



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 28,

TAMIL NADU

- **VO Chidambaranar (VOC) Port Trust - has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Technology Centre for Ports Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC), IIT Madras for vessel traffic development**



- ✓ The agreement is to ensure operation, manning and maintenance of vessel traffic system and to develop indigenous Vessel Traffic Software (VTS) at VOC Port.
- ✓ The deal was signed by port trust deputy conservator Pravin K Singh and professor K Murali, in-charge of NTCPWC, in the presence of port chairman T K Ramachandran, deputy chairman Bimal Kumar Jha and IIT Madras director Bhaskar Ramamurthi through video conference on May 26.
- ✓ The indigenous VTS software development will be carried out by IIT, Madras at a cost of ₹27.8 lakh.
- ✓ The operation, manning and maintenance of existing VTS shall be carried out at a recurring monthly charge of ₹2.6 lakh.
- ✓ The present VTS has been operational for more than seven years and hence the port proposed to upgrade the existing VTS system with an indigenous software system

- ✓ The duration of the MoU for maintenance and updating of the entire system is for a period of five years and is extendable by another five years
- ✓ VOC Port was the first Indian major port to sign MoU with NTCPWC for development of indigenous software for VTS System
- ✓ NTCPWC had already taken up a pilot project in Shyama Prasad Mookherjee Port Trust, Kolkata, for development of indigenous VTS software.
- ✓ VTS is mandatory under International Maritime Organisation Convention 'SOLAS' (Safety of Life at Sea)
- ✓ The NTCPWC is the technology arm of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

NATIONAL

- **Very Severe Cyclone 'Yaas' - made landfall close to Bahanaga block, at north of Dhamra port and south of Balasore district in Odisha on May 26**



- ✓ Wind speeds ranging from 140 to 155 km per hour were being reported from the coastal districts during the landfall.
- ✓ After landfall, the system moved northwestwards across interior districts of Odisha into Jharkhand and weakened gradually.
- ✓ Six persons were killed in Odisha and one person in West Bengal, indicating the remarkable progress made in disaster risk reduction (DRR), in comparison to the 1999 super cyclone in Odisha that claimed over 10,000 lives
- ✓ More than eight lakh people were evacuated in West Bengal and six lakh in Odisha over the last couple of days to safe shelters
- ✓ The National Disaster Response Force and Army personnel joined the rescue and relief operations.
- ✓ Cyclone Yaas is the second major storm to hit Indian coast after cyclone Tauktae
- ✓ Yaas, named by Oman in Persian language, refers to a Jasmine-like tree with a good fragrance
- ✓ Tauktae, a Burmese name, was named by Myanmar, meaning 'gecko', a highly vocal lizard

- ✓ Following these two cyclones, the next cyclonic storm 'Gulaab', meaning a rose, has been named by Pakistan.
- ✓ The last cyclone name by India utilized was Gati, that meant 'speed', which made landfall in Somalia
- ✓ The new list was released on April 2020 and five names, Nisarga, Nivar, Gati, Burevi, Tauktae have already been utilized.
- ✓ The list has a total of 169 names given by 13 member countries, which will be used on a rotational basis
- ✓ The 13 member countries of World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) in the region includes Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, India, Bangladesh, Iran, Maldives, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, and Qatar.

APPOINTMENTS

- **On May 27, the government - announced a year's extension for Intelligence Bureau (IB) director Arvinda Kumar and Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief Samant Kumar Goel**



- ✓ The two-year fixed term of both officers was due to end on June 30, 2021 but now stands extended to June 30, 2022.
- ✓ Kumar is a 1984 batch IPS officer from Assam-Meghalaya cadre, and Goel is a Punjab cadre IPS officer from the same batch
- ✓ In another important move, the government has called the 1987 batch Chhattisgarh-cadre IAS officer B V R Subrahmanyam to serve at the Centre.
- ✓ He was appointed Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the department of commerce, and will take over as commerce secretary upon Anup Wadhawan's superannuation on June 30.
- ✓ B V R Subrahmanyam served as chief secretary of J&K for the past three years
- ✓ He has monitored crucial phases such as President's rule, abrogation of Article 370 and its reorganisation from a state to a Union Territory
- ✓ Incidentally, Subrahmanyam is believed to have been handpicked by the prime minister for the post of J&K chief secretary in June 2018 despite being from the Chhattisgarh cadre.

SPORTS

- **M C Mary Kom (51kg) and Sakshi Choudhary (54kg) – entered into the Asian Boxing Championship finals after securing victories in their semi final bouts in Dubai on May 27**



- ✓ Six-time world champion Mary Kom prevailed 4-1 over Mongolia's Lutsaikhan Altantsetseg
- ✓ Two-time youth world champion Sakshi defeated top-seeded Kazakh Dina Zholaman 3-2.
- ✓ Mary Kom will have to defeat Kazakhstan's Nazym Kyzaibay, a two-time world champion in the finals to win her sixth gold medal at the Asian Boxing Championships
- ✓ Sakshi will face Uzbekistan's Sitora Shogdarova in the summit clash.
- ✓ However, Monika (48kg) and debutant Jaismine (57kg) settled for bronze medals after losing their respective semifinal bouts.
- ✓ Monika went down 0-5 to second seeded Alua Balkibekova of Kazakhstan. Jaismine too was defeated in a unanimous verdict by another Kazakh, Vladislava Kukhta.
- ✓ The Tokyo-bound duo of Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) and Simranjit Kaur (60kg) also settled for bronze medals
- ✓ Simranjit, who recently recovered from COVID-19, also lost to a Kazakh, Rimma Volossenko, in a unanimous verdict.
- ✓ Lovlina was beaten by Navabakhor Khamidova of Uzbekistan in a split decision.
- ✓ On May 28, five Indian men — Amit Panghal (52kg), Varinder Singh (60kg), Shiva Thapa (64kg), Vikas krishan (69kg) and Sanjeet (91kg) — will fight it out in the semifinals.
- ✓ India have secured an unprecedented 15 medals in the tournament.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **World Menstrual Hygiene Day - May 28**
- ✓ The day aims to raise awareness about ensuring menstrual hygiene and to address the societal stigma behind it

**World Menstrual Hygiene Day
28 May 2021**



We need to step up action and investment in Menstrual health and Hygiene now!



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- ✓ It was initiated by German non-profit organisation “WASH United”, which is also a global coordinator for this day
- ✓ It was first launched in the year 2014.
- ✓ The day, May 28 (28/5) was chosen as the date because it highlights an average menstrual cycle.
- ✓ In general, women start menstruating after every 28 days and it lasts for 5 days on average.
- ✓ During the day, various events are conducted to shed taboos associated menstruation and to change the negative social perceptions about it.
- ✓ Theme 2021 - “Action and Investment in Menstrual Hygiene and Health”

