

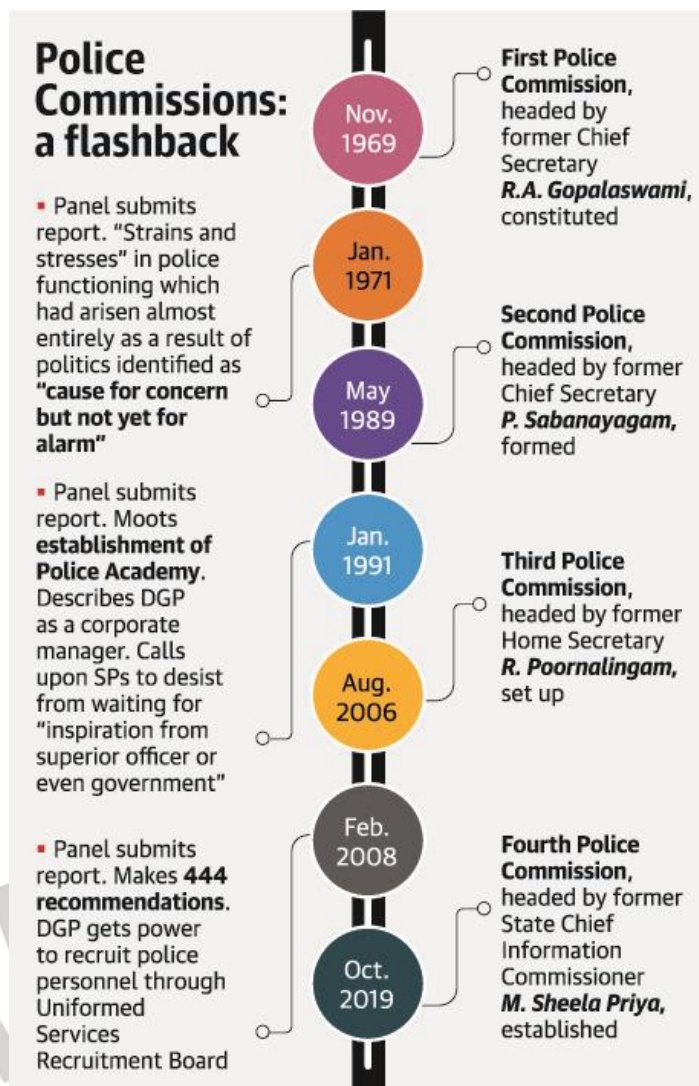
EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCT 17 & 18, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- **The Tamil Nadu government – announced the setting up of the fourth police commission on October 16 to look into various issues relating to the welfare of police personnel.**
- ✓ Retired bureaucrat M Sheela Priya has been appointed its chairwoman



- ✓ Earlier, Sheela Priya served as secretary to former CM J Jayalalithaa, apart from serving as Secretary to various Governors at the Raj Bhavan
- ✓ Upon retirement, she was appointed as the chief information commissioner in December 2017, the post she held until May 4, 2019
- ✓ The state appointed Vedasandur MLA V P B Paramasivam along with retired joint secretary to government M Arachelvi as members
- ✓ Cyber wing additional director general of police G Venkataraman is appointed as member secretary of the commission
- ✓ The Sheela Priya commission will look at areas of intelligence, crimes against women and children, cybercrimes, besides transport and communication and make recommendations in addition to the earlier mandate of the third commission



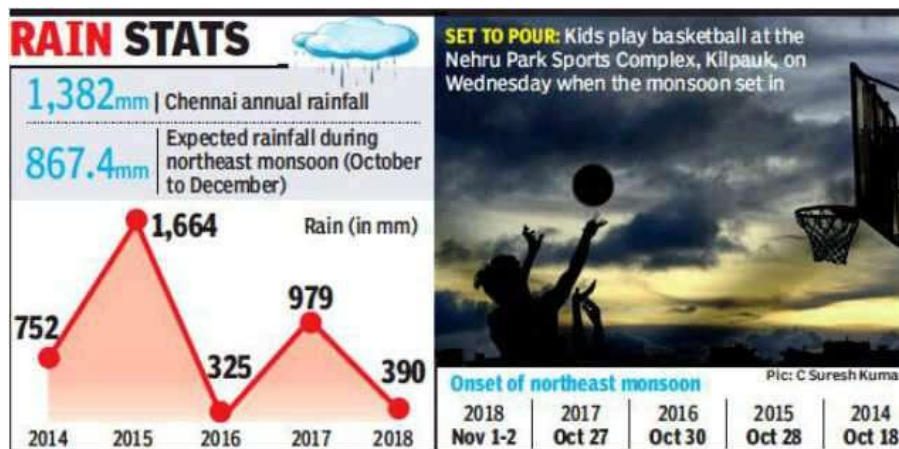
- ✓ The first commission set up in November 1969 made 133 recommendations, of which 115 were accepted by the government.
- ✓ The First Commission, headed by R.A. Gopaldaswami, emphasized on modernisation and improved communication mobility.
- ✓ Based on its suggestion, women at the level of constables and sub-inspectors (SIs), were recruited for the first time in 1973.
- ✓ Two decades later the second commission, set up in May 1989, made 112 recommendations, of which 87 were implemented
- ✓ The Second Commission, chaired by P. Sabanayagam, strived to improve the quality of subordinate ranks by creating more posts of head constables and SIs, apart from giving a number of recommendations for scientific investigation
- ✓ The third commission was set up in August 2006
- ✓ The Third Commission, which had R. Poornalingam as chairperson, had focused on areas of manpower utilisation and strengthening wings such as economic offences, CID and intelligence

- **Professor P Kaliraj – is appointed as the new vice chancellor of Bharathiar University in Coimbatore**



Thiru Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, appointed Prof. P. Kaliraj as Vice-Chancellor of Bharathiar University, at Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (16.10.2019).

- ✓ Kaliraj is the ICMR emeritus medical scientist in the Centre for Biotechnology, Anna University
- ✓ He has 31 years of teaching experience and will take over as the head of the university, which doesn't have a VC for the last one and half years
- ✓ His appointment was cleared by the State Governor Banwarilal Purohit
- **The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) - declared the onset of Northeast monsoon on October 16**




- ✓ Southwest monsoon has withdrawn from the entire country and simultaneously northeast monsoon rains have commenced over Tamil Nadu and adjoining areas of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala

- ✓ Monsoon is usually expected to begin on October 20, plus or minus five days
- **The Centre – has given its permission to the Chennai-based BCG Vaccine Laboratory to restart mass production of anti-tuberculosis vaccine for general commercial use**
- ✓ The first batch of vaccine is expected to come out from the new building of the 71-year-old laboratory by July 2020
- ✓ Earlier, on January 16, 2008, the Union government suspended production in at least three central laboratories including the BCG Laboratory
- ✓ The lab, which has now been upgraded to a Good Manufacturing Practices-compliant laboratory, received the manufacturing licence from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) during the first week of October
- ✓ The Chennai-based lab tried to manufacture vaccines from the old building, but failed the quality test.
- ✓ In 2013, it began the construction of the new manufacturing unit with GMP protocol at a cost of ₹64 crore.
- ✓ The laboratory was launched in 1948 with the assistance of Statens Serum Institute (SSI) Copenhagen, Denmark and World Health Organization (WHO)
- ✓ Scientists in the lab use a strain from Mycobacterium bovis BCG strain for preparing the vaccine

NATIONAL

- **The Muslim parties - have agreed to give up their claim on the disputed 2.77-acre Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land in Ayodhya for the construction of the Ram temple**
- ✓ This was announced in SC by the Supreme Court appointed mediation panel

3 POINTS OF SETTLEMENT

<p>➤ Implementation in letter and spirit of Places of Worship (Special Provision) Act, 1991. This act does not apply to Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute</p>	
<p>➤ Muslims to give up claim. Government to take up repair and restoration of all mosques in Ayodhya. UP Sunni waqf board to construct a mosque at an alternative site</p>	<p>➤ Select a few mosques under ASI management to be opened up for worship to Muslims after a court-appointed committee hears the parties</p>

- ✓ Sunni waqf board, the Nirvani Akhara led by Mahant Dharam Das, a representative of Nirmohi Ani (parent body of all eight Nirmohi Akharas), the Hindu Mahasabha and the Ram Janmasthan Punarudhar Samiti signed the settlement with the mediation panel

- ✓ However, the UP Sunni Waqf board denied the claim that it had agreed to withdraw its appeal in the Ayodhya case
- ✓ The UP Sunni Central Waqf Board is a main litigant in the title suit since the Muslim litigants in the case have been claiming ownership of the disputed land in Ayodhya under the board.
- ✓ However, two main stakeholders — VHP-backed Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas and Ram Lalla deity through next friend (suit filed by the deity includes Nyas as one of the plaintiffs), and a faction of Jamiat Ulema — did not participate in the negotiations.
- ✓ The SC appointed panel is headed by Justice FMI Kalifulla, ace mediator and senior advocate Panchu and spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravishankar

A 70-YEAR-OLD LITIGATION IN COURTS

<p>1885 Mahant Raghubir Das files plea in Faizabad district court seeking permission to build a canopy outside the disputed structure. Court rejects the plea</p>		<p>Feb 8, 2018 SC starts hearing the civil appeals</p>
<p>1949 Idols of Ram Lalla placed under central dome outside the disputed structure</p>		<p>Sep 27 SC declines to refer the case to a five-judge Constitution bench. Case to be heard by a newly constituted three-judge bench on October 29</p>
<p>1950 Gopal Simla Visharad files suit in Faizabad district court for rights to worship the idols of Ram Lalla</p>	<p>Ayodhya Varta Committee president Maulana Suhaib Qasmi and Mahant Ramdas outside the Supreme Court after the five-judge bench reserved its verdict on 'Ram Janm Bhumi Title dispute' on Wednesday</p>	<p>Jan 8, 2019 SC sets up a five-judge Constitution Bench to hear the case headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi. SC reconstitutes bench after Justice UU Lalit recuses himself</p>
<p>➤ Paramahansa Ramachandra Das files suit for continuation of worship and keeping the idols</p>	<p>Apr 3, 1993 'Acquisition of Certain Area at Ayodhya Act' passed for acquiring land by Centre in the disputed area</p>	<p>Oct 24, 1994 SC says in historic Ismail Faruqi case that mosque was not integral to Islam</p>
<p>1959 Nirmohi Akhara files suit seeking possession of the site</p>	<p>➤ Various writ petitions, including one by Ismail Faruqi, filed in Allahabad HC challenging various aspects of the Act</p>	<p>Apr, 2002 HC begins hearing on determining who owns the disputed site</p>
<p>1981 UP Sunni Central Waqf Board files suit for possession of the site</p>	<p>➤ SC exercising its jurisdiction under Article 139A transferred the writ petitions, which were pending in the high court</p>	<p>Sep 30, 2010 In a 2:1 majority, HC rules three-way division of disputed area between Sunni Waqf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara and Ram Lalla</p>
<p>Feb 1, 1986 Local court orders the government to open the site for Hindu worshippers</p>	<p>Dec 6, 1992 Babri Masjid demolished</p>	<p>May 9, 2011 SC stays HC verdict on Ayodhya land dispute</p>
<p>Aug 14, 1989 Allahabad HC orders maintenance of status quo in respect of the disputed structure</p>		<p>Mar 21, 2017 CJI JS Khehar suggests out-of-court settlement among rival parties</p>
<p>Dec 6, 1992 Babri Masjid demolished</p>		<p>Aug 7 SC constitutes three-judge bench to hear pleas challenging 1994 verdict of the Allahabad HC</p>
		<p>Jan 29 Centre moves SC seeking permission to return the 67-acre acquired land around the disputed site to original owners</p>
		<p>Feb 26 SC favours mediation, fixes Mar 5 for order on whether to refer matter to court-appointed mediator</p>
		<p>Mar 8 SC refers the dispute for mediation by a panel headed by former apex court judge F M I Kallifulla</p>
		<p>Aug 1 Report of mediation submitted in sealed cover to SC</p>
		<p>Aug 6 SC commences day-to-day hearing on the land dispute</p>
		<p>Oct 16 SC concludes hearing; reserves order</p>

- ✓ The Allahabad high court had delivered the verdict in September 2010, dividing the land equally among Ram Lalla, Nirmohi Akhara and UP Sunni Wakf Board
- ✓ A Supreme Court Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Sharad Arvind Bobde, Dhananjay Yeshwant Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer had reserved verdict on cross-appeals by Hindu

and Muslim parties, which commenced on August 6, spanning 2 months and 11 days

- ✓ With Chief Justice Gogoi set to retire on November 17, the Bench needs at least a month to write the judgment.
 - ✓ The 40-day hearing of the Ayodhya case is the second longest heard case in the Supreme Court
 - ✓ The historic Kesavananda Bharati vs State of Kerala case, which was related to fundamental rights, was heard by a 13-judge SC bench over 68 sittings spread over five months in 1973, becoming the longest heard case in the country
 - ✓ Before Ayodhya, the case with the second-highest number of hearings was the Aadhaar case, which took 38 hearings before the final verdict.
- **The National testing agency (NTA) - will conduct a common admission test for 15 of the central universities of the country from the 2020-21 academic session**
- ✓ These will include universities of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Jammu, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka among others.
 - ✓ This is the first time NTA will be conducting the Central University common entrance test (CUCET), which was conducted by the University of Rajasthan till last year
 - ✓ The common entrance test for the 15 central universities for 2020-21 academic session will be conducted in May 2020.
 - ✓ The test would be conducted for around 50 undergraduate courses, over 170 post-graduate and over 100 MPhil and PhD programmes across the country
- **The livestock population in the country - has increased by 4.6%, from 512 million in 2012 to nearly 536 million in 2019**
- ✓ The 20th livestock census figures, released on October 16, show that nearly 75% of total cows in the country are female cattle, indicating the dairy farmers' preferences for milk producing cattle
 - ✓ The female cows, which account for over 25% of the total livestock population, showed a major increase of 18% over the previous census
 - ✓ Even among the indigenous (desi) breeds of cows, the female cattle showed an increase of 10% from the earlier records.
 - ✓ Overall population (male and female) of indigenous breeds of cattle recorded a decline of 6% whereas population of cross-bred/exotic cows shows an increase of 27% over the 2012 census.
 - ✓ State-wise, Uttar Pradesh (UP) has recorded highest livestock population followed by Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh (MP), West Bengal, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka and Gujarat.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Pakistan - will remain on the grey list of Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the global illicit financing watchdog for the next four months**
- ✓ During the intervening months, Pakistan should take stringent measures to end terror financing and money laundering.
- ✓ The FATF is expected to take a final decision on Pakistan in February 2020

DEFENCE

- **The IAF – to conduct fighter operations from 6 civilian airfields in the Eastern Air Command area of operations in two phases**
- ✓ These airfields will be used during conflict situations in the region
- ✓ Sukhoi-30MKI fighters and the Hawk-132 advanced jet trainers will be operated from Kolkata, Pasighat, Andal, Dimapur, Imphal and Guwahati air fields in two phases from October 16 to 19 and October 29 to November 1
- ✓ Currently, the Army is conducting the major “Him Vijay” combat exercise in Arunachal Pradesh.

SPORTS

- **Mumbai based cricketer, Yashasvi Jaiswal – became the youngest male cricketer to score a double century**



- ✓ He achieved the feat on October 16 after the win of Mumbai over Jharkhand
- ✓ The 17 year old Jaiswal was playing his fifth List A match, while achieving the record
- ✓ Jaiswal is the third cricketer to score a double century after Karan Kaushal and Sanju Samson

