

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 6, 2021

TAMIL NADU

- On August 5, Chief Minister M K Stalin – launched a new initiative named ‘Makkalai thedi maruthuvam’ to take healthcare services to people’s doorsteps, at Samanapalli village near Shoolagiri.



- ✓ The CM also handed over medicines to beneficiaries of the scheme, during the occasion.
- ✓ This is the first-of-its-kind scheme in the country, which will include physiotherapy-related therapies, testing and providing medicines to the poor and for non-communicable diseases at their doorsteps
- ✓ According to the CM, people above 45 and differently-abled people will be tested for diabetics, blood pressure and kidney-related ailments.
- ✓ Under the scheme, tests will be done to detect birth defects of newborns and medicines would be prescribed based on the results
- ✓ The healthcare field workers would come to the people’s doorstep for their medical needs
- ✓ They would also maintain the details of the patients in their records.
- ✓ As per the CM, one crore people from 30 lakh families would be reached out under the scheme.

- ✓ The CM also inaugurated the scheme in Madurai, Coimbatore, Salem, Thanjavur, Trichy, Tirunelveli and Chennai districts through video-conferencing.
- **The State government – has issued guidelines on August 5 to qualify for the best teacher awards**
- ✓ As per the order, a teacher should have conducted online classes or other modes of education to reach out to the students during the lockdown.
- ✓ The government issues Dr Radhakrishnan award to 385 teachers from primary and middle schools, high and higher secondary schools on the Teachers Day.
- ✓ The school education department issued fresh guidelines to form selection committees and to select teachers for the awards.
- ✓ The teachers should have worked to reduce the school dropouts and increase the enrollment and pass percentage and improve the education of backward students.
- ✓ Those teachers should not have any link with political parties.
- ✓ Further, they should have very good conduct and shouldn't have functioned with commercial interest
- ✓ The district level committee headed by the chief educational officer should nominate the teachers in the ratio of 1:2 towards the number of awards allotted to the district concerned.
- ✓ Teachers who have won national awards should also not be recommended.

STATES

- **On August 5, Assam and Mizoram - signed an agreement to keep their police and forest guards away from all the disputed inter-state border areas**
- ✓ After the meeting held in Aizawl, Assam withdrew a travel advisory issued on July 29 asking its citizens to avoid its neighbouring state
- ✓ Mizoram officially condoled the death of six Assam police personnel in the July 26 firing at Cachar district's Lailapur
- ✓ Last week, the Centre brokered an interim agreement, under which the states agreed to withdraw their police forces and allow central paramilitary troops to be deployed at the four-km disputed stretch till a permanent solution is found.
- ✓ But there was no concrete solution on border demarcation between the two states or ongoing economic blockade of Mizoram by some Assamese groups
- ✓ Assam districts of Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi share a 164.6km-long border with Mizoram's Aizawl, Kolasib and Mamit districts
- ✓ Mizoram follows an 1875 border agreement but Assam goes by a 1933 demarcation.
- ✓ As decided by the Union home ministry, neutral forces will remain in charge of the disputed zone in the three Barak Valley districts of Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi, and Mamit and Kolasib in Mizoram.
- ✓ The agreement followed several telephonic discussions between Mizoram CM Zoramthanga and his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma

- ✓ The BJP rules Assam and the Mizo National Front, a part of the BJP-led North East Democratic Alliance, is in power in Mizoram

NATIONAL

- **Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman - introduced the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill in the Lok Sabha on August 5**
- ✓ The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021, seeks to nullify the tax claims raised based on retrospective use of an anti-evasion tax law amendment introduced in 2012
- ✓ As per the 2012 amendment, offshore transactions involving Indian assets, including those executed prior to the change in law, are taxable in India.
- ✓ According to the new bill, tax claims made on offshore transactions executed before 28 May 2012 will be nullified and any taxes already collected shall be repaid, without interest
- ✓ To be eligible, the concerned taxpayers would have to drop all pending cases against the government and promise not to make any demands for damages or costs.
- ✓ On 28 May 2012, the amendment to the Income Tax Act brought out by the previous United Progressive Alliance government came into effect
- ✓ However, offshore transactions involving Indian assets executed after 28 May 2012 are still taxable as there is no retrospective application of the law
- ✓ Former Finance Minister, the late Pranab Mukherjee, had introduced the retrospective taxation power to levy capital gains tax on transactions related to companies with underlying assets in India, though the buyer and seller may not have a direct presence in the country.
- ✓ The amendment came after the UPA government lost a case in the Supreme Court arising from Vodafone's acquisition of a 67% interest in Hutchison Essar from Hong Kong's Hutchison Whampoa in 2007 for \$11 billion.
- ✓ The Bill is likely to help settle disputes with Cairn Energy Plc, Vodafone Group Plc and 15 other companies over retrospective tax demands by the government.
- ✓ The government was ordered to return \$1.7 billion to Cairn Energy after it lost arbitration proceedings
- ✓ Vodafone Group also won a similar tax dispute with the government over a \$3 billion tax demand
- ✓ According to Finance Secretary T V Somanathan, total amount involved in all cases is about Rs 8,100 crore, with Rs 7,900 crore is related to Cairn dispute alone.

OBITUARY

- **Former minister and AIADMK presidium chairman E Madhusudhanan (81 years) - died at a private hospital in Chennai on August 5 after a prolonged illness**



- ✓ AIADMK coordinator O Panneerselvam and joint coordinator Edappadi K Palaniswami condoled the death and the party has announced three-day mourning.
- ✓ An ardent loyalist of MGR and J Jayalalithaa, Madhusudhanan had been the presidium chairman of the party since 2007.
- ✓ He was one of the four officebearers who won the two-leaves symbol case in the EC in November 2017 which helped the unified party successfully complete its consecutive term in office.
- ✓ MGR nominated Madhusudhanan to the Madras Legislative Council in 1984.
- ✓ Elected for the first time as an MLA from Dr Radhakrishnan Nagar, Madhusudhanan was inducted into J Jayalalithaa's first cabinet in 1991 as Minister of handlooms and textiles

SPORTS

- **India men's hockey team led by Manpreet Singh - defeated Germany 5-4 to win the bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics on August 5, 2021**



- ✓ The last time India had won a medal in hockey was at the 1980 Moscow Games where they got the gold.

- ✓ Simranjeet Singh scored two goals while Hardik Singh, Harmanpreet Singh and Rupinder Pal Singh scored a goal each for the eight-time former gold-winners, India.
 - ✓ It is India's third hockey bronze medal in the history of the Olympics.
 - ✓ The other two came in 1968 Mexico City and the 1972 Munich Games.
 - ✓ The Odisha state government has been sponsoring men and women's hockey team since 2018 after the exit of Sahara and have also invested about Rs. 150 crore in developing the facilities.
 - ✓ Meanwhile, Belgium won their first Olympic men's hockey title, beating Australia 3-2 in a penalty shootout after the final finished in a 1-1 draw
- **Indian wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya - clinched an Olympic silver medal after losing his 57 kg final to Russian two-time defending world champion Zaur Uguev on August 5**



- ✓ This is India's second silver medal and fifth medal overall at the Tokyo Olympics.
- ✓ Dahiya had lost to Uguev at the 2019 World Championship also
- ✓ PM Modi complimented the wrestler for his hard work
- ✓ The prime minister will invite India's Olympic contingent to the Red Fort as special guests on 15 August when he will deliver his eighth straight Independence Day speech.
- ✓ Sushil Kumar is the only other Indian wrestler to have made the final at Olympics.
- ✓ Ravi is the fourth Indian male wrestler, and fifth overall, to win a medal at the Olympics.
- ✓ His medal also marks the fourth consecutive medal for India at the Olympics in wrestling.
- ✓ The legendary KD Jadhav won bronze at the 1952 Helsinki Games before Sushil Kumar won a bronze and a silver at Beijing 2008 and London 2012 respectively.
- ✓ In the 2012 London Olympics, India's Yogeshwar Dutt also won a bronze
- ✓ Sakshi Malik had become the first woman wrestler to win an Olympic medal when she clinched a bronze at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.