



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS –JULY 29, 2021

TAMIL NADU

- **On July 28, the Tamil Nadu government - constituted a 13-member expert committee for revival of MSMEs in the state.**
- ✓ It will be headed by N Sundaradevan, former Industries secretary, Tamil Nadu government.
- ✓ The state government had promised to constitute such a committee “to formulate schemes for revival of MSMEs” in the Governor’s address delivered to the state assembly on June 21, 2021.
- ✓ The committee will include -
 - ✓ Prof M Vijayabhaskar, part time member of State Development Policy Council,
 - ✓ Bindu Anand, former member of RBI Committees on financial inclusion, SME finance and securitization,
 - ✓ N Balasubramaniam, former CMD, SIDBI,
 - ✓ Hemalatha Annamalai, co-founder and ex-CEO, Ampere Vehicles (e-vehicle),
 - ✓ Israr Ahmed, regional chairman, FIEO,
 - ✓ Anburajan, president, TANSTIA and
 - ✓ R Anand, ex-partner, Ernst and Young and former member of RBI Committee on Asset Reconstruction Companies.
- ✓ In addition, the committee comprises of secretaries to Tamil Nadu government for finance, industries and MSME as well as industries commissioner and chairman, State Level Bankers’ Committee.
- ✓ The committee will submit its report to the state government in three months.
- ✓ The newly constituted committee will look into the challenges faced by the MSME sector in the state and will suggest immediate, medium and long term measures required for the revival of the MSME sector.

- On July 28, the state government - decided to bestow veteran Communist leader N Sankaraiah, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday, with the recently constituted 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' (Venerable Tamil) award.



- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin will present the award to Sankaraiah at the Independence Day celebrations in Chennai on August 15.
 - ✓ The award carries a citation and a cheque for Rs.10 lakh.
 - ✓ Responding to the announcement and expressing his intent to accept the award, Sankaraiah thanked the CM for the recognition.
 - ✓ He however donated the Rs.10 lakh prize money to CM's Covid-19 Relief Fund
- **Greater Chennai Corporation – to launch the Rs. 180-crore air and water pollution mitigation programme in association with Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board**
 - ✓ Under the programme, the civic body is planning to install ambient air quality monitoring systems (AAQMS) in 50 locations in the city.
 - ✓ The system would calculate the level of air pollutants such as PM2.5, PM10, SOx, NOx and carbon monoxide and display it on digital boards.
 - ✓ Further, wind augmentation and purifying units (WAYU) will be installed at 20 junctions in Chennai

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- Ambient air quality monitoring systems at **50 locations** will display **PM2.5, PM10, SOx, NOx values**
- 10 kilolitres-a-day **sewage treatment plants in 100 parks** to treat sewage and use it for watering plants

- ✓ These air purification systems can remove 60% particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide from the ambient air, by using activated charcoal and ultraviolet lamp to purify the air
- ✓ These systems consume less than one unit of electricity for 10 hours of operation.
- ✓ Pollution details would also be incorporated in a Google map-like application which would help citizens to decide a traffic route with lesser pollution levels
- ✓ The TNPCB funds would also be used to create cycle tracks on major roads and 10 kilo-litre-a-day sewage treatment plants in 100 selected parks across the city.
- ✓ With these treatment plants, sewage from the local areas would be treated and used for watering plants.

SPORTS

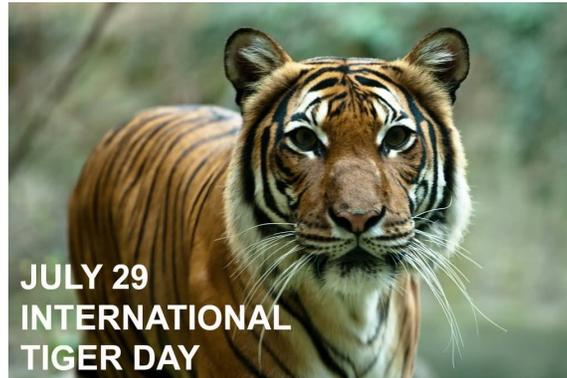
- **Legendary Indian badminton player Nandu Natekar (88 years) – passed away at his residence in Pune due to age-related ailments on July 28**



- ✓ Nandu Natekar became the first Indian to win an international title when he clinched the Sellanger International in Malaysia in 1956
- ✓ He and Meena Shah had bagged the mixed doubles crown at Kings Cup International in Bangkok in 1962 and a year later he also won the singles title at the same event.
- ✓ Natekar also made the quarter-finals of the prestigious All England Championships in 1954.
- ✓ He was ranked third in the world and won over 100 national and international titles in his career
- ✓ Natekar won 12 out of the 16 singles matches and eight out of 16 in doubles at the Thomas Cup between 1951 and 1963
- ✓ He also had the distinction of leading the country in the tournament in 1959, 1961 and 1963.
- ✓ Natekar represented India at the 1965 Commonwealth Games in Jamaica.
- ✓ He won the Men's Doubles National Championship a total of six times, the Men's Singles National Championship a total of six times, and the Mixed Doubles National Championship a total of five times
- ✓ He was the first sportsman to receive the prestigious Arjuna Award for sporting excellence in its inaugural year 1961 in recognition of a distinguished career that spanned over 15 years

INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL DAY

➤ International Tiger Day – July 29



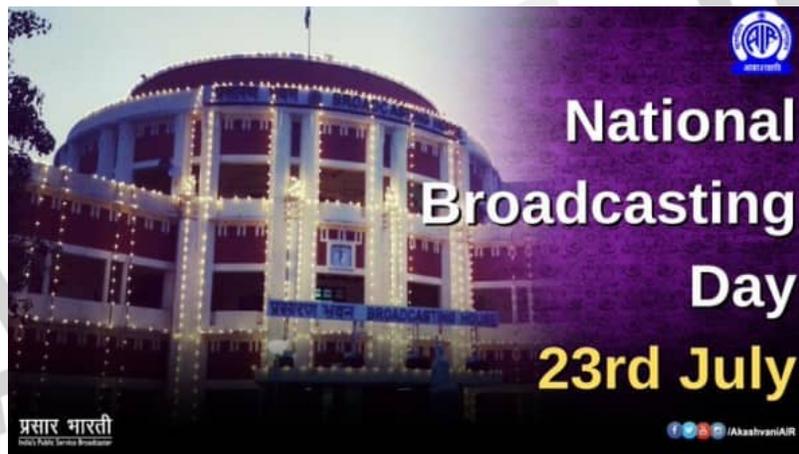
- ✓ The day is observed every year to raise awareness about the conservation of the largest wild cat in the world
- ✓ This day was founded in 2010 at the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in Russia to raise awareness about the loss of the tiger population globally.
- ✓ At the beginning of the 20th century, the number of wild tigers dropped by 95%.
- ✓ The commitment of World Wildlife Fund is reaching Tx2- the global goal to double the number of wild tigers by 2022.
- ✓ India accounts for nearly 70% of the world's total tiger population and has already achieved the target of doubling its numbers
- ✓ India is home to 51 tiger reserves located across 18 states
- ✓ The theme for International Tiger Day is based on "Their Survival is in our hands"
- ✓ According to the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the current tiger population across the world stands at around 3,900
- ✓ According to the All India Tiger Estimation Report of 2018, the tiger population in India is 2967.

➤ Kargil Vijay Diwas – July 26



- ✓ India celebrates Kargil Vijay Diwas every year to mark the anniversary of the Indian Army's victory against Pakistan on July 26, 1999
- ✓ On this day every year, the Prime Minister pays his tributes to the armed forces at the 'eternal flame', Amar Jawan Jyoti, at India Gate in Delhi.
- ✓ Named 'Operation Vijay', the military campaign involving 2,00,000 Indian troops was held in the month of July in 1999
- ✓ Defeating Pakistani soldiers and rebel forces in the war, the Indian Army finally hoisted the national flag at Kargil on July 26.
- ✓ It is estimated that as many as 527 Indian soldiers died in the war, while more than 1,300 were injured
- ✓ The Kargil War was fought between India and Pakistan from 3rd May to 26th July 1999 in the Kargil district of Kashmir and along the Line of Control (LoC).
- ✓ Operation Safed Sagar was the codename of this mission.

➤ **National Broadcasting Day – July 23**



- ✓ The day is observed across the country every year to make people aware of the importance of radio.
- ✓ The Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC) started radio broadcasting from Bombay station for the first time ever on July 23, 1927
- ✓ Radio broadcasting services began in India during the British rule in 1923 under the Radio Club of Bombay.
- ✓ In 1927, two privately owned transmitters in Mumbai and Kolkata commenced the broadcasting services.
- ✓ British Government took over radio broadcasting alongwith these two private transmitters in 1930 and started the Indian State Broadcasting Service (ISBS).
- ✓ On June 8, 1936 the name ISBS was changed to All India Radio and in 1956, it was renamed as 'Aakashvani'.
- ✓ India's public service broadcaster, Prasar Bharati has 470 broadcasting centers across the country, covering approximately 92% of the country's area and 99.19% of the total population

- ✓ All India Radio originally broadcasts programs in 23 languages and 179 dialects, reaching about 150 countries through medium and short wave services.

➤ **World Brain Day – July 22**



- ✓ World Brain Day is observed annually to raise awareness about the brain health
- ✓ This year, the World Federation of Neurology (WFN) and MS International Federation (MSIF), leads the campaign to spread awareness about multiple sclerosis (MS), a neurological disease affecting brain and spine
- ✓ The day was first observed in 2014 and this is the eighth World Brain Day
- ✓ The theme of this year's World Brain Day is "Stop Multiple Sclerosis", which entails raising global awareness about multiple sclerosis.
- ✓ On July 22, 1957, the World Federation of Neurology's Public Awareness and Advocacy Committee, at the WCN Council of Delegates assembly on 22 September 2013, proposed that July 22 be celebrated as World Brain Day.
- ✓ According to figures released by the World Federation of Neurology, over 2.8 million people, across all ages, are living with multiple sclerosis.

