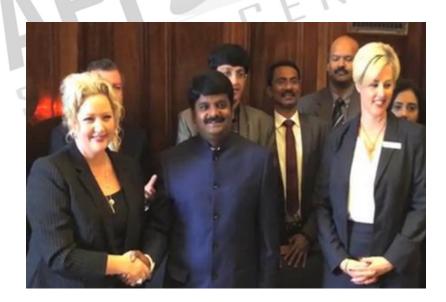


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS - AUGUST 23, 2018

TAMIL NADU

◆ Tamil Nadu – Signs Mou With Victoria State In Australia - For Improving The Treatment Of Accident Victims



★ Tamilnadu – implementing 'Thai' scheme on a pilot basis since Jan 2018, for Accident and Trauma Emergency special care treatment in its 5 chosen hospitals, including Rajiv Gandhi General Hospital

- ★ This has led to the decline in deaths related to Accidents to 5.6% from the earlier 8.3%
- ★ Moreover, the '108' ambulance arrival time has come down to 8.36 minutes now
- ★ This scheme is based on the procedures followed by the Victoria state for Accident treatments
- Southern Zone Topped The Enrollment In LIC's New Cancer Insurance Policy 'Cancer Cover'



- ★ This policy was introduced last year on Sep 14th.
- ★ The southern zone, comprising of TamilNadu, Puducherry and Kerala has sold 39,190 policies so far and secured the 1st place in all-India level

STATES

Odisha – To Host 14th Men's Hockey World Cup 2018
 For The 1st Time From 28th November To 16th
 December 2018, At The Kalinga
 Stadium In Bhubaneswar, India



- ★ Totally, 16 countries will participate in the Mega event of Hockey
- ★ In the last 2014 World cup held in Hague, Netherlands, Australia were the World champions with Netherlands were the Runner-up
- ★ Earlier, a nation-wide publicity campaign, 'Heartbeats for Hockey', was launched to showcase Bhubaneswar as a sporting venue and Odisha as a tourist destination
- ★ Advertisements were put up on buses in London with the tagline of 'Odisha by Morning, Hockey by Evening'
- Odisha Sets Up World Class Interpretation Centre At Bhitarkania National Park - To Showcase Its Flora, Fauna And Rich Biodiversity
 - ★ The Park already has its own interpretation centre at Dangmal, which was inadequate.
 - ★ The project has been approved under the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Programme at an estimated cost of Rs.3 crore



- ★ The national park is said to have 70% of the country's estuarine crocodile or saltwater crocodiles, which are conserved since 1975
- Maharashtra CM, Devendra Fadnavis Said That A New Memorial To Be Built In The Memory Of Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee In Mumbai



⋆ Vajpayee, 93, passed away in Delhi on August 16.

NATIONAL

◆International Council On Monuments And Sites (ICOMOS) – Launches Kerala Heritage Rescue Initiative





- ★ Objective to assess damage to rich cultural and heritage sites in flood-affected Kerala
- ***** ICOMOS
- ★ It is a global monument conservation body, established in 1965 in Warsaw, Poland as per Venice charter of 1964
- ★ It is an advisory body for UNESCO regarding cultural heritage and has its headquarters in Paris, France It also has set a Facebook page to collect information on the damage to buildings, museum collections, cultural artefacts, libraries, archives etc.,

- ★ It has also approached International Centre for Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) to partner in post-disaster work
- ★ ICCROM based in Rome, Italy
- ◆UGC Has Instructed All Universities And Higher Educational Institutions To Ban The Sale Of Junk Foods, Like Pizzas, Burgers Etc., On Their Campuses



- ★ The directive is aimed at setting new standards for eating healthy food to prevent obesity and lifestyle diseases
- ★ The instruction is based on the directive from the Min of HRD
- ★ Earlier, CBSC had directed all its affiliated schools to remove junk food off their canteen menus.
- * UGC

★ It was set up in accordance to the UGC Act, 1956 and comes under the Min of HRD

* Functions of UGC

- ★ To monitor the distribution of grants to universities and colleges in India
- * To offer scholarships and fellowships to beneficiaries
- * To ensure conformity to its regulations by universities and colleges

◆FSSAI - Has Notified New Standards For Honey And Its Products – To Curb Adulteration





- * They will be applicable to both domestic manufacturers and importers
- Highlights of the New Standards
- ★ The New standards to ensure that 18 parameters are adhered by the Honey products
- ★ They should contain fixed maximum 5% limit for sucrose, 10% for carviacallosa and honeydew honey

- ★ The moisture percentage should be maximum 20% and pollen count should be 25,000 per gram
- No food additives should be added to it
- ★ Honey should not be heated or processed to change its contents
- ★ In case of 'Mono floral Honey', the minimum pollen content should not be less than 45% of total pollen content.
- ★ In case of 'Multi floral Honey', the minimum pollen content should not be more than 45% of total pollen content.
- Government Permits The Sale Of 'Oxytocin' Through Private Chemists From Sep 1, 2018



- **★** Earlier, Government had banned the sale of 'Oxytocin' from July 1, 2018 as per the notification dated 27th April, 2018
- * Now the Centre has moved it from Schedule H to Schedule H1.
- ★ Schedule H drugs can only be sold against a prescription by a registered medical practitioner
- ★ Schedule H1 drugs The retailer has to maintain a separate register giving the name and address of the prescriber, the patient, the drug

- and the quantity supplied for a period of 3 years and available for inspection
- ★ Earlier, the Centre has banned the import of Oxytocin and also banned any private manufacturer to produce or sell it
- ★ Only Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Ltd, a public sector company, would be manufacturing this drug for domestic use

* Oxytocin

- ★ It is a hormone naturally produced in the human body
- ★ It is manufactured as a drug and is usually administered to a woman during pregnancy in the third stage of labour to prevent excessive bleeding
- ★ Currently, Pfizer and Mylan are the two leading producers of Oxytocin in India.
- India Declines To Accept Rs 700 Crore Aid Given By UAE – For Kerala Flood Relief – Citing Policy Decision To Decline All Offers Of Financial Help From Foreign Countries



- ★ The state government has demanded a minimum of Rs 2000 crore to help with rehabilitation and reconstruction work.
- ★ It had also demanded Rs 2600-crore MGNREGA special package for central schemes.

* Background

- ★ On Dec 2004, the then PM, Manmohan singh had declined all foreign aids for Tsunami relief and termed it as India's foreign policy.
- ★ From then, all the aids given by the foreign countries were declined by the Central Governments during the various calamities such as 2005 Kashmir earthquake, 2013 Uttarakhand floods and the 2014 Kashmir floods.

UIDAI – Directs All The Aadhaar Enrolment Agencies





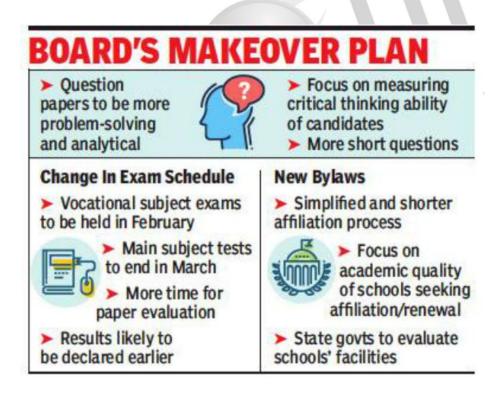
★ Ajay Bhushan Pandey, CEO of UIDAI, - said that these free print outs can be availed by those who had lost their Aadhaar cards in the floods by providing their name and biometric authorization, which will enable the retrieval of 12-digit Aadhaar number. Government – Unveils Draft 'UDAN' Scheme For International Routes On Aug 22, 2018



- ★ It provides an affordable air travel programme for various international routes
- ★ This draft 'IAC' scheme (International Air Connectivity) aims to increase the international travellers to 20 crore by 2027.
- ★ Under the draft scheme, a separate fund known as 'International Air Connectivity Fund' will be set up to provide subsidy support with the contributions of the State Governments
- ◆ lits Have Rejected The Proposal Of Human Resource And Development Ministry For Setting Up A Panel To Recommended Changes In The Joint Entrance Examination (JEE- Advanced)
 - ★ Earlier Government has formed a panel under Bhaskar Ramamurthy, Director of IIT Madras, to recommend changes in JEE-Advanced
 - ★ But the IITs have informed the Government that no changes are desirable at this moment in the JEE-Advanced format

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- AICTE Has Made 'Compulsory' A New 8-Module 'Certificate Course' For Engineering College Faculty From This Year Onwards
 - ★ The AICTE said that even Ph.D and M.Phil holders should also undergo this course
 - * All the new recruits in various colleges should undergo this course and the existing faculty should also undergo it eventually in batches
- CBSE To Revamp Class X And XII Pattern From 2020



- Central Government Bars Doctors Aged 62 And **Above – From Holding Administrative Posts**
 - ★ It said that they should do clinical duty, teaching or run public health programmes to avail 3 years of extension of service

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

• 6th International Buddhist Conclave (IBC) 2018 –
Inaugurated By The Hon'ble President, Ram Nath
Govind In New Delhi



- ★ Theme 'Buddha Path The Living Heritage'
- ★ Organised by Ministry of Tourism in association with State Governments of Maharashtra, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh
- ★ Inauguration Presided by K.J. Alphons, Minister of State (Independent charge) for Tourism
- ★ Partner Country Japan
- **★** Duration 23rd to 26th Aug, 2018
- ★ Venues New Delhi and Ajanta (Maharashtra), followed by site visits to Rajgir, Nalanda and Bodhgaya (Bihar) and Sarnath (Uttar Pradesh)
- ★ During the inaugural session, the tourism Ministry will launch its website landofbuddha.in
- * History of IBC
- ★ 1st New Delhi and Bodhgaya (February 2004)
- ★ 2nd Nalanda and Bodhgaya (February 2010)

- ★ 3rd Varanasi and Bodhgaya (September 2012)
- ★ 4th Bodhgaya and Varanasi (September 2014)
- ★ 5th Sarnath/Varanasi and Bodhgaya (October 2016 ASEAN countries were Guest of honour)
- India Banking Conclave 2018 Commences In New Delhi



- ★ Duration 23rd and 24th Aug, 2018
- ★ Organised by Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) along with NITI Aayog The event focuses on engaging corporates, law and policy makers of country, academicians and professionals on common platform and share their views on current issues like bad debts and non-performing assets (NPAs)

* CEPR

- ★ It is a network of over 1100 researchers, based mainly in universities throughout Europe
- ★ It was established in 1983 and is based at London, United Kingdom
- ★ It strives to improve the quality of economic policy making within Europe and beyond.

COURT VERDICTS

Kolkata High Court – Orders The Closure Of All The 'Open Slaughter Houses' In West Bengal



ECONOMY

◆Flipkart - To Launch '2GUD' Site To Sell Refurbished 'Second-Hand' Products



- ★ F1 Solutions, acquired last year will play a crucial partner role in the new site
- ★ Currently, it will be only available in the mobile app

◆ICICI Bank – Announces Partnership With Manchester United



- ★ It proposes to launch a range of competitive co-branded credit and debit card to the club's 35 million Indian followers
- ★ At present, it plans to launch 2 types of Credit cards, Manchester United Platinum Credit Card and Signature Credit Card

APPOINTMENTS

Arun Jaitley – Resumes Charge As Min Of Finance And Corporate Affairs On Aug 23, 2018



- ★ The temporary charge of both the ministries was given to Union Minister, Piyush Goyal, earlier
- ★ He underwent a kidney transplant at AIIMS on May 14, 2018 and was recovering.
- * Arun Jaitley is currently a Rajya Sabha Member from Uttar Pradesh.
- New Chairman Of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)



- ★ Ehsan Mani, Former ICC President takes charge of PCB after the resignation of Najam Sethi
- Raveena Tandon, Actress Appointed As Brand Ambassador Of Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai



★ She will spread awareness about the importance of environment conservation and also about the various initiatives of the Maharashtra state forest department for the same.

Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai

- ★ It was formerly known as Borivali National Park (renamed to the present name in 1996)
- ★ It is part of Western Ghats biodiversity
- ★ Kanheri Caves, a 2000 year old complex of some 160 rock-cut caves (an important Buddhist learning centre) is situated within the National park

AWARDS

◆ David Beckham - To Be Conferred With 2018 UEFA President's Award - In Honour Of His Remarkable Career And Humanitarian Efforts



- ★ Beckham was a former England Professional football player
- ★ He represented Manchester United and Real Madrid clubs
- ★ He will receive the award at Monaco later

"Xhoixobote Dhemalite" (Rainbow Fields), An Assamese Film – Bags Award For Best Screenplay At Treasure Coast International Film Festival, Florida



Dir: Bidyut Kotoky Assamese/98 min/2017

- ★ The film was directed by Bidyut Kotoky
- ★ The film already won 3 awards, including that of Best film, in the 'Love international Film Festival', Los Angeles

SPORTS

- Asian Games 2018, Jakarta, Indonesia
 - **★** Day 5
 - ★ Shardul Vihan (15 years old, Shooter) won silver in the men's double trap event



- * Ankita Raina won bronze in tennis women's singles event
- ★ Wushu India has won 4 bronze medals Roshibina Devi in Sanda 60kg category, Santosh Kumar in Sanda 56kg category, Surya Bhanu Partap Singh in Sanda 60kg category and Narender Grewal in Sanda 65kg category.
- ★ These victories take India's medal tally to a total of 17 medals comprising 4 gold, 4 silver and 9 bronze.

RANKINGS

◆Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) Report On Cyber Attacks



INDIAN CYBERSPACE	
USA	17%
RUSSIA	15%
PAKISTAN	9%
CANADA	7%
GERMANY	5%
NETHERLANDS	4%

* For April-June 2018

- ★ China, US and Russia accounts for maximum number of cyber-attacks on official Indian websites
- ★ The report has been forwarded to National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and other security agencies
- ★ CERT-In is the nodal agency for information technology (cyber) security coming under Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Electronics and IT
- ★ It was established in 2004
- ★ Its main activities are centred around protecting Indian cyberspace and software infrastructures against hacking attacks.
- Routesonline Report On Top 10 Fastest Growing Airports In The World





- ★ 1st Tokyo's Haneda Airport
- ★ 2nd Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
- ★ 3rd Jakarta Airport
- ★ 4th Chicago Airport
- ★ 5th Madrid Airport
- ★ 6th Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi Airport
- ★ 7th Dallas Fortworth Airport
- ★ 8th Los Angeles Airport
- ★ 9th Frankfurt Airport
- ★ 10th Nanchang Airport
- ★ Only airports which have crossed a figure of 2.5 million passengers in the first six months of 2018 have been considered for analysis
- ★ Out of top 20 fastest-growing major airports in the world, India and China accounted 10 airports
- ★ RoutesOnline is a company focussing on the quality and standards of aviation globally

OBITUARY

Kuldip Nayar, Veteran Journalist And Author (95 Years)



- ★ Nayar was born at Sialkot, Punjab on 14th Aug, 1923
- ★ In 1952, he studied journalism from the Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University
- ★ He was editor of the Delhi edition of the English newspaper The Statesman
- ★ He was arrested towards the end of the Indian Emergency (1975-77).
- ★ He was a member of India's delegation to the United Nations in 1996
- ★ He was appointed High Commissioner to Great Britain in 1990
- ★ He was nominated to Rajya sabha in August 1997
- ★ He was the author of 15 acclaimed books
- ★ He won Astor Award for Press Freedom in 2003 and Shaheed Niyogi Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2007
- ★ Nayar's autobiography is entitled 'Beyond the Lines', which was released in July 2012

FIRST EVER CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE BEGINS IN CALCUTTA



- ★ On this day, exactly 20 years ago, a telephone call was made. It changed the way we communicate forever and ushered in a communication revolution in India.
- ★ The then Union Telecom Minister Sukh Ram and the then Chief Minister of West Bengal Jyoti Basu spoke to each other using hand held mobile phones on July 31, 1995. It was a first for India.
- ★ The call made in July 1995, between Writer's Building in Calcutta (now Kolkata) and Sanchar Bhavan in New Delhi was carried over Modi Telstra's Mobile Net service. That cellular call inaugurated Mobile Net service in Calcutta.
- ★ Modi Telstra was a joint venture between India's Modi Group and Australian telecom giant Telstra. The company was one of the eight companies licensed to provide cellular services in India. Two licences were awarded each for the four metropolitan cities.
- ★ Telecommunications in India has come a long way since 1995. At the end of May 2015 the total number of telephone connections in the country crossed the one billion mark. Of the billion phone connections a overwhelming 975.78 million connections were wireless or mobile.

REMEMBER TANGUTURI PRAKASAM PANTULU ON HIS BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

(23 August 1872 - 20 May 1957)



இந்திய சுதந்தர போராட்ட வீரரும் சென்னை மாகாணத்தின் **முன்னாள்** முதல்வரும் ஆவார். இவர் ஆந்திர மாநிலம் உருவானபோது அதன் **முதல் முதலமைச்சராகப்** பணியாற்றினார்.

பிறப்பு

பிரகாசம் **1872** ஆம் ஆண்டு தற்கால ஆந்திர மாநிலம், **ஒங்கோல்** நகரத்தின் அருகேயுள்ள **வினோத ராயுடு பாலம்** என்ற கிராமத்தில் பிராமண **ஜாதியில்** பிறந்தார்.

இவரது பெற்றோர் **வெங்கட நரசிம்மன்** மற்றும் **சுப்பம்மாள்**.

கல்வி

சென்னையில் இரண்டாம் நிலை **வழக்கறிஞராகப்** பணியாற்றினார். பின்னர் இங்கிலாந்து சென்று அங்கு **பாரிஸ்டர் பட்டம்** பெற்றார்.

சுதந்திர போராட்டத்தில்

1907 ஆம் ஆண்டு வங்காள தேசியவாதி பிபின் சந்திர பால், அரசுக்கு எதிராக மக்களைத் தூண்டியதாக ஆந்திரத்தில் கைது செய்யப் பட்டார். அவர் சார்பில் நீதிமன்றத்தில் ஆஜரான பிரகாசம் தன் வாதத் திறமையால் பாலின் தண்டனைக் காலத்தைக் குறைத்தார்.

1921 இல் இந்திய தேசிய காங்கிரசில் இணைந்தார். வழக்கறிஞர் பணியைத் துறந்து, *சுராஜ்யம்* என்ற தேசியவாத **நாளிதழைத்** தொடங்கினார். ஒத்துழையாமை இயக்கத்திலும் பங்கேற்றார்.

1926 ஆம் ஆண்டு மத்திய நாடாளுமன்றத்திற்கு காங்கிரசு வேட்பாளராகத் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டார்.

1928 இல் சைமன் கமிஷனுக்கு எதிராகச் சென்னையில் நடைபெற்ற போராட்டத்தில் கலந்து கொண்டு தீரத்துடன் போலீஸ் அடக்குமுறைகளை எதிர் கொண்டதால், "ஆந்திர கேசரி" என்ற பட்டம் இவருக்கு வழங்கப் பட்டது. 1930 இல் மீண்டும் நாடாளுமன்றத்திற்கு தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப் பட்டார்.

அரசியல் வாழ்க்கை

1937 இல் சென்னை மாகாணத்திற்கு மாநில சுயாட்சி முறையின் கீழ் முதல் தேர்தல் நடைபெற்றது. இந்திய தேசிய காங்கிரசு பெரும் வெற்றி பெற்று ஆட்சி அமைத்தது. பிரகாசம் காங்கிரசு உறுப்பினர்களின் தலைவராக இருந்தார்.

தமிழ் – தெலுங்கு உறுப்பினர்களிடையே ஏற்பட்ட உடன்பாட்டின்படி தமிழரான ராஜகோபாலாச்சாரி முதல்வரானார். அடுத்த முறை தெலுங்கர் ஒருவருக்கு முதல்வர் வாய்ப்பு தரப்பட வேண்டுமென இரு குழுவினரும் ஒப்பந்தம் செய்துகொண்டனர். ராஜாஜியின் அமைச்சரவையில் பிரகாசம் வருவாய்த் துறை அமைச்சராகப் பணியாற்றினார்.

1939 அக்டோபரில், மற்ற அமைச்சர்களுடன் சேர்ந்து ஆங்கில அரசைக் கண்டித்து தன் **பதவியை ராஜினாமா** செய்தார்.

1942ல் வெள்ளையனே வெளியேறு **இயக்கத்தில்** கலந்து கொண்டு சிறை சென்றார். **1945**ல் விடுதலை செய்யப்ப் பட்டார்.

முதல்வராக

மாநில சுயாட்சியின் கீழ் 1946 இல் நடைபெற்ற இரண்டாம் தேர்தலில் காங்கிரசு மீண்டும் வெற்றி பெற்றது. யார் சென்னை மாகாணத்தின் முதல்வராவது என்று தலைவர்களிடையே கடும் போட்டி நிலவியது.

காந்தி, நேரு போன்ற தேசியத் தலைவர்கள் ராஜகோபாலாச்சாரி முதல்வராக வேண்டுமென விரும்பினார். முத்துரங்க முதலியாரை முதல்வராக்க காமராஜர் முயன்றார்.

ஆனால் தெலுங்கு உறுப்பினர்களின் ஆதரவுடன் பிரகாசம் **ஏப்ரல் 30**, **1946** இல் **முதல்வராகத்** தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப் பட்டார். அவரது அமைச்சரவையில் வி. வி. கிரி, பக்தவத்சலம், அவிநாசிலிங்கம் செட்டியார், **பாஷ்யம் அய்யங்கார்**, குமாரசாமி ராஜா, **டேனியல் தாமஸ்**, ருக்மணி லட்சுமிபதி, கே. ஆர். கரந்த், கோட்டி ரெட்டி, வேமுல குர்மய்யா, வீராசாமி, ராகவ மேனன் ஆகியோர் இடம் பெற்றிருந்தனர்.

பிரகாசத்தின்ஆட்சிக்காலத்தில், கம்யூனிஸ்டுகள் தெலுங்கானா மலபார், தஞ்சைப் பகுதிகளில், ஆயுதப்புரட்சியைத் தொடங்கினர். பிரகாசம் அப்புரட்சியை இரும்புக் கரம் கொண்டு ஒடுக்கினார்.

காங்கிரஸ் எதிர்ப்பு

1951 இல், பிரகாசம் காங்கிரசிலிருந்து விலகி ஹைதராபாத் பிரஜா கட்சி என்ற தனிக்கட்சியைத் தொடங்கினார். பின்னர் ஆசார்யா கிருபாளினி தொடங்கிய கிசான் மசுதூர் பிரஜா கட்சியில் தன் கட்சியை இணைத்துக் கொண்டார்.

1952 தேர்தலில் போட்டியிட்டு பிரகாசம் கட்சி **35** இடங்களில் வென்றது. இத்தேர்தலில் எக்கட்சிக்கும் தனிப் பெரும்பான்மை கிடைக்கவில்லை. கம்யூனிஸ்ட் உட்பட்ட எதிர்கட்சிகள் பிரகாசம் தலைமையில் கூட்டணி அமைத்து ஆட்சி அமைக்கும் உரிமை கோரின.

ஆனால் சென்னை **ஆளுனர் ஸ்ரீ பிரகாசா** அவர்களை ஆட்சியமைக்க அழைக்க மறுத்து மாறாக **ராஜகோபாலச்சாரியை** ஆட்சியமைக்க அழைத்து விட்டார். பின்பு கிசான் மசுதூர் கட்சி பிரஜா சோஷ்யலிஸ்ட் கட்சியுடன் இணைந்தது.

இறப்பு

பிரகாசம் 1955 ஆம் ஆண்டு அரசியலிலிருந்து ஓய்வு பெற்றார். 1957 ஆம் ஆண்டு ஒங்கோல் மாவட்டத்தில் சுற்றுப் பயணம் மேற்கொண்டிருந்தபோது வெயில் வெப்பத்தாக்குதலால் பாதிக்கப்பட்டு மே 20, 1957 இல் மரணமடைந்தார்.

