



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-NOVEMBER 1, 2020

### TAMIL NADU

- On October 31, Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami - announced reopening of schools (Classes, IX–XII), colleges, research and other educational institutions in the state from November 16.
- ✓ Movie theatres are also allowed to reopen on November 10.
- ✓ The CM made the announcement, after extending the lockdown till November 30.
- ✓ It has to be recalled that the Government had earlier announced a partial reopening of schools from October 1 before staying the order.

BEACHES STILL OFF LIMITS	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ People aged below 60 in gyms from Nov 1</li> <li>➤ Suburban trains as per decision of Union government, adhering to SOPs</li> <li>➤ Not more than 100 people in marriage gatherings &amp; funerals</li> <li>➤ Hostels to function from Nov 16</li> <li>➤ Film shooting with a crew of 150. Public not allowed</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Religious congregations, social, political, entertainment, cultural &amp; academic functions with 100 people from Nov 16</li> <li>➤ Entertainment parks, auditoriums, assembly halls, zoos, museums from Nov 10</li> <li>➤ Wholesale fruit markets on temporary premises in city can move to Koyambedu market</li> </ul>

- ✓ The CM announced certain relaxations considering the need to revive the economy and the nature of pandemic.
- ✓ All theatres, including multiplexes and theatres at shopping malls can operate with 50% capacity from November 10.
- ✓ The retail sale of fruits and vegetables at Koyambedu are allowed to function in three phases from November 16.
- ✓ However, lockdown restrictions will continue in containment zones.

- ✓ Some of the activities that will remain prohibited until further orders include public gathering in swimming pools, beaches and tourist places, international air travel, except those permitted by the Union ministry of home affairs.
- ✓ E-registration will continue for those coming from other states, except Puducherry, and those travelling to tourist places like Ooty, Kodaikanal and Yercaud.
- **France - is to hold a summit 'Ambition India' in December in Chennai to attract French investors to boost bilateral trade.**
- ✓ It is also aimed to create a platform for Indian markets from Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Kerala in France
- ✓ A total of 6.6 billion euros was invested by France in the last 10 years in India
- ✓ Around 140 French companies established their units and created employment for 3.5 lakh people in industries, automobile, IT, service sector and food industry in India
- ✓ The Consulate General of France along with Business France, a government agency for investment, would organise an Investors Day in Chennai early December this year.
- ✓ Ahead of this, 'Ambition India' would be organised on December 1 in Paris.
- ✓ Nearly 200 representatives of Indian companies and investors, along with high ranking officials from both sides, will participate in it
- ✓ The summit was designed to "promote France as a top destination for Indian businesses and an entry door for India in Europe".
- ✓ The hybrid event with online seminars and business to business meetings will be organized in collaboration with Invest India and Indo-French Chamber of Commerce.
- ✓ The event would be conducted free-of-cost for Indian companies seeking to develop collaboration with French companies within the India market and to invest within India.
- ✓ It has to be recalled that France is the first country to sign the agreement with Isro

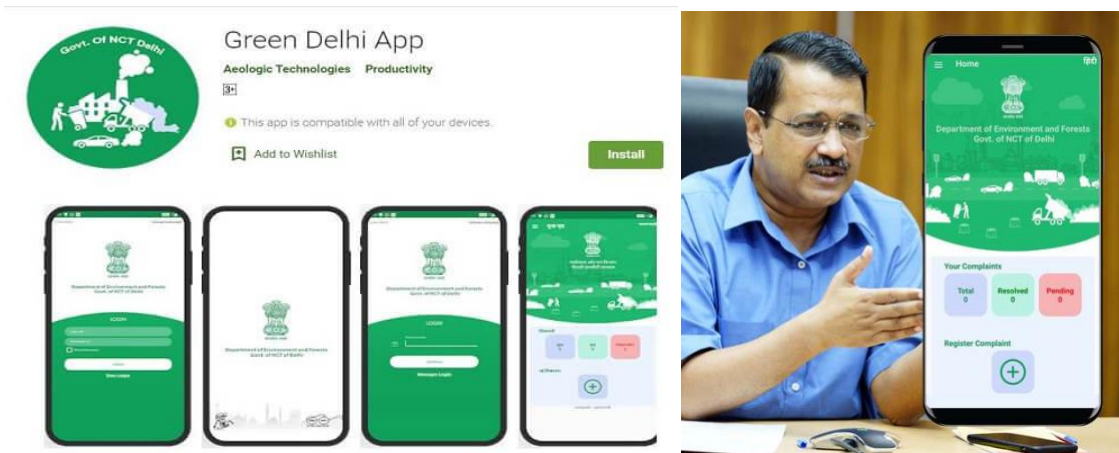
## **STATES**

- **Rajasthan – becomes the third state in the country, after Punjab and Chhattisgarh, to table amendment bill in the Assembly to counter the Centre's farm laws**
- ✓ According to one of the six amendments tabled, forcing a farmer to enter a contract of sale of his agricultural produce at a price below the minimum support price (MSP) may lead to imprisonment for three to seven years and/or a fine up to ₹5 lakh
- ✓ 'Harassing' farmers may also invoke the same punitive action, as per another bill.
- ✓ It defines harassment as traders not accepting delivery of farm produce agreed upon or not making payment within three days from the date of receipt of delivery.

- ✓ Rajasthan's amendment bills do not make MSP mandatory for purchases made by individuals or brokers outside contract farming.
  - ✓ However, it will be mandatory for contract farming.
  - ✓ Punjab, on the other hand, made MSP mandatory for the sale and purchase of wheat and paddy recently.
  - ✓ Four of the six amendment bills tabled in Rajasthan assembly are related to farmers — including the one proposed to amend the Code of Civil Procedure — and seek to 'override' the three farm laws enacted by the Centre in September.
  - ✓ The amendment bills introduced "to restore the safeguards for farmers" in Rajasthan are likely to be passed on December 2.
- **In a first in the country, the Rajasthan government - introduced a bill in the assembly to make wearing of face mask mandatory in order to contain the spread of Covid-19 on October 31**
- ✓ The Rajasthan Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020, was introduced by state parliamentary affairs minister Shanti Dhariwal.
  - ✓ To regulate and prevent epidemic diseases, the state government had enacted the Rajasthan Epidemic Diseases Act, 2020.
  - ✓ Now the amendment bill seeks to insert a new clause in the Section 4 of the Act, prohibiting the movement of people in public places without properly covering mouth and nose with a face mask or cover.
- **Telangana Chief Minister, K Chandrasekhar Rao - launched first-of-its-kind Dharani Portal at Muduchintalapalli village in Medchal-Malkajgiri.**



- ✓ The portal will be used to store land records and for property registrations digitally.
  - ✓ The initiative was aimed at replacing the human interface and eliminates the scope for corruption in the revenue and registration departments.
  - ✓ For now, the portal has been launched to register only the agricultural lands.
  - ✓ It will also be launched for the non-agricultural lands registration later this month.
  - ✓ Telangana was the first State in the country to use IT in its Revenue Department.
- **The Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal - launched the 'Green Delhi' mobile application on October 29**



- ✓ This app can be used by citizens to alert the government officials about any pollution causing activities related to burning waste, industrial pollution and dust in Delhi.
- ✓ The application can be downloaded from the google play store.
- ✓ The primary aim of the launch of the app is to keep a check on rising air pollution in Delhi.
- ✓ The app comprises two modes of providing complaint through the photo and video uploads.
- ✓ The application will then identify the location depending upon the pictures and videos and automatically transfer the complaint to the concerned department for time-bound redressal.
- ✓ After the complaint has been resolved by the department, they are required to post a picture of it.
- ✓ The Air Quality Index data released by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has categorised the air quality in Delhi under 'poor' category.

## NATIONAL

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi – participated in the Ekta Diwas celebrations, held on October 31 in Kevadia, Gujarat.**
- ✓ Ekta Diwas or the National Unity Day is celebrated on October 31 every year.
- ✓ This year Ekta Diwas was celebrated to commemorate the 145th birth anniversary of Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- ✓ The celebrations would be participated by the central reserve armed forces, police forces of Gujarat state, Indo Tibetan Border Police force, Central industrial security forces and National Security Guard.
- ✓ On the occasion, a cultural show of tribal heritage and a fly past of IAF were organised.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi also administered the Rashtriya Ekta pledge during the event.



- ✓ He also addressed 428 civil servants who are currently undergoing 95th foundation course at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussorie.
  - ✓ The officers joined the function through video conference as a culmination of Aarambh 2020.
  - ✓ On the occasion, Prime Minister also launched the seaplane service which connects the Statue of Unity in Kevadiya and Sabarmati riverfront in Ahmedabad.
  - ✓ Earlier, the PM inaugurated “Arogya Van” in Kevadiya on October 30.
  - ✓ The Van is spread over 17 acres and has more than 380 selected species and hundreds of medicinal plants
  - ✓ During this two day visit to the state, the PM inaugurated the Sardar Patel Zoological Park which is popularly known as the “Jungle Safari” in Kevadia.
  - ✓ Apart from that, he also inaugurated “Ekta Mall” which is a nutrition park for children in Kevadia.
- **In its first significant move, the newly constituted National Medical Commission (NMC) - has notified its first major guidelines, the ‘Minimum Requirements for Annual MBBS Admissions Regulations 2020’.**
- ✓ The new guidelines remove the requirement of minimum five acres of land for setting up a medical college and its affiliated teaching hospitals
  - ✓ It now mandates the availability of a fully functional 300 bed multi-speciality hospital for at least two years at the time of application for establishing a new medical college.
  - ✓ The earlier regulations did not specify the period of functionality for such hospitals.
  - ✓ The new regulation shall be applicable to all new medical colleges proposed to be established and to the established medical colleges proposing to increase their annual MBBS intake from the academic year 2021-22.
  - ✓ During the transitory period, the established medical colleges will be governed by the relevant regulations existing prior to the current notification.
  - ✓ The new regulation also mandates all teaching spaces to be enabled for e-learning and also digitally linked to one another by all departments compared to the inflexibility in the regulations so far.

- ✓ Besides, the new regulations mandate a “skills laboratory” that has mannequins for training of students.
  - ✓ According to the notification, all buildings are expected to conform to existing building bye-laws.
  - ✓ The notification defines the minimum requirements of space for all student centric areas in the institution and the functional areas required.
  - ✓ Under the new set of standards, the beds required in the various departments of the teaching hospital have been rationalised to align with the annual student intake
  - ✓ Besides, the regulator has made provision for “visiting faculty” to enhance quality of training.
- **On October 27, India Post and US Postal Service (USPS) - have signed an agreement for electronic exchange of data related to postal shipments.**



- ✓ With this agreement, respective bodies will transmit and receive electronic data of international postal items being shipped even before their arrival.
  - ✓ This advanced information would help the customs to clear the postal items before the shipment reaches the port.
  - ✓ This will also improve the performance of postal services.
  - ✓ As per the data available with India Post, around 30% of small packets and letters were transmitted to USA and 60% of parcels received to India were originated from USA in 2019
- **The Centre - has extended the deadline for making payment under the ‘Vivad se Vishwas’ scheme till March 31, 2021.**
- ✓ This deadline extension is being done for the third time in the series under the direct tax dispute settlement scheme.
  - ✓ The last date to make declaration under the scheme has been extended to December 31, 2020.
  - ✓ These steps are being taken by the government in order to provide relief to the taxpayers

- ✓ The scheme was introduced by the finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the union budget 2020-21.
  - ✓ The scheme has been aimed to settle down around 4.8 lakh pending direct tax cases at the level of income tax appellate Tribunal, High Court, commissioner, Supreme Court and international arbitration.
  - ✓ The scheme also withdraws the penalty and interest of the taxpayers who paid their pending taxes by March 31, 2020.
  - ✓ The Centre has also enacted Vivad se Vishwas Act, 2020 on March 17 2020.
  - ✓ The primary purpose of the Act was to settle direct tax disputes pending in several appellate forums.
  - ✓ Under the act, the designated authority is not allowed to levy penalty or interest after the dispute is resolved.
- **On October 27, the Union Education Minister, Ramesh pokhriyal nishank - inaugurated the DST-IIEST Solar PV Hub at Shibpur in Howrah District of West Bengal.**



- ✓ The concept of establishing the Solar PV hub was first put forward in 2018.
  - ✓ The hub is aimed at establishing the world-class research facility in the eastern and north eastern region of India.
  - ✓ It will act as a central node to disseminate the knowledge in the field of solar energy, fabrication, solar photo-voltaic, research and development, solar PV module, testing of solar cells and Solar PV systems.
  - ✓ This will help in smooth transition from the fossil fuel energy to the solar energy.
  - ✓ The funds to establish the hub has been allocated by the Department of Science and Technology in coordination with the centre of excellence for green energy and sensor system located at the IEST.
- **Indian Railways - has launched an initiative called “Meri Saheli” on October 29, 2020.**
- ✓ This initiative launched by RPF focuses on the security of women across all railway zones.

- ✓ The primary objective of the initiative is to provide safety and security to lady passengers travelling by trains for their entire journey from source station to destination station.



- ✓ Under the initiative, a team of young lady RPF personnel would be interacting with the lady passengers at the source station.
  - ✓ They would be briefed about all precautions to be taken during the journey and suggested to dial 182 in case they face or see any problem in the coach.
  - ✓ The RPF team will monitor the lady passengers after collecting their seat numbers and coaches during the travel period.
  - ✓ Lastly, the RPF teams at the destination would collect the feedback from the identified lady passengers
  - ✓ If any distress call comes from a train covered under “Meri Saheli” initiative, it would be monitored at the level of senior officers.
  - ✓ The “Meri Saheli” initiative was started in September 2020 as a pilot project in South Eastern Railway.
  - ✓ Following a widespread positive response, it was extended to all zones and KRCL on October 17, 2020.
- **On October 29, the Union Cabinet - approved the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) that was signed between India and Japan on Cooperation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies on October 29, 2020**
- ✓ The MoC seeks to strengthen cooperation between both the countries in the field of telecom security, submarine cable, 5G, utilization of latest wireless technologies, Disaster relief, spectrum management, block chain, standard certification of communication equipment and cooperation on multilateral platforms.
  - ✓ India and Japan signed Agreement on Cooperation in 5G, Artificial Intelligence recently in October 2020.
  - ✓ The Union Cabinet recently approved the agreement between India and Japan to implement the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in cyberspace.
  - ✓ Recently, foreign affairs Minister S Jai Shankar visited Japan to attend QUAD ministerial meeting in September 2020.



- **Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan - launched a Scheme called “SERB-POWER (Promoting Opportunities for Women in Exploratory Research)” on October 29**
- ✓ The initiative is exclusively meant for women scientists on an e-platform.
- ✓ It has been launched by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) to eliminate gender gap in science and engineering research with in the S&T programs.
- ✓ The scheme has two components- SERB-POWER Fellowship and SERB-POWER Research Grants.
- ✓ The first scheme focuses on the women researchers in age group of 35-55 years.
  - ✓ It provides for a fellowship of Rs 15,000/- per month, annual research grant of Rs 10 lakh and overhead expenses of Rs 90,000 on annual basis, apart from regular income
  - ✓ The duration of the fellowship would be of Three years.
- ✓ The POWER Grants seeks to empower women researchers by funding them under two categories.
  - ✓ Under Level I category, scale of funding is up to 60 lakhs for three years while under Level II category, scale of funding is up to 30 lakhs for three years.
  - ✓ The POWER Grant will be regulated through Science and Engineering Research Board-Core Research Grant (SERB-CRG) guidelines.
  - ✓ It has been proposed to institute 25 POWER Fellowships annually.
- **NITI Aayog and Quality Council of India - launched the ‘National Program and Project Management Policy Framework’ (NPMPF) recently.**
- ✓ Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Nitin Gadkari unveiled the Indian Infrastructure Body of Knowledge (InBoK) on the occasion.
- ✓ The framework would ensure high infrastructure quality by reducing costs and waste material, without compromising on the environment and ecology.
- ✓ It also ensures the accountability, monitoring, transparency, corruption-free system and a fast-track decision-making process.
- ✓ Under the initiative, a capability development program will be launched to create awareness on the program and project management.

## **INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES**

- **India- Mexico - held their 8th Joint Commission Meeting on October 29, 2020.**
- ✓ The Meeting was co-chaired by Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of Republic of India (EAM) and H. E. Marcelo Ebrard, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States.



- ✓ Both the countries reviewed their bilateral cooperation in areas including agriculture, investment, trade, education and health.
- ✓ They discussed and agreed to add new areas of cooperation in the fields of Trade and Commerce, Agriculture, Energy, Space, Health, Science & Technology, Culture & Education
- ✓ They also exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest.
- ✓ India and Mexico enjoys 'Privileged Partnership' since 2007.
- ✓ Later, in 2015, both the countries agreed to work on 'Strategic Partnership'.
- ✓ The bilateral trade between both the countries stood at \$10 billion in 2018.

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The Union Commerce and Industries Minister Piyush Goyal - chaired the 19th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) foreign trade and economic ministers meet.**



- ✓ The Minister addressed the meeting stating that the countries have to strengthen and open up their economies to enhance trade and investment in the region
- ✓ At present, the SCO countries account for 1/7 the of global trade in goods and 1/8th of global trade in commercial services.
- ✓ The members of the SCO adopted four documents during the meeting.
- ✓ The documents include - initiatives on multilateral trading system, intellectual property rights, response to covid-19 and MSME.

- ✓ Recently, the SCO transport ministers meeting was also held on October 28, 2020.
- ✓ India was represented by the Union Minister of Road Transport and highways, Nitin Gadkari

## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**

- **The government – has announced that NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite will be scheduled to be launched by 2022.**
- ✓ This was scheduled after India and the US decided to share Space Situational Awareness Information with each other
- ✓ The joint statement on this was issued after the 2+2 strategic dialogue between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and their US counterparts.
- ✓ Both side applauded the ongoing collaboration between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
- ✓ During the dialogue, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed for technical cooperation in Earth Observation and Earth Sciences between the Ministry of Earth Sciences and the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- ✓ The MoU aims for a better understanding of the regional and global weather origins in the Indian Ocean.
- ✓ The space agencies of both the countries had signed an agreement in 2014 in order to conduct the joint NISAR mission.
- ✓ The mission aims to co-develop and launch a dual-frequency synthetic aperture radar on the Earth observation satellite.
- ✓ It will be the first radar imaging satellite that uses the dual frequencies.
- ✓ The satellite would be launched from India on a Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle on a Sun-synchronous orbit.
- ✓ It would be used for remote sensing, to observe and understand natural processes on Earth.
- ✓ The natural processes include ecosystem disturbances, ice-sheet collapse and natural hazards like earthquakes, Landslides, tsunamis and volcanoes on the Earth
- ✓ The satellite would use advanced radar imaging for mapping the elevation of Earth's land and ice masses 4 to 6 times a month.
- **The scientists from IIT Guwahati - have developed a low-cost technology that will produce anti-ageing compounds without using any organic solvents**
- ✓ It has been developed from agricultural resources including pulses, tea, orange peels, onion, berries, sea buckthorn and parsley.

- ✓ Under the process, the extracts of the plants or fruits are first passed through fabricated membranes that are capable of separating selected flavonoids.
- ✓ After that the moisture holding part is dried in order to get a powdered product.
- ✓ In India, the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 governs the various aspects related to the commercial manufacture of Cosmetics
- ✓ The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has been empowered to regulate the import of cosmetic product.
- ✓ The approval procedure for foreign cosmetics is completed through an online portal SUGAM operated by CDSCO under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

## **DEFENCE**

- **On October 30, Indian Navy - test fired the Anti-Ship Missile (AShM) from INS Kora in Bay of Bengal.**
- ✓ The guided missile corvette INS Kora hit the decommissioned minesweeping warship with a Uran Kh-35 subsonic anti-ship missile with pinpoint accuracy.
- ✓ The INS Kora was commissioned to Indian Navy in 1998.
- ✓ The corvette was designed by the Indian Navy under Project 25A and are equipped with Kh-35 anti-ship missiles
- ✓ There are three warships of Kora-class- INS Kulish, INS Kirch and INS Karmuk.
- ✓ The Anti-Ship Missiles are designed for use against ships and large boats.
- ✓ Some of the important Anti-Ship Missiles of India include Brahmos Hypersonic Cruise Missile, Brahmos Supersonic Cruise Missile among others

## **AWARDS**

- **The Global Himalayan Expedition (GHE) - has won a prestigious UN award for its efforts to combat climate change.**
- ✓ The organisation is among the winners of the 2020 UN Global Climate Action Award
- ✓ GHE is world's first organisation that is using tourism and technology to bring solar energy to remote communities as recognised by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) and the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).
- ✓ GHE is an Indian organisation that conducts Impact Expeditions that help the remote Himalayan villages.
- ✓ The organisation uses the portion of the expedition fee to fund the capital cost of the hardware, transportation, installation and training of village-scale solar micro-grids.
- ✓ The micro-grid infrastructure is owned and operated by the regional community.
- ✓ GHE has so far solar electrified around 131 villages in the three regions of India
- ✓ Thus, the mission has helped more than 60,000 villagers by generating over \$1,14,000 in income for the villages through tourism.

## OBITUARY

- **Tamil Nadu agriculture minister R Doraikkannu (72 years) – passed away on October 31 following complications after developing Covid-19**

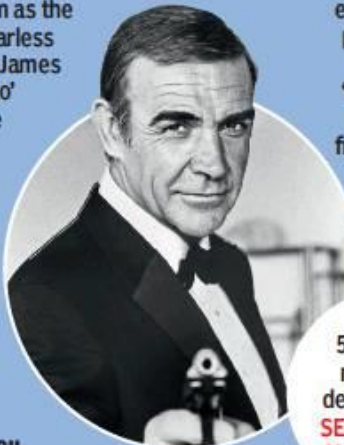


- ✓ He was admitted to Kauvery Hospital in Chennai on October 13 with severe breathlessness as a result of Covid-19 and put on Ecmo and ventilator, as more than 90% of his lungs were infected by Covid-19
  - ✓ Doraikkannu was a three-time MLA representing the Papanasam assembly segment in Thanjavur district since 2006.
  - ✓ He was Papanasam union secretary for more than a decade before being given a ticket to contest in Papanasam constituency in 2006.
  - ✓ Doraikkannu got the agriculture and animal husbandry portfolio in May 2016.
  - ✓ He also held the post of Thanjavur north district secretary.
  - ✓ During his tenure, the government enacted crucial laws, including the one to declare Cauvery delta as protected special agricultural zone and Tamil Nadu agricultural produce and livestock contract farming and services.
  - ✓ The Minister recently backed the Centre's farm bills, saying it would not affect the farmers in the state.
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- **Sean Connery (90 years), the Scottish actor who portrayed Hollywood's original James Bond – died on October 31**
  - ✓ "Bond, James Bond" was the character's familiar self-introduction made famous by Connery
  - ✓ Connery played Ian Fleming's resourceful secret agent in the first five Bond films and seven overall.
  - ✓ But he grew tired of playing Bond after the fifth film in the series, "You Only Live Twice", and was replaced by a little-known Australian actor, in "On Her Majesty's Secret Service"
  - ✓ Connery was lured back for one more Bond movie, "Diamonds Are Forever" (1971), only by the offer of \$1 million as an advance against 12% of the movie's gross revenues.

- ✓ Roger Moore took over for “Live and Let Die” and continued to play the part for another 12 years.
- ✓ Connery played the character one more time a decade later, in the classic “Never Say Never Again”.

### FOREVER A DIAMOND

Scottish movie legend **Sean Connery** rose to international superstardom as the suave and fearless secret agent James Bond in ‘Dr No’ in 1962. More Bond movies followed in quick succession: ‘From Russia with Love’ (1963), ‘Goldfinger’ (1964), ‘Thunderball’ (1965) and ‘You Only Live Twice’ (1967)



He abandoned the role, before being enticed back to play him twice more – 1971’s ‘Diamonds Are Forever’ and finally in 1983’s ‘Never Say Never Again’ at age 53

At 59, People magazine declared him **SEXIEST MAN ALIVE** in 1989

#### FROM A MILKMAN TO AN ACTOR

Born 1930, Connery was raised in near poverty in the slums of Edinburgh. He left school at age 13 to help support his family. ‘I was a milkman, labourer, steel bender, cement mixer... virtually anything,’ he said. In 1948, he joined the Royal Navy, but was later discharged on medical grounds. He began bodybuilding at 18, which helped him get work as a lifeguard and then eventually an actor

#### OSCAR WIN & MORE

Connery won best supporting actor Oscar for his portrayal of a tough Irish-American cop in the 1987 movie ‘The Untouchables’ He also had major roles in films including ‘Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade’, ‘Highlander’ and ‘The Hunt for Red October’



Connery was an ardent supporter of Scotland’s independence and had the words ‘Scotland Forever’ tattooed on his arm while serving in the Royal Navy

#### A KNIGHT

He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2000 for services to film drama

- ✓ After walking away from the Bond franchise, he went on to have a long career as a respected actor in the 1970s and ’80s
- ✓ Connery won a Bafta award for best-actor for his portrayal of a crime-solving medieval monk in “The Name of the Rose”
- ✓ He also bagged an Oscar as best supporting actor for his performance as an honest cop on the corrupt Chicago police force in “The Untouchables”.

# NATIONAL DAY

## ➤ Tamil Nadu Day – November 1



- ✓ The day is observed as the state formation day since last year
- ✓ Tamil Nadu was created on November 1, 1956 following an exercise of the linguistic reorganization of the state from erstwhile Madras Province, after States Reorganisation Act, 1956 came into force
- ✓ The original name of 'Madras State' was renamed as Tamil Nadu by then chief minister C N Annadurai on January 14, 1969.
- ✓ Orissa (now Odisha) was the first state to be formed on linguistic basis, followed by Andhra Pradesh

## REPORT

- **The “Doing Business in India Report, 2020” was released by the UK India Business Council (UKIBC).**
- ✓ As per the report, the business environment in India is improving with a greater opportunity for UK-India collaboration in the business field.
- ✓ This is the sixth edition of report being published, since 2015.
- ✓ The report has been prepared based on an in-depth survey of 106 UK firms belonging to services, manufacturing And Higher Education sector that are operating in India.
- ✓ According to the report, 66% of the surveyed companies believed that the ease of doing business in India is increasing.
- ✓ India's score in ease of doing business has improved to 22.9 in 2020 from 2.74 in 2019.
- ✓ Maharashtra has emerged as the state with maximum incremental improvement for the third consecutive year.
- ✓ Maharashtra is followed by Karnataka, Delhi, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.