project - honoured with the prestigious Aga Khan Architecture Award 2019 for its Floating School Project**



- ✓ The award ceremony was held in Kazan, the Republic of Tatarstan.
- ✓ This school was established for marginalized children in South Kanarchor, Bangladesh
- ✓ The project was initiated by a retired teacher Razia Alam.
- ✓ The architect of the project, Saif ul Haq, designed the school, which stays on land during the dry season and floats on the water during the monsoon season
- ✓ He used local materials like bamboo, tires, and steel drums to build the amphibious structure for the school.
- ✓ The Aga Khan Architecture Award was established in 1977.
- ✓ The main aim of this award is to honour architectural concepts that effectively address the requirements of society
- ✓ It is presented in a three-year cycle, which has one million US dollar as prize money

