

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 25, 2020

### TAMIL NADU

- **The Greater Chennai Corporation – has started to install remote monitoring system in pillar boxes to monitor streetlights from its headquarters.**
- ✓ The system will automatically fix power fluctuations and alert the local engineer and the corporation control room, in case of a power failure.
- ✓ The cost of one equipment is ₹56,000 and the overall cost of the project stands at ₹40 crore
- ✓ Out of the total budget, ₹14crore will be granted from the Nirbhaya fund, ₹25crore from the central grant commission and the rest by the Corporation.
- ✓ The entire installation will be completed within the next two months.
- ✓ The contract has been awarded to Sabari Electricals which will handle the annual maintenance as well.
- ✓ Such systems have already been installed in Trichy, Madurai and Coimbatore.
- ✓ The new system will also reduce consumption of power.

#### HOW IT WORKS

▶ Streetlight pillars will be fixed with a panel

▶ Panels will have a SIM to communicate with the nearest mobile tower

▶ Information from these devices will be sent to the central server at the corporation headquarters using GPRS

▶ Panel will have surge protection device, circuit breakers

- ✓ There are 2.8 lakh streetlights in Chennai and 7,707 pillar boxes.
- ✓ Around 60 streetlights are fitted to a box.

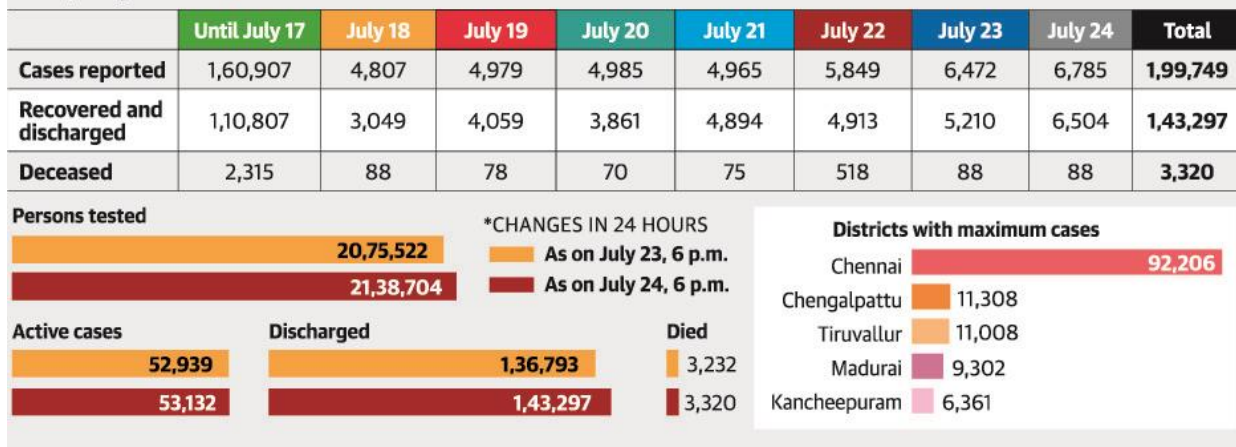
- ✓ At present, pillar boxes have timers and the lights switch on and turn off according to a preset time.
  - ✓ However, due to frequent usage, several timers have stopped functioning and corporation staff has to manually operate the lights.
  - ✓ Also, residents have to call, or use the corporation's Namma Chennai app, to complain about lights not functioning.
  - ✓ Since 2013, the civic body has been setting up LED streetlights and by 2018 all lights had been changed.
  - ✓ It pays an electricity bill of ₹4.5cr every month for the streetlights besides spending on annual maintenance, manpower and repair work.
- **The Tamil Nadu government – has acquired the ownership of Veda Nilayam, the residence of late chief minister J Jayalalithaa, along with the income tax department.**



- ✓ The government has deposited an amount of ₹67.9crore in a city civil court, which includes compensation to J Deepa and J Deepak, legal heirs of the ex-chief minister, and pending tax dues.
- ✓ The I-T department will also remain as the joint owner, till it approaches the civil court and gets its tax dues
- ✓ The Chennai district administration has declared the property 'free of all encumbrances' on July 24
- ✓ On July 22, the land acquisition was awarded by the High Court for the 24,322 sq ft bungalow in the posh Poes Garden neighbourhood
- ✓ Until now, Jayalalithaa and the I-T department were the executants of the property attached by the I-T department over a case.
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government wanted to acquire the building for converting it into a memorial.
- ✓ According to the I-T department, the pending wealth tax and income tax stands at ₹36.9 crore
- ✓ As per the compensation, the government valued the property at ₹29.3crore, calculated at ₹12,060 per sqft.
- ✓ It includes a structural value of ₹2.7 crore and a 100% additional compensation

- **On July 24, Tamil Nadu - recorded a new high of 6,785 fresh Covid-19 cases, taking its total caseload to nearly two lakh at 1,99,749.**
- ✓ For the second consecutive day, the State reported more than 6,000 new cases of Covid-19.
- ✓ The death toll remains at 3,320 after reporting 88 casualties on the day
- ✓ The number of active cases remains at 53,132.

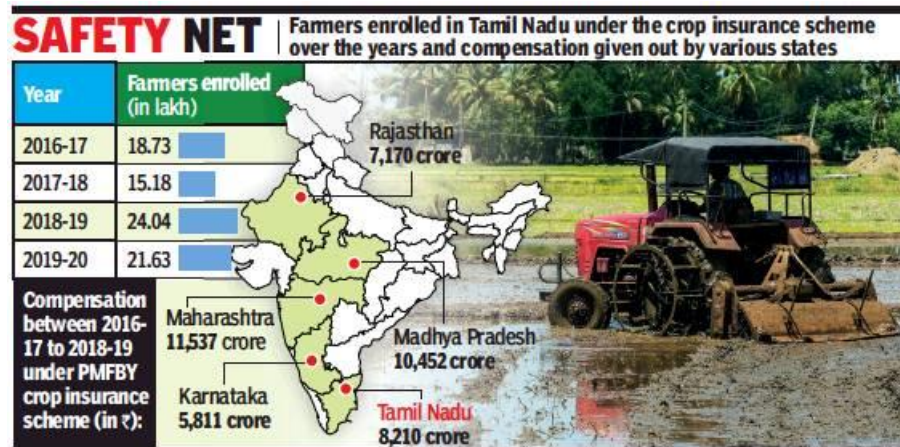
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- ✓ With 1,299 cases, Chennai continued to be the hotspot, though its share of fresh cases fell to 19%.
- ✓ The neighbouring districts, Chengalpet, Kanchipuram and Tiruvallur together recorded another 1,116 cases.
- ✓ The R-value or the effective reproduction number, which is the number of people one person can infect, is at 1.24 for Tamil Nadu as of July 13.
  - ✓ For Chennai, it is between 1.09 and 1.12.
  - ✓ The daily cases in the city would have been below 1,000 if the R-value had reduced below 1
- ✓ The number of people tested increased to a record 63,182, as the state has started pool testing.
- ✓ The hospital discharges have also increased to 6,504, taking the total number of people recovered to 1,43,297.
- ✓ Virudhunagar recorded a massive 424 cases and crossed the 5,000 mark in Covid-19 cases
  - ✓ The district is a concern considering scores employed in matchwork industry, which provides largescale employment in and around Sivakasi and Arupukottai, and the printing industry
- ✓ Further, Madurai (326), Tuticorin (313), Trichy (217), Coimbatore (189), Thanjavur (186) and Salem (122) reported a surge in cases.
- ✓ Another private laboratory — Laboratory Services of Harshitha Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Madurai — has been approved for Covid-19 testing.
- ✓ There are now a total of 114 testing facilities — 58 in the government sector and 56 in the private — in the State.

- ✓ At least 29 of the 32 Covid-19 patients who were administered plasma convalescent therapy in Tamil Nadu have recovered completely while three are still under treatment.
  - ✓ The Plasma therapy treatment process is currently available at three government medical college hospitals – Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital (RGGGH) and Omandurar Government Medical College Hospital in Chennai, and Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai
  - ✓ Among private hospitals, Vellore CMC has been authorised to carry out trials.
  - ✓ The plasma bank is now at RGGGH, which has treated 26 patients.
  - ✓ So far, there have been 34 plasma donors across the state.
  - ✓ In south TN, Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai and Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital have been authorised to carry out plasma therapy trials
- **The Tamil Nadu government - has set up a four-member committee to continuously scrutinize and reconcile the Covid-19 death report on a weekly basis so that omissions and under reporting of deaths could be avoided.**
- ✓ The committee will be headed by the Director of medical and rural health services
  - ✓ It has Director of medical education and Director of public health and preventive medicine and corporation city health officer as members
  - ✓ The district collectors have to verify the daily death report received from all government hospitals and private hospitals regarding Covid-19 death.
  - ✓ They will have to compare it with the local bodies' record, maintained for cremation or burial, to ensure that there is no omission in reporting Covid-19 death in future
  - ✓ The committee has been directed to scrupulously follow the guidelines of the Union government and the Indian Council of Medical Research, while submitting the death report of Covid-19 patients in future
  - ✓ A reconciliation committee constituted by the Director of public health and preventive medicine earlier had a detailed verification of all 820 deaths of positive cases that took place between March 1 and July 9
  - ✓ It was found that 444 deaths, that were part of the line-list maintained by the Director of public health and preventive medicine, were not included in the daily media bulletin.
  - ✓ All 402 hospital deaths were due to co-morbid conditions, in addition to being Covid-19 positive, while 42 were home and transit deaths.
- **Tamil Nadu - has notified 270 new areas/revenue villages under Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojana, a centrally sponsored crop insurance scheme**
- ✓ These new villages in delta districts have undertaken paddy cultivation this year owing to timely release of water from Mettur dam on its customary date, June 12, after a gap of nine years.
  - ✓ Many farmers in the delta districts of Thanjavur, Nagapattinam and Tiruvarur and parts of Trichy have gone for large-scale cultivation of paddy this year.

- ✓ Payment of insurance is yet another reason why more farmers are carrying out paddy cultivation
- ✓ The PM Fasal Bima Yojana is a scheme that supports agriculturists in case of crop loss on account of natural calamities.
- ✓ Kharif insurance scheme was earlier notified in 5,535 revenue villages in 24 districts.
- ✓ Totally, about 5.8 lakh acres across the state have been covered under paddy cultivation till now against a target of 7.5 lakh acres.



- ✓ As per the latest assessment of the agriculture department, 5,064 new farmers have taken up paddy cultivation this season after several years in the delta districts.
  - ✓ As the cut-off date for kharif season in the delta is July 31, the government has begun digitisation of the additional villages on the national crop insurance portal.
  - ✓ Enrolment of farmers will commence on July 25.
  - ✓ The state had been enrolling only seven lakh farmers every year till 2016, but the enrolment shot up to 21.63 lakh farmers last fiscal.
  - ✓ All farmers who have taken loans for growing notified crops are brought under PMFBY compulsorily.
  - ✓ However, it is a voluntary exercise for non-loanee farmers.
  - ✓ The insurance premium, excluding the farmers' share, is shared equally by the state and central governments.
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu farmers have received Rs 8,210 crore as compensation since 2016.
  - ✓ During last kharif season, a compensation of Rs 68.91 crore has been received by more than 85,000 farmers
- **On July 24, the State government - told the Madras High Court that it had “declined” the request of Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited to grant environmental clearance (EC) for its Vedanthangal expansion project.**
- ✓ The pharma company has requested for EC towards the expansion of operations within the premises of its existing unit situated close to the Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary in Kancheepuram

- ✓ The plea has been 'returned' on June 15 by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-cum-Chief Wildlife Warden.
- ✓ This was informed by Additional Advocate-General S.R. Rajagopal to a High Court bench consisting of Justices Vineet Kothari and Krishnan Ramasamy
- ✓ The Additional Advocate-General said a proposal to declare the immediate radius of zero to 1 km as a core zone, a further radius of 1 km to 3 km as buffer zone and 3 km to 5 km as eco-sensitive zone, as per the Centre's stipulations, was pending with the National Board for Wildlife.
- ✓ On July 3, 1998, the State had declared all places within the 5-km radius from the wetland a wildlife sanctuary zone.
- ✓ However, the pharmaceutical company was permitted to continue operations since it had been established before 1998.
- ✓ On May 30 this year, the company applied for environmental clearance to expand its operations.
- ✓ The Vedanthangal Bird sanctuary was home to around 40,000 species of migratory birds that visit it every year.

## STATES

- **On July 24, the Uttarakhand government - allowed pilgrims from outside the state to visit Char Dham Yatra**
- ✓ The annual yatra includes the visit to four shrines of Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunotri and Gangotri
- ✓ However, this year the devotees must produce a Covid-19 negative test report
- ✓ The test should be conducted within 72 hours of entering the hill state or undergo mandatory quarantine.
- ✓ If a pilgrim is unable to produce the test report within the stipulated time, he/she should serve the quarantine period before embarking on the yatra.

## NATIONAL

- **On July 24, the country - reported a massive 49,055 fresh Covid-19 cases, taking the caseload over 13 lakh to 13,36,050**
- ✓ A total of 757 deaths occurred on the day, taking the toll past 31,000 mark
- ✓ The death toll in India is 31,413, the sixth overall among countries with the third highest daily rise (730 deaths on average in the last week) behind Brazil (1,056) and the U.S. (849).
- ✓ Maharashtra again led the case tally after registering 9,615 cases, taking its total past the 3.5-lakh mark.
- ✓ At least seven states recorded their highest single-day jump in cases, led by Andhra Pradesh, which reported as many as 8,147 fresh infections.
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh became the second state after Maharashtra to record 8,000 cases in a day.

## Spreading quickly

India has registered among the highest number of COVID-19 cases (second highest) and deaths (third) last week, despite testing less per million people compared to other countries with the highest case loads

Country	New cases*	New deaths*	Tests per million	Doubling time (days <sup>^</sup> )
U.S.	66,084	849	1,42,671	41.02
India	42,129	730	11,395	19.5
Brazil	39,332	1,056	11,933	38.43
South Africa	11,976	203	42,775	22.78
Colombia	7,595	237	24,302	19.58
Mexico	6,667	619	5,881	38.44
Russia	6,015	136	1,76,136	90.58
Argentina	4,749	84	12,793	19.18
Peru	4,216	720	10,145	58.27
Bangladesh	2,827	44	6,244	51.25

\*7-day average

<sup>^</sup>For cases in last 7 days

- ✓ Other states that reported their biggest spike in infections were Tamil Nadu (6,785 new cases), Uttar Pradesh (2,712), Bihar (1,820), Odisha (1,594), Punjab (482) and Chhattisgarh (477).
- ✓ Maharashtra also recorded 278 deaths on the day, taking the state's Covid-19 toll to 13,132.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - will perform the groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya at 12.30pm on August 5, as per a schedule finalised by astrologers.**
- ✓ On July 24, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad sent soil collected from 11 religious places from across India to Ayodhya to be used in the ceremony.
- ✓ Swami Govinddev Giriji Maharaj of Pune, one of the members of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra trust, took the lead in the consultation process and suggested the schedule
- ✓ The trust has invited all prominent leaders related with the temple movement including L K Advani, M M Joshi and Kalyan Singh, besides home minister Amit Shah, defence minister Rajnath Singh, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and UP CM Yogi Adityanath
- ✓ The event will be telecast live and screens will be installed in Ayodhya for devotees to watch.
- **On July 24, a 30-year-old man - became the first person from Delhi to be given a 0.5 ml intramuscular injection of Bharat Biotech's Covaxin at AIIMS**

## 12 HOSPS TO TAKE PART

➤ Covaxin developed by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with ICMR and NIV, Pune

➤ 12 hospitals in 11 cities selected for human trials



➤ Vaccine to be given to 500+ volunteers; trials already on in 5 of the hospitals

➤ To begin soon in 3 hospitals, 3 others yet to get the vaccine and one in Andhra awaiting state nod

- ✓ Before Delhi, Covaxin trials have already begun in Hyderabad, Patna, **Kancheepuram (SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Centre)**, and Rohtak
- ✓ The trials are yet to be carried out in Nagpur, Bhubaneshwar, Belgaum, Gorakhpur, Kanpur, Goa (On July 25) and Visakhapatnam.
- ✓ Human trials using the vaccine candidates of two companies — Bharat Biotech and Zydus Cadila — are currently underway in six cities in as many states.
- ✓ Both Bharat Biotech and Zydus Cadila were granted permission for Phase I and II clinical trials and administered the first doses of their vaccine candidates to volunteers on July 15
- ✓ A third vaccine candidate, developed by Oxford University, is soon to be tested in India.
- ✓ Serum Institute, which is in a manufacturing partnership with the UK's Astra Zeneca, has said it will begin human trials as soon as it receives regulatory approval.
- ✓ Bharat Biotech's Covaxin was developed in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research, Delhi and the National Institute of Virology, Pune
- ✓ It will be tested at 12 hospitals — including the AIIMS in Delhi and Patna, and PGI Rohtak — across 11 cities.
- ✓ The first phase will involve over 500 volunteers, all healthy and between the ages of 18 and 55 with no co-morbidities.
- ✓ Zydus Cadila's candidate, called ZyCoV-D, is being tested at one place till now — the company's research centre in Ahmedabad — but will be further tested in multiple cities soon.
- **The Income tax (I-T) department – has announced that it will share PAN and bank account details of any entity with 10 investigative and intelligence agencies, including the CBI and the NIA, under the integrated counter-terrorism platform NATGRID**
- ✓ This was announced in an order from Central board of direct taxes (CBDT), which frames policy for the I-T department, on July 21



- ✓ Accordingly, information like permanent account number (PAN), tax deduction and collection account number (TAN), bank account details, summary of IT Returns and tax deducted at source (TDS) and “any other information as mutually agreed” will be shared with the 10 agencies.
- ✓ The 10 agencies are - the Central Bureau of Investigation, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Enforcement Directorate, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Cabinet Secretariat, Intelligence Bureau, Directorate General of GST Intelligence, Narcotics Control Bureau, Financial Intelligence Unit and the National Investigation Agency.
- ✓ These agencies are already authorised to obtain real-time NATGRID data as part of a legal arrangement made in the past.
- ✓ The “furnishing and receiving” of information to and from these central agencies will be done through the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID)
- ✓ NATGRID is a platform that track suspects and prevent terrorist attacks with real-time data and access to classified information like immigration, banking, individual taxpayers, air and train travels.

## INTERNATIONAL

- **On July 24, China - ordered the U.S. consulate in the southwestern city of Chengdu to close in retaliation for one of its missions in the United States being asked to shut down.**
- ✓ The Ministry emphasised the closure was directly in response to the U.S. ordering the Chinese consulate in Houston to shut down by July 24.
- ✓ According to China, some U.S. consulate staff “were engaged in activities outside of their capacity, interfered in China’s internal affairs, and endangered China’s security and interests,”
- ✓ The order on Houston came a day after the U.S. Justice Department found guilty two Chinese nationals for allegedly hacking hundreds of companies and attempting to steal coronavirus vaccine research.
- ✓ The U.S. has an Embassy in Beijing as well as five consulates in mainland China, plus one in Hong Kong.
- ✓ The Chengdu consulate, established in 1985, covers the troublesome region of Tibet and has been at the centre of past controversy.

## INDIA AND NEIGHBOURS

- **The Reserve Bank of India - has agreed to a \$400 million currency swap facility for Sri Lanka till November 2022**
- ✓ This was announced by the Indian High Commission on July 24.
- ✓ The Central Bank of Sri Lanka had sought the swap facility to boost its foreign exchange reserves, amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ✓ The RBI’s action comes after a recent bilateral ‘technical discussion’ on rescheduling Colombo’s outstanding debt to India.

- ✓ Sri Lanka owes \$960 million to India.
- ✓ The 'virtual' meeting was attended by officials from the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and the EXIM Bank along with representatives of the Sri Lankan government
- ✓ In February 2020, Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa had sought a loan moratorium, during his visit to New Delhi.
- ✓ The currency swap facility to Sri Lanka was extended under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework
- ✓ India is currently considering bilateral currency swap request of Sri Lanka for 1.1 billion USD
- ✓ A Currency Swap between two countries is an agreement to exchange currencies with predetermined agreement.
  - ✓ The governments engage in currency swap to solve short term foreign exchange liquidity requirements.
  - ✓ Currency Swap is the exchange of interest (sometimes principal as well) in one currency for the same in the other.
- ✓ The current SAARC currency swap agreement was signed in December 2019.
- ✓ India has currency swap line with Japan and SAARC countries and negotiating a currency swap with the U.S.

## DEFENCE

- **India - has kicked off the acquisition process for six more long-range Poseidon-8I aircraft from the US**
- ✓ It is also planning for the fast-track procurement of six Predator-B armed drones amid the ongoing military confrontation with China along the 3,488-km Line of Actual Control, especially in eastern Ladakh.
- ✓ The 'letter of request' for six more P-8Is for around \$1.8 billion has been issued to the US for the government-to-government deal under Pentagon's foreign military sales (FMS) programme.
- ✓ The US will soon send the 'letter of acceptance' after congressional approval.
- ✓ The final contract should be signed by early next year
- ✓ India is extensively using the naval P-8I patrol planes for surveillance missions over the Indian Ocean as well as eastern Ladakh.
  - ✓ These planes are equipped with radars and electro-optic sensors as well as armed with Harpoon Block-II missiles and MK-54 lightweight torpedoes
- ✓ The Navy had inducted eight Boeing-manufactured P-8I aircraft under a \$2.1 billion deal inked in January 2009
  - ✓ The next P-8I will be delivered from December onwards under another \$1.1 billion contract signed in July 2016.
- ✓ Simultaneously, the armed forces are also examining "emergency procurement" of six Predator-B or weaponised Sea Guardian drones from the US

## ECONOMY

- **Apple's contract manufacturer Foxconn - has started assembling the iPhone 11 in India.**
- ✓ The U.S. company's flagship device is being assembled at Foxconn's Chennai plant
- ✓ Currently, iPhone XR and iPhone 11 are being assembled by Foxconn in Chennai, while iPhone 7 is being made by another partner, Wistron, in Bengaluru.
- ✓ Apple's iPhone SE was manufactured in India in 2017, iPhone 6S in 2018, iPhone 7 and XR in 2019 and iPhone 11 in 2020.
  
- **On July 24, Insurance regulator IRDAI – has permitted insurers to offer standard health insurance cover Arogya Sanjeevani as a group policy.**
- ✓ This version will be introduced under the same name — Arogya Sanjeevani — with the same terms and conditions of the standard policy.
- ✓ Insurers, however, get the freedom to fix the premium amount.
- ✓ Also, the Arogya Sanjeevani policy covers Covid-19 in both individual and group modes.
- ✓ Under the group policy, insurers will be allowed to set their own minimum and maximum sum limits
  
- **On July 24, Tata-Singapore Airlines joint venture, Vistara - inducted the Airbus A321neo into its fleet.**



- ✓ The Airbus A321 neo aircraft was manufactured in Hamburg, Germany
- ✓ It has sophisticated features including lie-flat beds and wireless connectivity that will allow travellers access to wi-fi onboard and 3G mobile data for SMSes and MMSes.
- ✓ The aircraft has a three-class cabin configuration for Vistara.
- ✓ The airline unveiled international operations last year with destinations such as Singapore, Dubai, Colombo, Nepal and Vietnam.

## SPORTS

- **The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) - has decided to hold the Indian Premier League (IPL) from September 19 to November 8 in the United Arab Emirates, pending the Central government's approval.**
- ✓ If the BCCI secures the government's approval, this will be the second instance of the UAE hosting the IPL.
- ✓ In 2014, the first 20 games of the 60-match tournament were played in UAE to avoid a scheduling clash with the Lok Sabha election.
- ✓ With the new schedule, the start of the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the tournament has been rescheduled a week earlier from September 26 to 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Under this schedule, 60 matches will now be played in 51 days as against the 44-day window allotted earlier.
- ✓ The matches are set to start at 3.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. (both IST), instead of the conventional 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- ✓ India will see in excess of 1,200 individuals flying to the UAE, should the two governments give the final nod, including overseas cricketers, match officials and commentators from other countries.
- ✓ A mandatory quarantine will be in place when the teams land but prior to departure, every individual taking flight will undergo two tests for Covid within 72 hours and repeat the procedure upon arrival.
- ✓ The UAE has three grounds that can host the IPL matches- Sharjah, Sheikh Zayed Stadium and the Dubai International Stadium.
- ✓ BCCI has twice shifted IPL out of the country – in 2009 (South Africa) and 2014 (UAE)
  
- **On July 24, the Tamil Nadu government - allowed the stadia and sports complexes in the state to open for outdoor training of international and national-level athletes.**
- ✓ However, gyms and swimming pools will remain closed while no spectators will be allowed inside the stadiums for now.
- ✓ The state government also issued the Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) for resumption of training activities of sportspersons preparing for national and international events.
- ✓ As per the new norms, the athletes who are willing to resume outdoor practice will need to sign a 'consent form' declaring their knowledge of all the risks associated with training under the current Covid-19 scenario.
- ✓ The use of Aarogya Setu app was also made mandatory for all athletes, coaches and staff at the SDAT centres.
- ✓ The athletes, though, have been barred from sharing training equipment, mats, drinking bottles and towels.

- ✓ They are to maintain a distance of two metre from each other and one metre with their coach while no physical contact, including handshakes, hugs, high-fives, is allowed.
  - ✓ They are also prohibited from spitting on the field of play.
  - ✓ For team sports like football, hockey, volleyball, training activities might be performed in small groups of 8-10 players, while the pitch shall be divided into three-four areas with two players in each space.
  - ✓ The government order also stated that a monitoring and management committee (MMC) comprising coaching staff of various disciplines will be constituted to guide the athletes at various Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) venues.
  - ✓ The MMC will be responsible in 'supervising security arrangements at entry points, monitoring the athletes' movements, managing number (of athletes) at training to maintain social distancing norms, modifying training times to ensure presence of fewer people' among other precautionary measures.
  - ✓ The other safety norms put in place also include thermal screening at the 'only one' entry and exit point into the stadium, wearing masks all the time except training and using of sanitisers regularly.
  - ✓ The state order also mentioned that the sports facilities won't shut down even if an athlete or a coach is found to be Covid positive.
- **Former BCCI panel umpire and current BCCI Level 3 umpire educator, Rajiv Risodkar's Hindi translation of "The Laws of Cricket" - has got an official recognition from Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the custodians of the game's laws.**



- ✓ The Hindi version will now be officially available on MCC website.
- ✓ Risodkar was in the BCCI Umpires panel from 1997 to 2016
- ✓ He has also mentored many umpires in Madhya Pradesh and elsewhere during the last couple of decades.
- ✓ Recently, the BCCI nominated him to train Maldives umpires.
- ✓ He has also conducted several training sessions in the state using Hindi language for the benefit of local aspirants