


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOV 7, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- ◆ **Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) – to roll out its' mobile app-based parking project named 'GCC Smart Parking' soon**

COMING VERY SOON

<p>No. of slots Initially 4,600 on 471 bus route roads and then the slots will be extended to 12,000</p> <p>➤ The unit for parking is Equivalent Car Space (ECS) which is space for one car. Same space can accommodate three bikes or several ECS can accommodate a bus</p> <p>HOW IT WILL WORK App will have two versions, one for attenders in parking spots & another for citizens</p> <p>USER APP</p> <p>➤ GPS-enabled app will indicate slots available at locations real-time</p> <p>➤ You can only block a slot in advance and not book one</p> <p>➤ Booking can be done once you reach the parking zone</p> <p>ATTENDER APP</p> <p>➤ Attenders at the spots will guide you to a slot</p> <p>➤ Vehicle registration number is recorded as a photo through the app</p> <p>➤ Payment link is sent to user through SMS</p> <p>➤ IP cameras will also capture the vehicle registration details and parking location</p> <p>IT MIGHT HELP IN</p> <p>➤ Regularisation of parking in the city, which is currently haphazard, & improve traffic flow</p> <p>➤ Bring revenue for GCC</p> <p>➤ Steep rates may make people switch to public transport</p>	<p>Cost ₹2/hour on normal roads for cars</p> <p>➤ ₹40/hour on premium roads (like Khadar Nawaz Khan Road)</p> <p>➤ ₹5/hour for bikes</p>
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- ✓ As part of the project, 4,000 car parking spots, also known as equivalent car space (ECS), are planned in the city by the Corporation
- ✓ Toorq Media is the partner of GCC in the project
- ✓ It has developed two Mobile Apps, one for the attenders at the parking spots and another for the citizens.
- ✓ Initially, only the attender app will be made live
- ✓ The ECS will be monitored by high-end IP cameras that communicate live information on the availability of parking slots and also which ECS in a particular location is available
- ✓ All the parking data will be monitored from the control room on the first floor of Amma Maligai behind Ripon Buildings.
- ✓ Parking spaces will be available in Besant Nagar, Anna Nagar, Purasawalkam, Wallajah Road, T Nagar initially

◆ **Deputy Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam – to receive an award in Chicago**

- ✓ Instituted by the American Multi Ethnic Coalition, the award — Rising Star of the Year - Asia — will be presented to him on November 10.
- ✓ The Deputy CM will be undertaking an official visit to the United States during November 8-17
- ✓ He will also take part in a discussion arranged by the Indian American Business Coalition & American Tamil Entrepreneurs
- ✓ The Deputy CM is likely to visit Houston, Washington D.C. and New York during the proposed official trip

◆ **Airports Authority of India (AAI) officials – inspect two sites in the city for the second Chennai Airport**

- ✓ The chosen sites are Parandur between Kancheepuram and Arakkonam, and another site between Mamandur and Cheyyur.
- ✓ The state government has already promised to acquire around 3,500 acres for the project
- ✓ In addition to checking whether its proximity to Chennai airport will be an issue, the team will also look for obstacles such as hills and buildings, the proximity to defence airfields, and wind pattern.
- ✓ The chosen two locations are around 80km from Chennai.
- ✓ Chennai's airspace is constricted by the presence of defence airspace in Tambaram and Arakkonam
- ✓ Chennai airport is expected to saturate in 2024

◆ **Chennai airport - has got its first woman firefighter, a first in the southern region and third in the Airports Authority of India.**

- ✓ Remya Sreekantan, a structural engineer and a former assistant professor, joined as junior assistant airport fire service at Chennai airport on November 1

- ✓ She has completed four months of training at Fire Training Centre (FTC), New Delhi.

◆ **The 1,034th birth anniversary of King Rajaraja Chola, who built the Big Temple, was celebrated for two days on November 5 and 6 in Thanjavur**



- ✓ Following the event of garlanding the statue of the king, 'Thirumurai Thiruveethi Ula' was held in the city
- ✓ It is a procession of the king undertaken by reciting the collection of twelve holy scriptures written by 27 devotees
- ✓ The Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments department and the Thanjavur Palace Devasthanam had made the arrangements for the celebrations

STATES

◆ **The Kerala government - has officially cleared the K-Fon net connectivity project**

- ✓ It is aimed at providing free high speed Internet connection to over 20 lakh BPL families in the State
- ✓ The State Cabinet has provided administrative sanction for the ₹1,548-crore project
- ✓ The project will also provide Net connectivity at affordable rate for families which do not fall in the BPL bracket.

NATIONAL

◆ **The Union Cabinet - has approved the creation of an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) of ₹25,000 crore to provide funding for incomplete affordable and middle-income housing projects across the country**

- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the proposal to create this fund in mid-September, which has been approved by the Cabinet now
- ✓ The government will provide 10,000 crore rupees in this Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) while SBI and LIC will provide the remaining Rs 15,000 crore.
- ✓ All affordable and middle-income housing projects that are net worth positive and are registered with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) and that have not been deemed liquidation-worthy will be eligible for the funding.

- ✓ The funds will be set up as Category-II Alternative Investment Fund registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and will be managed by SBICAP Ventures Limited.
- ✓ According to the government's estimates, there are more than 1,600 housing projects in which 4.58 lakh crore units are stalled.

◆ **Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal and HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank - launched three books based on Guru Nanak Dev.**



- ✓ These books are titled 'Guru Nanak Bani', 'Nanak Bani', and 'Sakhian Guru Nanak Dev'.
- ✓ They were released with an objective to spread the message of Guru Nanak Dev's writings among masses
- ✓ These books were originally written in Gurumukhi but will be translated into 15 different Indian languages.

◆ **In a historic first, Punjab and Haryana MLAs sat together for a special assembly session in Chandigarh on November 6, 2019 to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.**

- ✓ Vice President Venkaiah Naidu attended the special session along with former PM Manmohan Singh, Punjab Governor V P Singh Badnore, Haryana Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya, Punjab CM Amarinder Singh and Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar.



Capt. Amarinder Singh ✓ @capt_amarinder · Nov 6

At the Vidhan Sabha for a special session to commemorate the #550thPrakashPurb of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Along with Vice President @MVenkaiahNaidu Ji, Dr. Manmohan Singh Ji, Governor of Punjab @vpsbadnore, Governor of Haryana Satyadev Narayan Arya, Speaker @49ranakp & CM @mlkhattar.



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- ✓ The MLAs from both states came together for an assembly session for the first time since 1966, when Haryana was carved out of Punjab
- ✓ The two states hold their respective assemblies in the same complex
- ✓ Haryana was created as an independent state on November 1, 1966 through Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966.

AWARDS

- ◆ **Auto industry veteran and TVS Motor chairman, Venu Srinivasan - was awarded the 'Deming Distinguished Service Award For Dissemination and Promotion Overseas' on November 6 for his contributions in the field of Total Quality Management (TQM).**



- ✓ Srinivasan, the chairman of TVS Motor and Sundaram Clayton, becomes the first Indian businessman to get the award for leading the efforts and focus on quality management.
- ✓ The Deming Prize is the highest industry recognition for TQM globally, and is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions in promoting a culture of TQM.
- ✓ The award is sponsored by Japanese Union of Scientists and Engineers (JUSE).

SPORTS

- ◆ **Meghalaya off-spinner Nirdesh Baisoya – claimed all 10 wickets in an innings at the Assam Valley School ground in Tezpur against Nagaland in a U-16 Vijay Merchant Trophy encounter**



- ✓ The Meerut-born 15-year old became the second bowler from the northeast to secure all 10 wickets in an innings
- ✓ Nirdesh returned with figures of 10 for 51 in 21 overs with 10 maidens
- ✓ He matched the feat of legendary India bowler Anil Kumble, who registered such magical figures -10/74 against Pakistan in the Delhi Test in 1999

- ✓ Earlier, another North East player, Manipur's left-arm seamer Rex Singh had dismissed all the Arunachal Pradesh batsmen in an U-19 Cooch Behar Trophy match in the 2018-19 season.
- ✓ This is Baisoya's second season in the U-16 Vijay Merchant Trophy and he already took 27 wickets from four matches in this season

◆ **The iconic National Library in Kolkata - will host the biggest chess event in the country when the Grand Chess Tour (GCT) visits Asia for the first time.**

- ✓ The world's top 10 players, including World champion Magnus Carlsen and Indian No. 1 Viswanathan Anand, will play each other during the rapid and blitz meet from November 22 to 26 in the penultimate leg of GCT.
- ✓ Anand will be facing the Norwegian, Carlsen for the first time in India since his 2013 World Championship defeat in Chennai
- ✓ This will be the second historic venue for Anand this year.
- ✓ In May, the Indian GM, along with Carlsen, Ding Liren and Sergey Karjakin, played a rapid event at the Lindores Abbey Distillery in Newburgh, Scotland.

◆ **Smriti Mandhana - has become the second fastest Indian to score the 2,000 runs in ODIs.**



- ✓ The left-handed batswoman achieved this feat in the third and last ODI against the West Indies at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.
- ✓ Mandhana took 51 innings to score 2,000 runs
- ✓ She is on the third position after Belinda Clarke (41 innings) and Meg Lanning of Australia (45 innings)
- ✓ Shikhar Dhawan is the fastest Indian to score 2,000 runs in 50-overs cricket in just 48 innings
- ✓ Indian Captain, Virat Kohli touched the mark in 53 innings.
- ✓ In men's cricket, retired South Africa batsman Hashim Amla holds the distinction of being the fastest to 2,000-ODI runs.
- ✓ He had achieved the landmark in 40 innings

