



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 8, 2020

TAMIL NADU

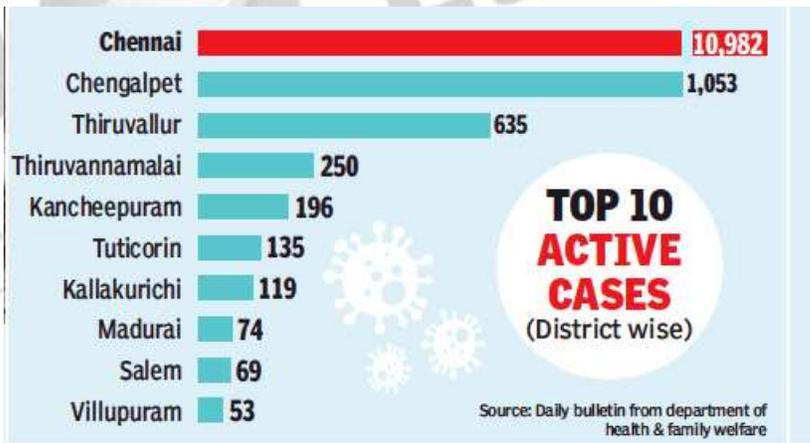
- On June 7, Tamil Nadu – crossed 1,500 fresh cases in a day for the first time, taking the cumulative tally to 31,667.
- ✓ The state also recorded 18 deaths on the day, pushing the toll to 269.

18 DEATHS TAKE TN TOLL TO 269

- 1,515 test +ve in TN on Sunday, 1,156 in Chennai
- 31,667 Covid positive so far, 22,149 of them in state capital
- 604 discharged in a day, 16,999 in total
- 212 deaths so far in Chennai
- 16,903 tests per million people in city; 6,420 in Tamil Nadu; 3,278 in India



HEALTH MATTERS: A city restaurant being sanitized ahead of reopening on Monday. About 25% of 8,000 eateries in a radius of 30km from Chennai are expected to open for dine-in



- ✓ Out of the total 1,515 new cases, Chennai accounted for 1,156 cases
- ✓ For the first time in several days, the number of people under treatment in the city, 10,982, exceeded the number of those cured, 10,954
- ✓ Apart from Chennai, Chengalpet registered 135 cases, while Tiruvallur had 55, and Kancheepuram 16.
- ✓ The state government tested 15,671 people on the day and allowed two more private labs to do Covid-19 tests
- ✓ With this, tests are done in 44 government labs and 34 private labs in the state.
- ✓ A total of 604 persons were discharged from hospitals across the State, bringing the total number of patients recovered to 16,999.
- ✓ As on June 6, a total of 1,48,797 passengers had arrived in Tamil Nadu through various entry points, out of which 1,826 have tested positive.

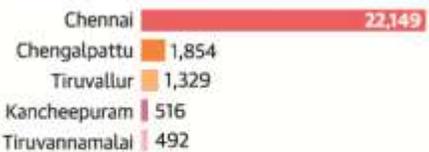
Keeping count | A tracker, across parameters, on how the pandemic has affected the State so far

	Until May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7	Total
Cases reported	22,333	1,162	1,091	1,286	1,384	1,438	1,458	1,515	31,667
Recovered and discharged	12,757	413	536	610	585	861	633	604	16,999
Deceased	173	11	13	11	12	12	19	18	269

Persons tested



Districts with maximum cases



Active cases



Discharged



Died



Active Cases + Discharged + Died will not equal Total Cases as 2 deaths were cross notified to other States and 1 patient, who initially tested positive for COVID-19, later died after turning negative as per Health and Family Welfare department.

- ✓ Meanwhile, restaurants in Chennai are set to resume dine-in services from June 8, after a break of 70 days due to the lockdown.

PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE

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- Diners must wear masks in the restaurant
- They will be checked for temperature and offered hand sanitisers
- Servers will have to wear masks, gloves and caps at all times
- Only 50 per cent of the total occupancy would be offering dine-in services
- No air-conditioners will be allowed at the restaurants



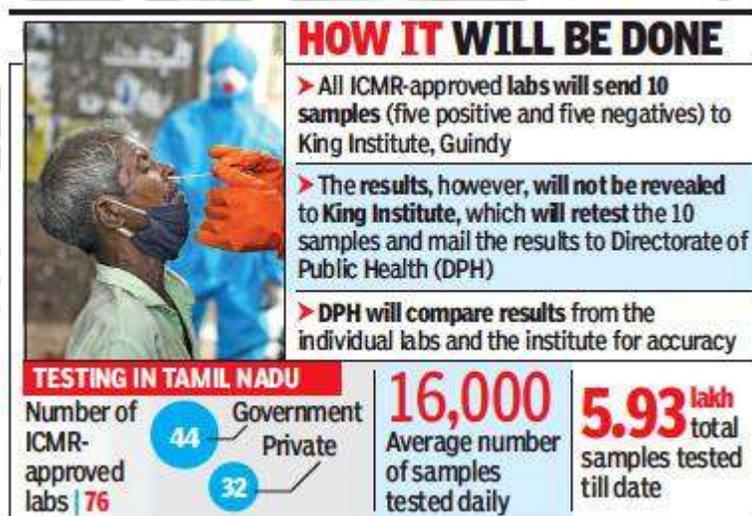
DINE OUT: A restaurant being cleaned before reopening from Monday

- ✓ The outlets are supposed to strictly follow the standard operating procedures specified by the government.
- **On June 7, Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami - appealed to the people for their cooperation to check community transmission, following surge of cases in the state**
- ✓ The CM's appeal came on a day when the state crossed the single day count of 1,515 and reached 31,667 cases
- ✓ The state's death toll stands at 269 after the death of 18 people on the day.
- ✓ The CM thanked the people, stressing the fact that their support mattered a lot in this fight.

CHAIN REACTION		Transmissions defined by WHO and ICMR	
<p>BEFORE APRIL 9</p> <p>Community transmission Inability to relate cases through chains of transmission for a large number of cases</p> <p>Local transmission Indicates locations where the source of infection is within reporting location</p> <p>Imported cases Locations where all cases have been acquired outside the location</p> <p>Under investigation Indicates locations where type of transmission has not been determined for any cases</p> <p>Interrupted transmission Indicates locations where interruption of transmission has been demonstrated</p>		<p>ICMR STAGES</p> <p>Stage 1 (Imported virus): People with a travel history from affected countries test positive</p> <p>Stage 2 (Local transmission): Infected person transmits disease to those in contact. Source of the virus is known and it is possible to trace contacts</p> <p>Stage 3 People who have not been exposed to an infected person or anyone with a travel history to affected countries test positive. Source of infection remains unknown</p> <p>Stage 4 Large number of cases is reported every day making it difficult to control and contain the spread</p>	<p>NOW</p> <p>No cases Countries with no cases</p> <p>Sporadic cases Countries with one or more cases, imported or locally detected</p> <p>Cluster of cases Countries experiencing cases clusters in time, geographic location and/or common exposure</p> <p>Community transmission Countries experiencing larger outbreaks of local transmission</p>

- ✓ The chief minister thanked the medical fraternity and health workers for their untiring efforts.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu has the highest number of recovered patients from COVID-19 and the lowest death rate in the world.
- ✓ Until June 4, the state conducted 5.5 lakh tests and identified that 86% of those who tested positive were asymptomatic
- ✓ According to the CM, Tamil Nadu government has spent over Rs 4,333 crore for the welfare of the people in its fight against Covid, till June 4.
- ✓ The contribution to the CM's Relief Fund for tackling the Covid pandemic has crossed Rs 378 crore as on June 3
- **Jalashwa, an Indian Navy ship - repatriated 700 Indians (655 men and 45 women) from Maldives on June 7**
- ✓ It had docked at V O Chidambaranar Port Trust in Tuticorin, as part of the 'Samudra Setu' operation.
- ✓ The ship with its full capacity started from Port of Male in Maldives on June 5 and arrived at the outer anchorage of Tuticorin port on June 7.
- ✓ Out of the 700 people, more than 470 people had requested repatriation citing job loss due to the lockdown, while others were returning due to personal reasons and on health grounds.
- ✓ A total of 508 repatriates are from different parts of Tamil Nadu, out of which majority are from Kanyakumari district (158)
- ✓ After basic health screening, the passengers completed customs and immigration check.
- ✓ Then, all the passengers were provided PPE kits.
- ✓ After obtaining self-declaration forms, the passengers were asked to download and configure the Aarogya Setu app on their phones

- ✓ The 192 repatriates from other states and those from Tuticorin will be under institutional quarantine in Tuticorin.
 - ✓ They will be subjected to tests twice – on the first day and on the seventh day before sent back to home.
 - ✓ This is the second visit by INS Jalashwa to the VOC Port
 - ✓ Last week, the ship had repatriated 686 Indians from Colombo.
- **Tamil Nadu, in a first in the country - has launched a Covid-19 testing quality assurance programme, in an attempt to make all government-approved testing labs accountable.**
- ✓ The reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test review exercise will happen once in every 14 days.
 - ✓ The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has so far approved 76 labs in the state, which included 44 government and 32 private labs.
 - ✓ The move will facilitate the cross-checking of test results to ensure lab procedures were accurate.
 - ✓ As per the plan, all ICMR-designated Covid-19 testing labs have to choose 10 samples randomly — five that tested positive and five negative.
 - ✓ Then, the samples will be sent to King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Guindy, without disclosing the results.



- ✓ The King institute will process the samples again and forward the results to the Department of public health (DPH).
- ✓ Further, the DPH will compare results from the individual labs and the institute for any variations.
- ✓ In case of varying results, the labs will be critically reviewed and surprise inspections will be conducted to ensure that the testing and results were conducted as per the norms.
- ✓ King Institute will be reviewed by the National Institute of Virology in Pune for its accuracy

- ✓ RTPCR was one the most accurate tools available in the market, in case the samples were collected and tested properly as per protocol
- ✓ The test is sensitive enough to pick up even 10 to 100 viral nucleic acids present in a sample
- ✓ Tamil Nadu, on an average, tests around 16,000 samples every day and has so far tested more than 5.92 lakh samples.

- **The State government - has slashed the cost of Covid-19 testing in the private labs to ₹3,000.**
- ✓ According to the Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project, “an amount of ₹3,000 is fixed as the cost of RT-PCR testing for general public and ₹500 has to be paid as additional cost towards home visit”
- ✓ The new rates were announced through a Government Order on June 5.
- ✓ Earlier, the Government has fixed ₹4,500 for the tests in the private sector.
- ✓ In general, patients whose results return positive in the first round will have to be tested two more times before being declared free of the infection.
- ✓ It implies that a patient might end up paying at least ₹13,500 for three tests.
- ✓ The state had recently capped the cost of hospitalisation at private facilities for COVID-19 infection

- **On June 7, the state government - appointed Pradeep Yadav as chairman and managing director of Tamil Nadu electricity board and Tangedco and the chairman of Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation with the full additional charge (FAC)**
- ✓ He replaces Vikram Kapur, who has been transferred to tourism, culture and religious endowments department as additional chief secretary.
- ✓ The appointment of Yadav as Tangedco’s MD comes at a time when its total debt has increased to Rs 1 lakh crore.
- ✓ Home secretary S K Prabakar has been given additional charge of the post of principal secretary of energy department
- ✓ He replaces A Karthik, who held the post earlier.

- **The state government - has kickstarted the skill mapping of the Tamil returnees from abroad and other parts of the country to assist them in finding suitable jobs in MSMEs and other industries.**
- ✓ The programme is in line with the Centre’s skill India mission.
- ✓ The exercise will generate a database of the returnees based on their skills and willingness to stay back and work within the state
- ✓ It aims to fill the space left behind by the migrant guest workers, who left the state after the Covid outbreak.
- ✓ The government will organize exclusive job fairs for labourers of a particular skill, by using the data from the skill mapping.

- ✓ It will also address the issue of shortage of skilled labourers such as plumbers, carpenters, and electricians for the industries.
- ✓ So far, 250 Tamils who returned from abroad enrolled themselves in the state government's portal - [http:// www.tnskill.tn.gov.in/](http://www.tnskill.tn.gov.in/)
- ✓ Further, labourers from Tamil Nadu who returned from other parts of the country would be able to enroll in the portal from June 8.
- ✓ Nearly 1.25 lakh people from foreign countries and other states have returned to the state in the last one month.
- ✓ Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami, meanwhile, has urged the industries in the state to employ the local workers to avoid the shortage of migrant labourers, who have left the state now.
- ✓ To address the shortage, the TNSDC along with the Directorate of Employment and Training (DET) is collating the data of the returnees, who have enrolled in the portal.
- ✓ They would be categorised depending upon their technical skills and employment profile.
- ✓ The public department has also been assisting the two agencies by collecting data from the returnees at airports and those who are in the government's quarantine facilities.
- ✓ The agencies would also offer 'specific' programmes for the enrolled candidates, who are willing to enhance their skills.

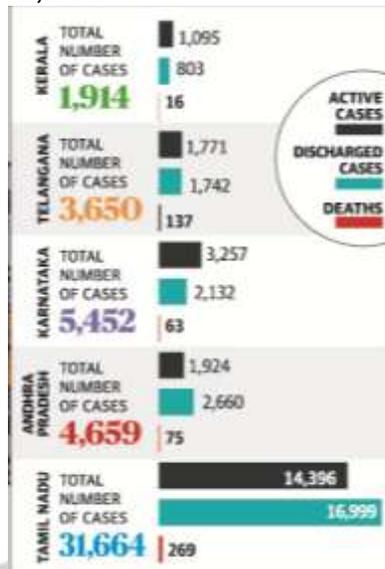
STATES

- **A fifth gold reserve – was spotted in East Singhbhum district of mineral-rich Jharkhand state.**
- ✓ This was announced by the Geological Survey of India (GSI)
- ✓ Approximately weighing 250 kg of the yellow metal, the reserve has been identified beneath Bhitari Dari village, 20km south of Jamshedpur on the Hatia Road
- ✓ Of the four reserves found earlier, mining in two is on, while auction of the remaining has been completed.
- ✓ As per GSI, it has submitted a report about the reserve to the state mines department on June 3.
- ✓ The state government will now take a decision on the auctioning process after completing due formalities and preparatory works.
- ✓ The Bhitari Dari area gold reserve was detected by a team of GSI (Ranchi circle) led by its director Pankaj Kumar, who began a survey, mapping and sampling in 2013-14.
- ✓ Later in 2017-18 and 2018-19, geologists started drilling process to confirm the deposits.
- ✓ As per GSI, the gold will have to be mined from a depth of nearly 150 metres under the village.

NATIONAL

- **On June 7, India – has reported a new high of 10,749 fresh Covid-19 infections, taking the cumulative tally above 2.5 lakh mark to 2,57,298 as per the data collated from the state governments.**
- ✓ The country's death toll also crossed 7,000 on the day after reporting 262 deaths.
- ✓ It took five days for the count to rise from 2 lakh cases (on June 2) to 2.5 lakh.
- ✓ It was the second straight day when the country added more than 10,000 cases in 24-hour period, having recorded 10,434 new infections on June 6.
- ✓ The country's first case was confirmed on January 30, while the count crossed 10,000 on April 13, taking 74 days.
- ✓ The total deaths from the virus remained over 250 for the fifth consecutive day
- ✓ However, it was lesser than 297 and 295 fatalities which were reported on June 6 and 5.
- ✓ As on date, the overall casualties in the country stand at 7,201.
- ✓ On the day, Maharashtra reported 3,007 new infections, the second highest single-day number in the state after 3,041 cases recorded on May 24
- ✓ At least four states/Union territories reported their highest single-day jump in cases — Tamil Nadu (1,515 new cases), Jammu & Kashmir (620), Haryana (496) and Bengal (449).
- ✓ In an indication of the spread of the coronavirus in the country, as many as 32 states/Union territories reported new cases on the day while 18 reported deaths from the virus.
- ✓ In Maharashtra, out of the 3,007 fresh cases, 1,420 were from Mumbai alone.
- ✓ The city also accounted for 61 of the 91 new deaths reported from Maharashtra.
- ✓ Meanwhile, in Gujarat, the death toll from the virus in Ahmedabad crossed 1,000 and reached 1,015 after recording 21 deaths on June 7
 - ✓ It has now become India's second district to lose over 1,000 lives to Covid-19 after Mumbai which has recorded 1,638 deaths.
 - ✓ With 480 new cases, Gujarat also crossed 20,000 total positive cases with the tally now standing at 20,097.
- ✓ On June 7, Jammu and Kashmir's total tally of infections crossed 4,000 and reached 4,087 after reporting 620 cases
- ✓ Kashmir Valley reported 583 of the new cases, while 37 tested positive in Jammu region.
- ✓ Haryana saw its sharpest spike of 496 cases in a single day, taking the state's overall Covid count to 4,448 cases on the day.
 - ✓ With four new deaths, the death toll in the state has gone up to 28.
- ✓ In its highest single-day toll, Telangana reported 14 deaths from COVID-19 on the day.
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka reported two deaths each, while Kerala reported a death.

- ✓ Andhra Pradesh reported 199 new cases, of who 130 were local residents, taking its total count to 4,659.
- ✓ The overall toll in the state stands at 75.
- ✓ Telangana reported 14 deaths, taking its toll to 137
- ✓ It has also reported 154 more positive cases on the day, taking the cumulative Covid count in the state to 3,650.



- ✓ Karnataka reported 239 new cases on the day, taking its overall positive infections to 5,452
- ✓ The state's death toll rose to 61 after the reporting of two deaths.
- ✓ In Kerala, 107 persons were tested positive on the day.
- ✓ With the need for testing in the community becoming more evident, Kerala has decided to launch antibody testing across districts on June 8.
- ✓ According to the Indian Council of Medical Research, 1,42,069 tests were conducted on June 7, up from 1,37,938 on June 6.

➤ **Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) - will allow pilgrims to visit all the shrines under its administration from June 8 when they reopen after the Covid-induced lockdown.**

- ✓ The TTD, the country's biggest Hindu religious conglomerate, manages the world renowned Lord Venkateswara temple at Tirumala and 50 other temples across the country
- ✓ On June 8 and 9, the TTD trust board will conduct a "trial run" of pilgrim services by allowing only its employees and their family members for darshan.
- ✓ On June 10, TTD will conduct another trial run with Tirumala residents only. From June 11, pilgrims from across the country will be allowed to worship at the temple.
- ✓ According to TTD, a maximum of 6,000 devotees a day — 500 devotees per hour — will be allowed for darshan at the Tirumala temple.
- ✓ On June 15, the TTD will release an online quota of special entry darshan tickets for the month of June for booking.



- ✓ Earlier, the Andhra Pradesh government announced its decision to resume pilgrim worship at all religious shrines from June 8
 - ✓ On June 7, culture and tourism minister Prahlad Singh Patel announced that 820 monuments, with temples on their premises, managed by the Archaeological Survey of India will be open to public from June 8.
 - ✓ However, in Maharashtra, 65 such monuments coming under ASI, will remain closed due to the surge in Covid cases
 - ✓ Karnataka topped the list with 153 monuments with places of worship allowed to open from June 8.
 - ✓ Uttar Pradesh has 111 monuments, including the Jami Masjid and Humayun Masjid in Agra, and the temples of Govind Deo, Radha Ballabh and Madan Mohan in Mathura.
 - ✓ Delhi, which is having 14 such 'living monuments' including the Nila Mosque at Hauz Khas enclave, the Qutub archaeological area and the Lal Gumbad, among others, allowed them open to public.
 - ✓ Gujarat and Tamil Nadu have 77 and 75 protected monuments with places of worship on their premises.
 - ✓ The ministry also named 10 archaeological sites which it said host "unauthorised worship", but will be opened nevertheless.
 - ✓ A total of 3,691 centrally-protected monuments and archaeological sites maintained by ASI were shut down from March 17
- **The Centre – informed the Supreme Court that it ran 4,228 Shramik Special trains till June 3 to send back 57.22 lakh migrant workers to their respective states.**
- ✓ Gujarat utilised the maximum of 1,026 trains to send migrant workers home, followed by Maharashtra which needed 802.
 - ✓ Punjab (with 417 trains), Delhi (242), Tamil Nadu (240), Karnataka (231), Telangana (162) and Rajasthan (128) are the remaining states that ran Shramik specials to other states

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh and Bihar received the largest number of Shramik Specials — 1,695 and 1,519 respectively — from various states.
- ✓ The two states accounted for more than 80% of migrant workers who returned from several states across India
- ✓ The railways, on an average, ran 93 Shramik Specials daily between May 1 and 19, of which 72 were operated to UP and Bihar.
- ✓ The number increased to 256 a day between May 20 and 24, of which 212 Shramik Specials took migrants to UP and Bihar
- ✓ Surprisingly, UP and Bihar also sent out 294 Shramik Specials each after May 1
- ✓ Railways also ran 3,670 parcel trains covering 96 routes to deliver agricultural produce, medicines and other essential items (1.22 lakh tonnes) during the lockdown period.
- ✓ In fact, foodgrains loading (4,532 rakes and 12.2 MT) during lockdown period is almost double the loading achieved during the corresponding period last year

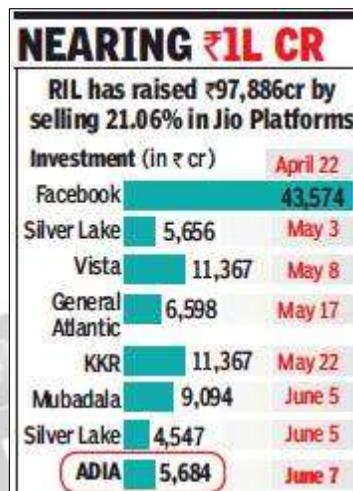
INTERNATIONAL

- **As on June 7, the worldwide death toll from Covid-19 surpassed 4,00,000 - according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University**
- ✓ Worldwide, at least 6.9 million people have been infected by the virus.
- ✓ In Latin America over 1 million people have been infected and over 60,000 deaths have been reported.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Brazil's government has stopped publishing a running total of deaths and infections.
 - ✓ According to Brazil's last official numbers, it showed over 34,000 deaths related to COVID-19, the third-highest number in the world, just ahead of Italy.
 - ✓ It reported nearly 6,15,000 infections, putting it second, behind the United States.
 - ✓ Brazil, with about 210 million people, is the seventh most populous nation in the world.
- ✓ The total US coronavirus cases are approaching 2 million, the highest in the world followed by Brazil with about 672,000 cases and Russia with about 467,000
- ✓ Exactly 100 days since its first case of coronavirus was confirmed, New York City, the epicentre of the outbreak in the US, has tentatively opened up the economy on June 8.
- ✓ As many as 400,000 workers could begin returning to construction jobs, manufacturing sites and retail stores in the city's first phase of reopening.
- ✓ Meanwhile, the UK reported 77 deaths, the lowest figure since lockdown was declared on March 23.
- ✓ No new deaths were reported in Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- ✓ Pakistan became the 16th country to cross the 1,00,000-mark in Covid infections on June 7

- ✓ The country has reported a total of 101,173 infections and a death toll of 2,032, as on date.
- ✓ On June 7, China reported its first non-imported case of the coronavirus in two weeks, after arriving on the island of Hainan from Hubei province.
- ✓ Bangladesh registered its highest single-day increase in fatalities with 42 deaths, while the total number of cases crossed the 65,000-mark

ECONOMY

- **Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) - became the second sovereign wealth fund from UAE after Mubadala to invest in billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Jio Platforms**



- ✓ ADIA will invest Rs 5,684 crore in Jio for a 1.16% stake
- ✓ The ADIA deal offers an enterprise valuation of Rs 5.16 lakh crore for Jio
- ✓ With the ADIA deal, RIL has now sold 21.06% of Jio's stake to seven foreign investors, mainly from the US and Middle East, mobilising Rs 97,886 crore (\$12.96 billion).
- ✓ However, all these transactions are pending regulatory approvals in the country.
- ✓ RIL is also in discussions with Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund to sell a stake in Jio, which could be the last stake sell-off of the company to the foreign investors.
- ✓ Facebook commenced the various companies' spree of stake sale with Jio on April 22 by investing Rs. 43,574 crore in the cellular services giant.
- ✓ Facebook will be routing its investment in Jio through Jaadhu Holdings, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary set up in March in Delaware.
- ✓ ADIA has already invested in several companies including ReNew Power, HDFC, Infosys, Greenko, Bandhan Bank, Kotak Realty Fund and Reliance Nippon Life AMC, among other companies.
- ✓ Launched in 2016, the Jio platform manages India's largest cellular services network as well as music & video streaming apps.

AWARDS

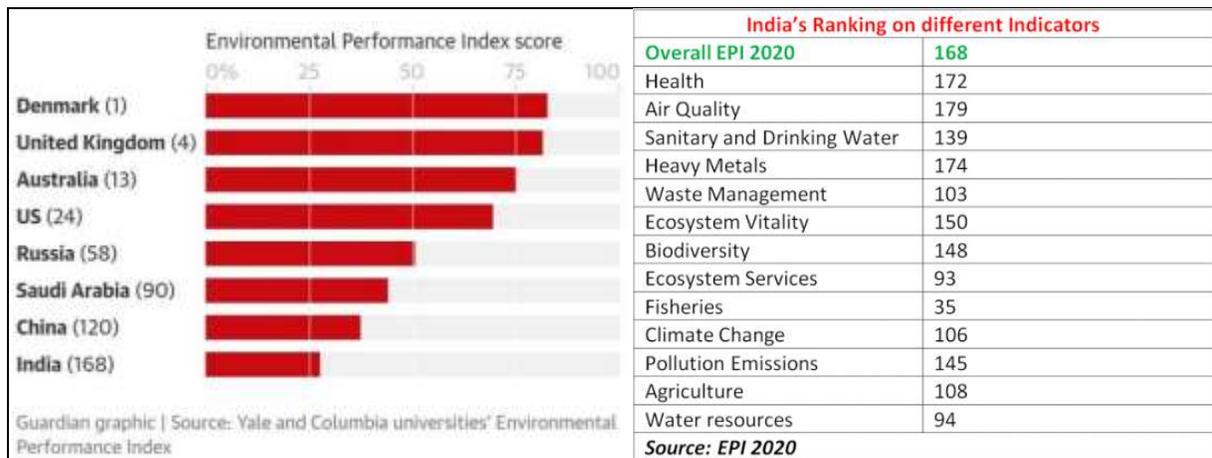
- **Veteran Bollywood writer-lyricist Javed Akhtar - has won the 2020 Richard Dawkins Award for critical thinking, holding religious dogma up to scrutiny, advancing human progress and humanist values.**



- ✓ Akhtar has become the first Indian to be given the award
- ✓ The award is conferred to distinguished individuals from the field of science, scholarship, education, or entertainment, who publicly proclaims the values of secularism and rationalism and upholding scientific truth.
- ✓ The award is named after world-renowned English evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins.
 - ✓ Richard was named as the world's top thinker in 2013 reader's poll of the prospect magazine.
- ✓ Richard Dawkins Award is an annual honour that has been presented by the Atheist Alliance of America, an NGO, since 2003.
 - ✓ Since 2019, the award was announced by the Centre for Enquiry, USA
 - ✓ Actor-comedian Ricky Gervais received the award last year.
 - ✓ The past recipients of this prestigious award include English- American intellectual, social critic, writer, and philosopher Christopher Hitchens and American TV Host, political commentator and comedian Bill Maher.
- ✓ Akhtar has been conferred with 5 National awards for the best lyricist for the hindi movies Border, Lagaan, Refugee, Godmother, and Saaz.
 - ✓ He was awarded Padma Shri in 1999 and Padma Bhushan in 2007.
 - ✓ Winner of several Filmfare awards, Akhtar also won Sahitya Akademi Award in 2013 in Urdu.

RANKINGS

- **The biennial Environment Performance Index – was released by the Yale University**



- ✓ As per the recent rankings, India secured 168th rank out of 180 countries
- ✓ Earlier, in 2018, India secured 177th rank after scoring 27.6 out of 100.
- ✓ The rankings considered 32 indicators and also provided a 10-year observation on environmental performance at national and international level
- ✓ As per the rankings, all the South Asian countries were ahead of India except Afghanistan.
- ✓ Also, the country's rank in terms of Sustainable Development Goals was also low.
- ✓ In terms of climate change, India was ranked at 106th place and second in South Asian region.
- ✓ India's ranking in climate change was evaluated based on parameters such as green house gas emission per capita, green house gas intensity growth rate, growth rate in carbon dioxide, adjusted emission growth rates, growth rate of four greenhouse gases and one pollutant.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ World Oceans Day – June 8



- ✓ The celebration of the day aims to create awareness about the importance of oceans in everyday life and also about Ocean Literacy and Ocean Science and Policy
- ✓ Theme 2020 - Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean
- ✓ The World Oceans Day has been celebrated by several countries since 1992.
- ✓ However, the United Nations decided to celebrate the day in 2009.
- ✓ The countries were observing the day after the UN Conference on Environment and Development that was held in Rio de Janeiro.
- ✓ The Goal 14 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals mentions “Conserve and Sustainable use the oceans, marine resources and the seas”.

