



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 23,

2021

### TAMIL NADU

- On April 22, Tamil Nadu government - said it will provide free vaccines for the people in the state from May 1 during the next phase of the inoculation drive covering those above 18 years.
- ✓ The government is also planning to link private hospitals with hotels to create private Covid care centres for patients
- ✓ Earlier, the Serum Institute of India announced that its Covid-19 vaccine 'Covishield' will be supplied to state governments at a cost of ₹400 per dose
- ✓ The State has received 61.85 lakh vaccine doses till April 20
- ✓ Out of this, 49.23 lakh doses have been administered till April 21.
- ✓ The state plans to vaccinate at least 10 to 12 lakh people more before April 30.

**+VE RATE BELOW 5% TARGET** A Prathap

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Special free vaccination camps from May 1 for construction labourers, migrant workers, people working in markets, owners of retail outlets, transport staff, government staff, college and school teaching staff, taxi and auto drivers in highly-infected districts</li><li>➤ 100% vaccination of staff in industries, private cos, hotels and restaurants with the support of private hospitals</li><li>➤ Tracing 25 to 35 contacts of each +ve case within 72 hours and testing them</li></ul>	 <p><b>FAST TRACK:</b> A Covid awareness rally in the city on Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Testing and generation of reports in 24 hours</li><li>➤ Increasing fever camps</li><li>➤ Streets, colonies with more than three cases to be declared micro-containment zones</li></ul>
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- ✓ Further, the government is preparing guidelines to administer vaccines through camps from May 1.

- ✓ People are advised to contact helpline 104 for any doubts related to the government's vaccination programme.
- ✓ The state's oxygen storage capacity has been ramped up to 888MT from 395MT last year, with 240MT being the daily requirement.
- ✓ The combined storage capacity of public and private hospitals now stands at 1,167MT
- **Tamil Nadu - has utilised only 10.7% of the Nirbhaya Funds allotted by the Centre to improve safety of women in the state.**
- ✓ Accordingly, though ₹425.06 crore is available under the funds, Tamil Nadu has utilised only ₹45.86 crore since 2018.
- ✓ A submission to this effect was made through an affidavit by the state government in the Madras High Court
- ✓ According to the affidavit, ₹18.54 crore was utilised by Chennai police towards women police patrol facilities and creating housing for command centres.
- ✓ The Greater Chennai Corporation has utilised ₹26.04 crore for real-time monitoring.
- ✓ Similarly, the social welfare department has utilised ₹30 lakh for providing vehicular support for 181 – women help line, ₹21 lakh as mobilisation advance of the project and ₹98 lakh is being utilised against first milestone
- ✓ The first bench of Chief Justice Sanjib Banerjee and Justice Senthilkumar Ramamoorthy was hearing a PIL on the issue.
- ✓ The Centre has announced the Nirbhaya fund in its 2013 budget to prevent atrocities on women
- ✓ While over ₹3,100 crore is still available in the fund, the Union government has once again allotted ₹2,919 crore to the fund.
- ✓ Eight cities, including Chennai, have been identified to give special focus on women safety in public places and to create a quick response system to prevent crime in these cities.

## **INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES**

- **India - has despatched a deep submergence rescue vessel (DSRV) to support the ongoing search and rescue efforts for the missing Indonesian submarine**
- ✓ The Indonesian diesel-powered submarine went missing with 53 sailors on board around the Bali Strait on April 21.
- ✓ The Indian Navy's DSRV is basically a mini-submarine that can 'catch' the "disabled" submarine to extricate sailors trapped deep underwater
- ✓ It was sent on board its "mother ship" Sabarmati from Vizag on April 22
- ✓ The DSRV can locate a submarine in distress up to a 1,000-metre depth utilising its state-of-the-art side scan sonar and a remotely-operated vehicle.

- ✓ After the disabled submarine is successfully located, another submodule of the system called the submarine rescue vehicle (SRV) gets activated
- ✓ It will “catch” the disabled submarine to rescue the trapped personnel up to a depth of around 650 metres.



- ✓ The SRV can also be used to provide emergency supplies to the submarine in distress.
- ✓ According to Indonesian authorities, the sailors were on board the submarine KRI Nanggala-402, which is an old German-built 1,395-tonne vessel
- ✓ India was amongst the few countries in the world capable of undertaking search and rescue of a disabled submarine through a DSRV.

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **On April 22, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - announced the launch of the ‘India-US climate and clean energy Agenda 2030 partnership’.**



- ✓ It will serve as a platform for green collaborations to help developing countries access affordable green finance and clean technologies, apart from helping to mobilize investments
- ✓ The Partnership involves two main agenda - Strategic Clean Energy Partnership and Climate Action and Finance Mobilisation Dialogue
- ✓ PM Modi addressed world leaders at a virtual leaders’ summit on climate convened by US President Joe Biden on April 22
- ✓ The world leaders from around forty countries attended the summit
- ✓ During the summit, US, Japan and Canada announced their enhanced climate action plans to substantially cut their carbon footprint by 2030.

- ✓ Just ahead of the summit, Biden announced the US' new climate commitment under the Paris Agreement
- ✓ Under the new commitment, President Joe Biden pledged to cut US greenhouse gas emissions by 50-52% by 2030
- ✓ This was double the 2015 goal set by the former President of the US Barack Obama.
- ✓ President Joe Biden reversed Donald Trump's policies, as part of its new commitment to the Paris climate agreement.
- ✓ The US will also double its climate finance contributions by 2024.
- ✓ The US President also unveiled a 2 trillion USD infrastructure package for clean energy solutions.
- ✓ Chinese premier, Xi told the summit his country would begin phasing out coal use over the 2026-2030 period as part of its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✓ Also, he announced that China had pledged net zero emissions by 2060.
- ✓ The India-US collaboration on clean energy is expected to play an important role in helping India fulfill its ambitious renewable energy goal of reaching 450 GW by 2030.
- ✓ The United Kingdom announced that it has progressed half way in achieving net zero.
- ✓ It had set a target of reducing 78% of emissions by 2035 as compared to 1990 levels.
- ✓ Germany is on the track of reducing emissions by 55% by 2030 as compared to 1990 level.
- ✓ During the summit, around 101 Nobel Laureates, including Buddhist leader Dalai Lama, made a call to sign up a "Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty"

## SPORTS

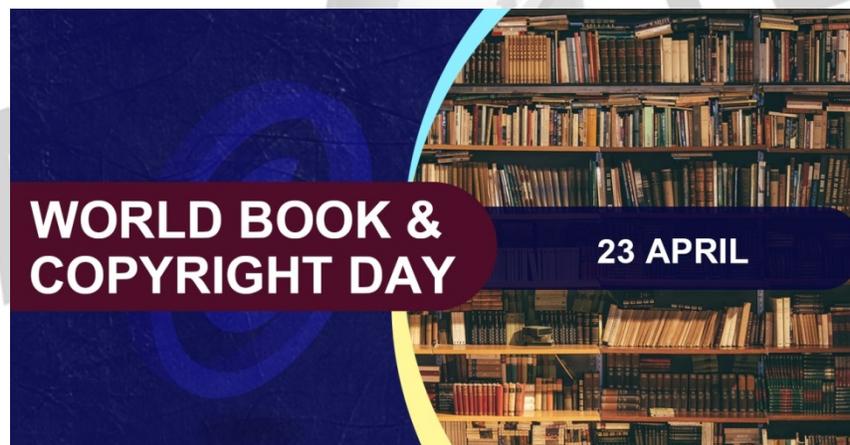
- **On April 22, India's young and upcoming women boxers created history - as they won seven gold medals at the 2021 AIBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships in Kielce, Poland.**



- ✓ A total of seven women had reached the finals in various weight categories and all of them emerged on top.
- ✓ Gitika Narwal (48kg), Babyrojisana Chanu (51kg), Poonam (57kg), Vinka (60kg), Arundhati Choudhary (69kg), T Sanamacha Chanu (75kg) and Alfiya Pathan (+81kg) put up dominating performances to win gold medals on the penultimate day of the championship.
- ✓ All seven were triumphant by unanimous decisions.
- ✓ With seven gold medal wins, the Indian women's team also finished as the No. 1 side in the ongoing championship, ahead of Russia.
- ✓ A 20-member Indian contingent has already created history by securing 11 medals at the championships.
- ✓ In 2017, Indian Women won five gold medals at the Youth World Championship held in Guwahati.
- ✓ In the Men's category, Ankit Narwal won bronze in 64 kg, while Bishwamitra Chongthom and Vishal Gupta won bronze medal in 49 kg and 91 kg respectively.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

### ➤ **World Book and Copyrights Day - April 23**



- ✓ The day is observed annually to create awareness about the importance of copyright laws and other measures that protect intellectual properties.
- ✓ Also observed as 'World Book Day', the day aims to recognise and promote the benefit of reading books
- ✓ This year will be the 25th edition of World Book Day.
- ✓ The events on the day are organised by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation).
- ✓ Unlike some other international days observed by the UN, there are no themes for World Book Day.
- ✓ This year, UNESCO has created "Bookface Challenge" to celebrate the World Book and Copyright Day
- ✓ The first World Book and Copyrights Day was celebrated in 1995.

- ✓ The UNESCO Prize for Children's and Young People's Literature in the Service of Tolerance is awarded on this day.
- ✓ The day, April 23, marks the death anniversary of William Shakespeare, Miguel de Cervantes and Inca Garcilasco de la Vega.
- ✓ Every year UNESCO and other international organisations select World Book Capital for a one-year capital.
- ✓ This year Tbilisi of Georgia has been selected as the World Book Capital.

