

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOV 19, 2019

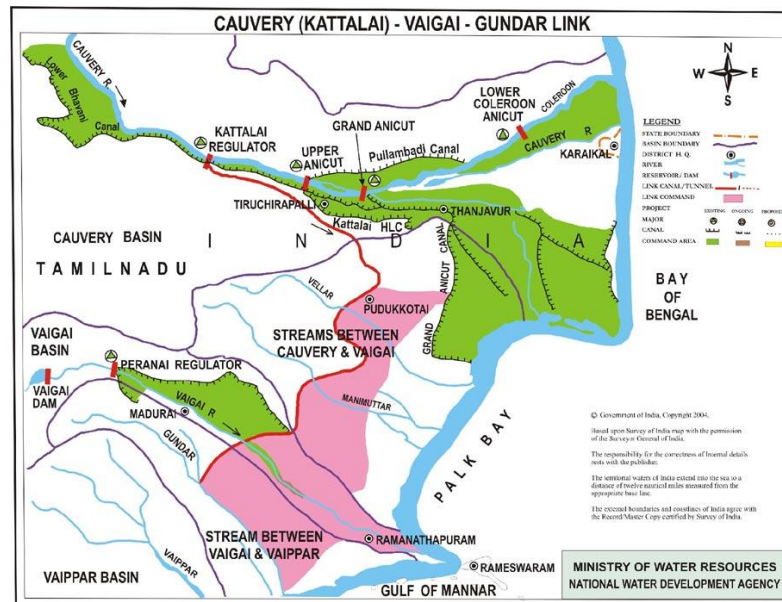
TAMIL NADU

- ◆ **Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS) is all set to cover mental illnesses.**



- ✓ **CMCHIS, that was launched in 2012, was integrated with the Central government's flagship health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in September, 2018.**
- ✓ **The move to bring mental health under CMCHIS comes after the integration, as PMJAY has a package covering a list of mental illnesses including schizophrenia and mental retardation, according to officials.**
- ✓ **In fact, the Mental Healthcare Act 2017 laid down the need to extend insurance cover for treatment of mental illness as part of right to equality and non-discrimination: "Every insurer shall make provision for medical insurance for treatment of mental illness on the same basis as is available for treatment of physical illness".**

◆ **TN State government is going ahead with its decision to link the Cauvery with the Gundar.**



- ✓ **As part of this move, it will issue an order shortly for the acquisition of about 3,440 acres of land to take up the first phase of the project of connecting the rivers, according to a senior official of the Public Works Department (PWD).**
- ✓ **Totally, around 6,730 acres are required for the project, which will be executed in three phases.**
- ✓ **Land acquisition is required to form a canal, which will have the capacity to carry 6,000 cubic feet per second (cusecs) of water.**
- ✓ **The canal, which will pass through Karur, Tiruchi, Pudukottai, Sivaganga, Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar districts, will be around 250 km long.**
- ✓ **The diversion will begin through a barrage across the Cauvery in Mayanur village of the Karur district.**
- ✓ **The canal has been conceived only for diverting the flood or excess water of the Cauvery to Agniyar, South Vellar, Manimuthar, Vaigai and the Gundar.**

◆ **Panel at Centre clears three more medical colleges in Tamil Nadu**



- ✓ **The Technical Evaluation Committee of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has given the “clearance” to establish three more government medical colleges in Tamil Nadu.**
- ✓ **Institutes will come up in Krishnagiri, Nagapattinam and Tiruvallur.**
- ✓ **Health Secretary Beela Rajesh on made a presentation to the committee in New Delhi.**

NATIONAL

◆ **Citizenship Amendment Bill that seeks to grant citizenship to non-Muslims still in draft stage**



- ✓ **The Citizenship Amendment Bill that seeks to grant citizenship to non-Muslims from Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan without proper documents is still in the draft stage and yet to be cleared by the Union Cabinet.**
- ✓ **The Bill also seeks to introduce a provision to “empower the Central government to cancel the registration of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card in case of any violation.”**
- ✓ **The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019 is one of the 27 Bills mentioned in the list of business to be transacted in the winter session of Parliament that commenced on Monday.**
- ✓ **The Bill introduced in the last session of the Lok Sabha lapsed after it could not be cleared in the Rajya Sabha.**
- ✓ **“The Bill is still in the drafting stage, once it is ready it will be presented before the Union Cabinet.**
- ✓ **Only after the Cabinet has cleared the Bill, will it be introduced in Parliament,” said a senior government official.**

◆ **Government-appointed high-level panel has recommended amendments to 46 provisions under the company law to further de-clog the criminal justice system in the country.**

- ✓ The government had set up the Company Law Committee under the chairmanship of Corporate Affairs Secretary to further decriminalise the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, based on the gravity of the offences and to take other measures to provide further Ease of Living for corporates in the country.
- ✓ The government had earlier, through the Companies (Amendment) Act 2019, decriminalised 16 minor procedural or technical lapses and had categorised them as civil wrongs.

INTERNATIONAL

- ◆ **Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is set to become the longest-serving Japanese leader in history.**



- ✓ Abe will hold office for the 2887th day on Nov. 20, outpacing prewar politician Taro Katsura (1847-1913), who served a total of 2,886 days.
- ✓ Abe became prime minister in September 2006, with his first administration lasting only for about one year.
- ✓ Abe's current term as the LDP president will come to a close at the end of September 2021. If he stays in office until August 2020, he will also break Sato's record for uninterrupted service.

DEFENCE

- ◆ **Pakistan successfully tests nuclear-capable missile.**



- ✓ **Pakistan has successfully test-fired a nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile which can strike targets up to 650 km.**

- ✓ According to a press release issued by the media wing of the Pakistani military, the launch of the Shaheen-I missile was held as part of a training exercise aimed at testing the operational readiness of Army Strategic Forces Command.

APPOINTMENT

- ◆ **R Rajagopal appointed (CIC) chief information commissioner of Tami.**



- ✓ R. Rajagopal, Additional Chief Secretary attached to the Raj Bhavan, has been appointed the State Chief Information Commissioner (CIC).
- ✓ He was one among five candidates who were considered by the selection committee, headed by Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami, at its meeting.
- ✓ The post of CIC had remained vacant since M. Sheela Priya demitted the office in May this year after she turned 65.
- ✓ Mr. Rajagopal, who belongs to the 1984 batch of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers, is the first serving government officer to be made CIC.
- ✓ Mr. Rajagopal, who turned 58 in June this year, will hold the post for a period of three years.
- ✓ Through another order of the State government, Anandrao Vishnu Patil, who is now Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Housing Board, has been posted to the Raj Bhavan as Secretary to Governor Banwarilal Purohit.

AWARDS

- ◆ **Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has been awarded the Best Urban Mass Transit project by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.**



- ✓ **CMRL announced that it has been conferred with Award of Commendable Initiative in the category of Best Urban Mass Transit Project at the award function held under 12th Urban Mobility India Conference at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from 15-17th Nov, 2019 organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt. Of India.**
- ✓ **The award was presented by Dr. Dinesh Sharma, Dy. Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh in the presence of Shri Ashutosh Tandon, Minister of Urban Development, Uttar Pradesh, Shri A K Saseendran , Transport Minister, Kerala, Shri Durga Shankar Mishra, Secretary, MOHUA and other prominent personalities.**
- ✓ **The award was recieved by Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal,I.A.S Managing Director ,Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL).**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- ◆ **India to launch Cartosat-3, 13 Nano satellites from US on November 25: ISRO**



- ✓ **ISRO has announced that Cartosat-3 will be flown on the PSLV-C47 vehicle, subject to weather conditions.**
- ✓ **It is an advanced earth imaging and mapping satellite. It would also boost the military's space surveillance.**
- ✓ **The satellite will be placed in an orbit of 509 km at an inclination of 97.5 degrees.**
- ✓ **Cartosat-3, with an ISRO-best resolution of 25 cm, will be the first of a series of high resolution, third generation satellites planned for observing the Earth.**
- ✓ **The satellite will be able to pick up objects of that size (25 cm) from its orbital perch about 509 km away. This will make Cartosat-3 among the few sharpest, if not the best, civil earth imagers worldwide.**
- ✓ **Cartosat-3 will also have multi-spectral (captures light from across the electromagnetic spectrum) capabilities, which will help the military zoom in on enemy hideouts and terror hubs.**

- ✓ ISRO's rocket PSLV-XL will put into orbit Cartosat-3 and 13 commercial Nano satellites from the US.
- ✓ The 13 small U.S. customer satellites riding as secondary passengers will be placed in a polar orbit.

SPORTS

◆ Shreyasi Singh crowned National Champion in Women's Trap.



- ✓ Shreyasi Singh won the women's Trap crown at the ongoing 63rd National Shooting Championship
- ✓ Shreyasi, representing Bihar, got the better of Rajeshwari Kumari of Punjab in the top final
- ✓ Shreyasi Singh shot 42 out of 50 birds to claim the brightest medal on offer

◆ Kiren Rijju felicitates World Para Athletics Championships medal winners with cash awards



- ✓ Sports Minister Kiren Rijju on Monday felicitated the medal-winning Indian para athletes with cash awards for their performance at the recently-concluded World para athletics championships in Dubai.
- ✓ India won nine medals — two gold, two silver and five bronze —and also secured 13 quota places at the Tokyo Paralympics.

IMPORTANT DAYS

◆ World Toilet Day is observed on 19 November



- ✓ World Toilet Day is observed on 19 November every year. The day aims to inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis. Toilets can save lives as human waste spreads killer diseases. The day is aimed to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG-6), which promises sanitation for all by 2030.

Theme:

- ✓ The theme for World Toilet Day 2019 announced by the United Nations (UN) is Leaving No One Behind. The theme aims to tackle the global sanitation crisis.

◆ International Mens Day is observed on 19 November



- ✓ The objective of the day is to focus on men's and boys' health, improving gender relations, and promoting gender equality.
- ✓ The day highlights men who are making a positive difference. The day raises awareness of issues that men face on a global scale.
- ✓ The celebration of the International Men's Day was first declared in February 1992 by Thomas Oaster to raise awareness about the issues that men face.
- ✓ The day coincides with the birthday of the father of Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh. He is a doctor from Trinidad and Tobago. He relaunched International Men's Day in 1999.

