APPOLO STUDY CENTRE

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 30, 2020

TAMIL NADU

➢ **On May 29, Tamil Nadu - reported 874 cases of COVID-19, taking the tally past the 20,000-mark to record 20,246 cases.**

✓ It had crossed the 10,000-mark on May 15.

✓ There was a massive surge in cases in Chennai, with the capital city recording its highest single-day count yet — 618 cases.

✓ With this, Chennai's Covid-19 count climbed to 13,362.

✓ A total of 765 persons were discharged after treatment on the day, taking the total recovered persons to 11,313.

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

	Up to 22-May-2020	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	Total
Cases reported	14,753	759	765	805	646	817	827	874	20,246
Recovered and discharged	7,128	363	833	407	611	567	639	765	11,313
Deceased	98	5	8	7	9	6	12	9	154

Persons tested

4,34,625
4,45,194

Active cases	Discharged	Died	In hospitals
8,676	10,548	145	5,881
8,776	11,313	154	6,269

Districts with maximum cases

Chennai	13,362
Chengalpattu	1,000
Tiruvallur	877
Cuddalore	448
Kancheepuram	366

*Changes in 24 hours   ■ As on May 28, 6 p.m.   ■ As on May 29, 6 p.m.

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 tested negative after death, as per the Health and Family Welfare Department.

✓ There were nine more deaths, including that of a 32-year-old man in Chennai, taking the toll to 154.

 ✓ Of the nine deaths, five persons died at Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital (RGGGH) and four in private hospitals.

 ✓ Four of the deceased were women.

✓ The number of COVID-19 cases has also been steadily rising in Chengalpattu too.

- ✓ With 61 new cases, the district's total of positive cases reached 1,000 on the day.
- ✓ Apart from Chennai and Chengalpattu, there were 14 cases reported in Tiruvannamalai, 12 in Kancheepuram, nine in Tiruvallur, five each in Cuddalore and Kallakurichi, four in Tirunelveli, one each in Ariyalur, Dindigul, Kanniyakumari, Tiruchi and Villupuram.
- ✓ Out of 874 new cases, a total of 141 persons who had returned from other States and tested positive for COVID-19 were also included.
- ✓ Out of this, 129 persons had returned from Maharashtra.
- ✓ A total of 4,66,550 samples have been tested by the state so far, including the day's samples of 11,334.
- ✓ One more testing facility has been approved in the government sector — the Communicable Diseases Hospital, Chennai.
- ✓ As of now, there are 43 testing facilities in the government sector and 28 in the private sector.

- ➢ **The State government - has launched a ☐300 crore scheme, called the 'COVID-19 Assistance Package' for rejuvenation of rural enterprises.**
- ✓ The scheme is part of the World Bank-assisted Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Project, covering around 1.39 lakh beneficiaries.
- ✓ The project is being implemented in 3,994 village panchayats in 120 blocks in 30 districts
- ✓ A total fund of ☐918.2 crore has been set aside for the project.
- ✓ Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami inaugurated the scheme and gave away the assistance to five beneficiaries.
- ✓ Under the scheme, a host of rural enterprise activities such as production of masks, sanitiser, soap and hand wash, garments, dairy, poultry, fisheries, production of various raw materials and home appliances repairing will be supported.
- ✓ Also, financial assistance will be provided to existing rural enterprises as well as to new ones in five categories.
- ✓ The scheme involves the provision of working capital assistance through panchayat-level federations to individual enterprises
    - ✓ It will also provide one-time capital grant to various existing producers' and enterprise groups.
    - ✓ Besides, it includes a start up grant support to skilled migrant youth returnees for opening enterprises
    - ✓ Further, it will also provide a capital fund for identified livelihood/enterprise activities of differently-abled and vulnerable persons.

- ➢ **The foreign direct investment (FDI) into Tamil Nadu - declined by 8.5% to ☐16,624.44 crore in the financial year 2019-20 as against ☐18,164 crore in 2018-19**

- ✓ This was revealed by a provisional data released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- ✓ The State had attracted an investment of ⬚7,230.44 crore for the October 2019 to March 2020 period.
- ✓ For the April-September period in the same year, the figure is ⬚9,394 crore.
- ✓ During early 2019, the State held the second edition of the Global Investors' Meet (GIM), during which it signed MoUs with 304 companies, drawing investment pledges worth ⬚3,00,431 crore.
- ✓ Subsequent to GIM 2019, the State attracted 63 projects, with an investment of ⬚19,000 crore, which will provide 83,300 jobs across the state.

NATIONAL

- ➢ **India – has recorded 7,707 new COVID-19 cases and 263 deaths on May 29, the highest on a single day.**
- ✓ This takes the total number of cases to 1,73,052 and fatalities to 4,970 across the entire country
- ✓ On the day, Maharashtra reported yet another big spike of 2,682 new COVID-19 cases, taking its count above the 60,000-mark to rise to 62,228.
    - ✓ A record-high 116 deaths pushed the State's death toll to 2,098.
    - ✓ A total of 8,381 patients being discharged on the day, taking the total number of discharged till date to 26,997.
    - ✓ Mumbai city alone reported 1,447 of the new cases, as its tally crossed the 36,000 mark to reach 36,932 cases.
    - ✓ Of these, 19,745 were active ones.
    - ✓ A total of 38 deaths were reported from Mumbai, taking the city's death toll to 1,173.
- ✓ Kerala reported another COVID-19 death the day, taking the toll to eight.
    - ✓ It also recorded 62 positive cases, of which 56 were cases imported from outside the State (33 expatriates and 23 from other states)
    - ✓ Of the total 1,150 positive cases reported so far, 565 had recovered.
- ✓ About 91% of the 248 cases reported in Karnataka were passengers who had come from other States.
    - ✓ The new cases — the highest so far for a single day — have raised the total positive cases in the state to 2,781.
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh had 3,330 positive cases, including 85 (33 local and 52 migrant) new ones.
    - ✓ The death toll was 60 after one person died during the last 24 hours.

DEFENCE

- ➢ **Major Suman Gawani of the Indian Army - has been selected for the prestigious United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the year Award**
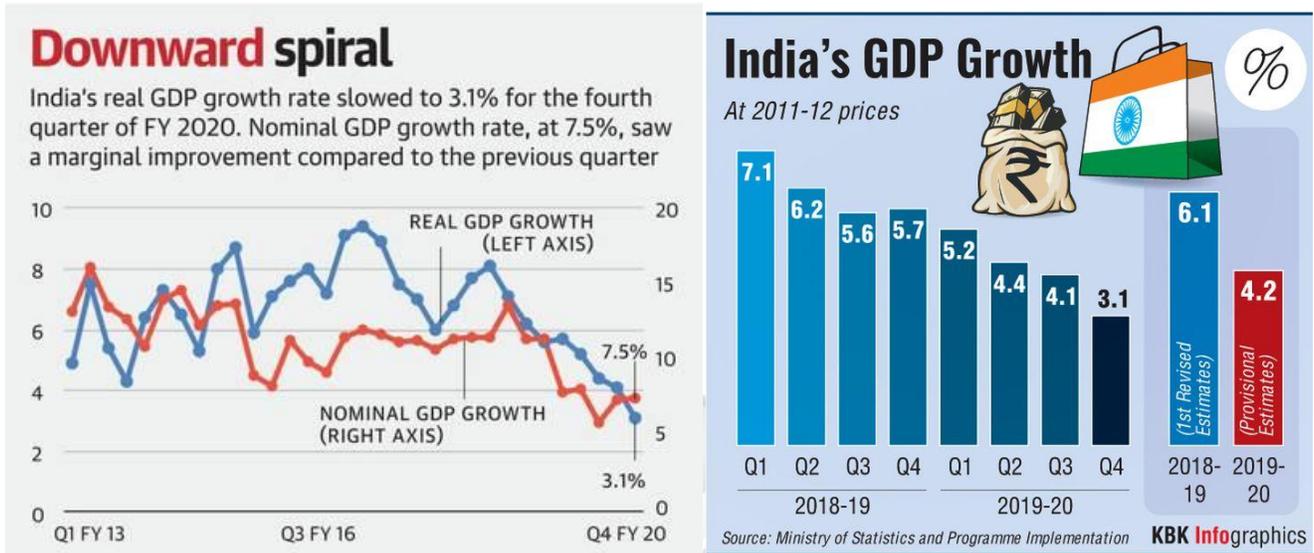
✓ Major Gawani had served as a women peacekeeper with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) from November 2018 to December 2019
✓ Presently, she is posted in Delhi.

✓ This is the first time that an Indian Peacekeeper has been given the UN Military Gender Advocate Award.
✓ Major Gawani received the award from the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres during an online ceremony at the UN Headquarters, New York, on the occasion of International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers on May 29
✓ Along with Major Gawani, Carla Monteiro de Castro Araujo, a Brazilian Naval officer, will also receive the award.
✓ As a military observer in UNMISS, Major Gawani was the principal focal point of contact for gender issues for military observers in the mission.
✓ The officer encouraged participation in joint military patrols to maintain gender balance, irrespective of the hardships under extreme field conditions, as per Army
    ✓ Major Gawani also took steps to integrate gender perspective into the planning and military activity in the mission.
    ✓ She was selected to attend a specialised training on Conflict Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) at Nairobi
    ✓ She had also participated in various UN forums to demonstrate how a gender perspective can help in protecting civilians, especially from conflict-related sexual violence
✓ The prestigious award was created in 2016
    ✓ It strives to honour the efforts and dedication of individual military peacekeepers in promoting the UN principles on Women, Peace, and Security in Peace Operations
✓ Major Gawani had joined the Indian Army in 2011
    ✓ She had graduated from the Officers Training Academy and then joined the Army Signal Corps.

ECONOMY

- ➢ **The country's economic growth - declined to a 11-year low of 4.2% in 2019-20**
- ✓ This was announced in the provisional estimates released by the National Statistical Office on May 29.

Downward spiral

India's real GDP growth rate slowed to 3.1% for the fourth quarter of FY 2020. Nominal GDP growth rate, at 7.5%, saw a marginal improvement compared to the previous quarter

India's GDP Growth

At 2011-12 prices

Source: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation   KBK Infographics

- ✓ The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) had dropped to 3.1% in the final quarter of the fiscal year during the January-March period
- ✓ This was attributed to the impact of the first week of the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown, which began on March 25.
- ✓ Agricultural output and the mining sector picked up in the fourth quarter, growing at rates of 5.9% and 5.2% respectively
    - ✓ However, manufacturing declined further, with output shrinking by 1.4%.
    - ✓ Public administration, defence and other services grew at 10.1% during the same period.
- ✓ The GDP growth in 2019-2020 had been forecasted at 8.5% as per the budget estimates
- ✓ However, the NSO's previous estimates had pushed the forecast down to 5%.
- ✓ On May 29, the NSO further reduced its estimates for the first three quarters, and pegged its growth estimate for the full year at 4.2%.
- ✓ The GDP has shown a growth of 6.1% in 2018-19.

OBITUARY

- ➢ **Former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Ajit Jogi (74 years) - died on May 29 after being hospitalised in Raipur following a heart attack.**

✓ Ajit Jogi was the first chief minister of Chhattisgarh after it was created out of Madhya Pradesh as a separate State in November 2000.
✓ He was then a member of the Indian National Congress.
✓ The former bureaucrat-turned-politician was the incumbent MLA from the Marwahi seat in Chhattisgarh
✓ After losing power to the BJP in the State in November 2003, he returned to the 14th Lok Sabha as a Member of Parliament from the Mahasamund seat.
✓ In 2008, he successfully contested the Assembly elections from the Marwahi Assembly seat, a reserved constituency.
✓ But after BJP coming to power in the state, he once again became a Lok Sabha member in 2009, but failed to win his seat in 2014.
✓ He has earlier served as a member of Rajya Sabha for two terms from 1986 to 1998.
✓ In 1998, he was elected as a Member of Parliament to the 12th Lok Sabha for the Raigarh constituency in Chhattisgarh.
✓ He, along with his son, formally quit the Congress in 2016 and floated a regional outfit, the Janata Congress Chhattisgarh.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➢ **World No Tobacco Day – May 31**

- ✓ The day aims to create awareness about the dangers of using tobacco.
- ✓ The initiative was adopted in 1987 by the World Health Organisation.
- ✓ The observance of the day also seeks to bring the global attention to more than 8 million deaths that occurs due to the menace of Tobacco
- ✓ Theme 2020 - Protecting Youth
- ✓ The theme focuses to protect the youth from the manipulation of industries and prevent them from using nicotine and tobacco
- ✓ According to the WHO, around 17% of young people in the age of 15 and 24 are smoking
- ✓ Also, on this day, World No Tobacco Awards are distributed every year.