

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEP 17, 2019**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **The Tamil Nadu government - released the Tamil Nadu Electric Vehicle Policy, 2019, on September 16**



- ✓ Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami released the Policy note, which targets  
□ 50,000 crore in investment and 1.5 lakh new jobs in the sector
- ✓ Industries Minister M.C. Sampath and Transport Minister M.R. Vijayabhaskar received the first copies of the policy at an event in the Secretariat.
- ✓ State will provide investments in setting up charging stations with the active participation of public sector units including Tangedco and private players
- ✓ Provision for charging stations will be made in commercial buildings such as hotels, shopping malls and cinema halls
- ✓ The state will also amend the building and construction laws to ensure that charging infrastructure is integrated at the planning stage for all new constructions.

- ✓ Domestic power tariff would be applicable for private charging stations set up at homes.
- ✓ The policy proposes incentives such as 100% road tax exemption to e-vehicles till December 30, 2022 apart from waiving registration charges for electric two-wheelers.
- ✓ Reimbursement of 100% of the SGST till 2030, capital subsidy of 15% on eligible investments, exemption of electricity tax, stamp duty, subsidy on cost of land, employment incentive, and special incentive for MSME sector will also be part of the scheme.
- ✓ The state will also offer special incentives to manufacturers of electric vehicles and allied industries such as manufacturers of components and charging equipment with an investment of ₹50 crore and employment potential of at least 50 direct jobs.
- ✓ The government guarantees the manufacturing units 15% subsidy on the cost of lands if they get lands from SIPCOT, SIDCO or other government agencies, and 50% subsidy if the investment is made in the state's southern districts
- ✓ It assures exclusive electric vehicle parks in major auto manufacturing hubs and in other areas which have potential to attract investments
- ✓ In order to distinguish electric vehicles from others, registration number shall be exhibited in yellow colour on a green background for transport vehicles and in white on a green background for all other electric vehicles

## NATIONAL

- **India's first National Anti-microbial Resistance Hub – comes up in Kolkata**



- ✓ The Kolkata centre would be the hub for research on antibiotic resistance not only for the country but for the entire South Asia.
- ✓ It was inaugurated by the ICMR, in association with the U.S. Consulate of Kolkata and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

## INTERNATIONAL

- **Sri Lanka - inaugurates South Asia's tallest tower named 'Lotus tower' on September 16**



- ✓ The tower has been built at a budget of \$104.3 million with 80% of the funding by China under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).
- ✓ The 350-metre-tall 17-storey Lotus Tower is located in Colombo
- ✓ It houses a TV tower, a hotel, a telecommunications museum, restaurants, auditorium and a mall in a land area of 36,000 sqkm
- ✓ Sri Lanka and China signed the Lotus Tower agreement in 2012 to build the tower, with China National Electronics Import and Export Corporation being the general contractor

## INDIA AND NEIGHBOURS

- **Pakistan - announced that it will open the Kartarpur corridor for Indian Sikh pilgrims on November 9**
- ✓ The corridor will connect Darbar Sahib in Pakistan's Kartarpur with Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Gurdaspur
- ✓ Indian pilgrims will have to obtain just a permit to visit Kartarpur Sahib, set up by Sikhism founder Guru Nanak Dev in 1522.



- ✓ 86% of the work in the Corridor has been completed and the remaining will be finished by next month
- ✓ Initially, Pakistan will set up around 76 immigration counters to cater to 5,000 pilgrims every day.
- ✓ The 550th birthday of Guru Nanak Dev falls on November 12

## AWARDS

- **Meghalaya-based rights activist Agnes Kharshiing - received the 11th International Hrant Dink Award - jointly along with Turkish activist against male violence Nebahat Akkoç**



- ✓ Agnes Kharshiing survived an assault by the coal mafia almost a year ago and has been under medication and police protection since.
- ✓ The award commemorates the memory of Turkish-Armenian journalist Hrant Dink, who was killed in 2007, in Istanbul
- ✓ Kharshiing, 59, was chosen for “defending the rights of the poor, women, children and disadvantaged groups where she lives as well as for environmental rights”
- ✓ Since 2009, the Hrant Dink Award is presented every year to individuals, organisations or groups that work for a world free from discrimination, racism and violence, and who take personal risks for achieving those ideals

## SPORTS

- **The Centre - has decided to launch several leagues across all sports exclusively for girls to encourage them to join sport at the grassroots level.**
- ✓ These leagues will be titled 'Khelo India Girls League' (KIGL)
- ✓ The first such league to commence will be the 'Khelo India Girls Football League', which will be conducted by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) with technical and organisational support from the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
- ✓ All the proposed leagues will be organised in association with national sports federations (NSFs) and respective state governments.

