

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-SEPTEMBER 13,2021**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **Tamil Nadu government – has made an amendment to the Tamil Nadu Liquor (Licence and Permit) Rules, 1981 to create a new slogan for Tasmac signboards**
- ✓ The new slogan is “consumption of alcohol is injurious to health, be safe — don't drink and drive’.
- ✓ It will replace the old slogan 'drinking liquor will ruin the family; drinking liquor is injurious to health'
- ✓ The change was notified in the gazette on September 1 by home secretary S.K. Prabakar.
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu Liquor (Licence and Permit) Rules mandates display of signboards with slogans in bold letters about the hazards of drinking.
- ✓ A total of 603 drunk-driving accidents have been reported in Chennai from January 1 to June 30, 2020.
- ✓ The number was 1,229 for 2019, out of which 514 accidents involved bikers.
- ✓ Against this backdrop, the state government recently also announced awareness campaigns against drunk driving for which Rs. 4 crore has been allocated.

### **STATES**

- **A first-time MLA Bhupendra Patel - was announced as the successor to outgoing Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani on September 12.**
- ✓ Rupani proposed Bhupendra's name, which was seconded by deputy chief minister Nitin Patel in the presence of central party observers.
- ✓ Bhupendra, 59, a known aide of former Gujarat CM and Uttar Pradesh governor Anandiben Patel, edged out several top party leaders from the CM race.
- ✓ He will now lead the BJP into the crucial assembly polls scheduled in December 2022.

- ✓ Bhupendra, who was Anandiben's nominee from Ahmedabad's Ghatlodia constituency after she vacated the seat in 2017, met governor Acharya Devvrat to stake claim to form the government.



- ✓ A down-to-earth and soft-spoken politician, Bhupendra has no criminal case filed against him since he debuted as a councillor from the Memnagar nagarpalika in 1994.
- ✓ He earned a diploma in civil engineering in 1982 and entered the construction sector.
- ✓ In 1987, he came in contact with ex-CM Anandiben Patel and joined BJP.
- ✓ Anandiben Patel, UP governor, had to quit the post of CM in 2016 in the aftermath of a violent quota stir led by Hardik Patel and Dalit agitation
- ✓ A real estate developer himself, Bhupendra has headed the Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (AUDA) and also the standing committee of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, the largest urban local body in Gujarat.
- ✓ The CM-designate has been actively involved with socio-religious Patidar organisations.
- ✓ He has been a trustee of the Sardardham and the Vishva Umiya Foundation along with the Dada Bhagwan Foundation.

## NATIONAL

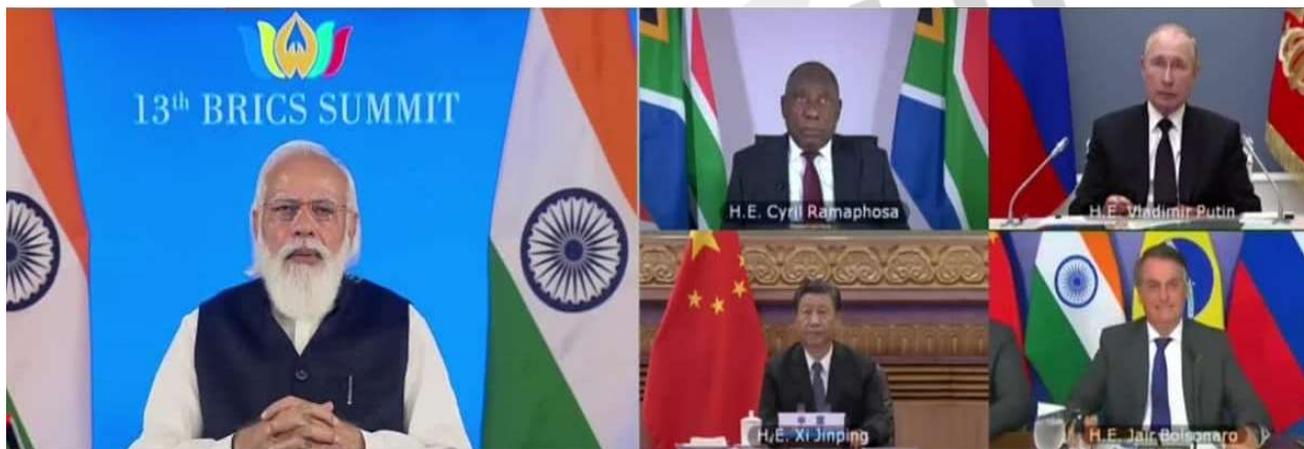
- **Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar - inaugurated a digital population clock at the Institute for Economic Growth inside the University of Delhi on September 10, 2021**



- ✓ The Union Minister launched a book titled 'Infant and Child Mortality In Assam – Demographic and Socio-Economic Interrelations' written by Dr Dipanjali Haloi and Dr Suresh Sharma and an HMIS Brochure / Ready Reckoner at the event.
- ✓ She had also presided over the seminar on Population, Human Capital and Sustainable Development (healthy people – healthy future)
- ✓ Dr Pawar emphasised that the population clock will be beneficial to everyone as it provides an interactive and quick overview of the entire nation's population.
- ✓ She said that the population clock will provide minute by minute estimate of India's population.
- ✓ It will also help in capturing data regarding total fertility rate, infant mortality rate and maternal mortality rate

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - addressed the 13th BRICS Summit in a virtual format on September 9, 2021**



- ✓ The theme for the Summit is 'BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS cooperation for continuity, consolidation and consensus'.
- ✓ Brazil President Jair Bolsonaro, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Russian President Vladimir Putin, and Chinese President Xi Jinping have attended the meeting
- ✓ This is the second time Prime Minister Modi chaired the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) Summit.
- ✓ Earlier, the PM had chaired the Goa Summit in 2016.
- ✓ The Indian Chairship of BRICS this year coincides with the 15th anniversary of BRICS
- ✓ India had outlined four priority areas for its Chairship - Reform of the Multilateral System, Counter-Terrorism, Using Digital and Technological Tools for achieving SDGs and Enhancing People to People exchanges
- ✓ The summit concluded with the adoption of 'New Delhi Declaration'.
- ✓ Russia had hosted the last BRICS meeting.

# DEFENCE

- **The Indian Army – is currently participating in a two-week multi-nation military exercise named 'ZAPAD 2021' at Nizhny in Russia**



- ✓ ZAPAD 2021 is a 13-day exercise and will end on 16 September
- ✓ In all, 17 countries are participating in ZAPAD including Mongolia, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia, Russia, India and Belarus
- ✓ The countries from Eurasia and South Asia are taking part in the 'Zapad' exercise, which is primarily focusing on anti-terror operations
- ✓ Pakistan, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Uzbekistan and Sri Lanka are participating as 'observers' at the exercises.
- ✓ The Naga Battalion group participating in the exercise will feature an all Arms combined task force
- ✓ **Separately, the Indian and Kazakh armies are engaged in a 13-day joint military exercise "KAZIND-21" at training Node Aisha Bibi, Kazakhstan**
- ✓ It is the fifth edition of the annual bilateral exercise by both armies.
- ✓ The fourth edition of the exercise was held at Pithoragarh in September 2019.
- ✓ A total of 90 personnel from the Bihar Regiment of the Indian Army are participating in the exercise, which gets concluded on September 13, 2021
- ✓ The scope of the exercise includes professional exchange, planning and execution of operations in a counter-terrorism environment and sharing of expertise.
- ✓ India is undertaking an unprecedented number of bilateral and multilateral military exercises with countries across the entire globe this year
- ✓ The Indian Army has just concluded bilateral exercise 'Indra' in Russia
- ✓ Other forthcoming exercises include 'Surya Kiran' with Nepal, 'Mitra Shakti' with Sri Lanka, 'Ajeya Warrior' with the UK, 'Yudh Abhyas' with the US and 'Shakti' with France in the September-November timeframe.
- ✓ India has discontinued its bilateral and largely symbolic 'Hand-in-Hand' exercise with China since the military confrontation erupted in eastern Ladakh in May last year

- ✓ The last edition of quadrilateral 'Malabar' among India, the US, Japan and Australia was conducted off Guam in the Western Pacific towards August-end
- ✓ Earlier, the 'Quad-plus-France' exercise called La Pérouse' was conducted in the Bay of Bengal in April
- ✓ A 'Quad-plus-UK' naval exercise is scheduled to be held in the Bay of Bengal next month
- ✓ This will be followed by the first tri-service exercise with the UK, centered around the 65,000-tonne aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth with its fifth-generation F-35B 'lightning' fighter jets, off the western coast from October 24-27
- ✓ India has undertaken tri-service exercises only with the US and Russia till now
- ✓ The Navy, in turn, has conducted bilateral exercises with countries ranging from Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand to Kenya, UAE, Qatar, Brunei, Bahrain, Egypt, UK and Germany this year.
- ✓ The IAF also dispatched its Sukhoi-30MKI fighters and C-17 Globemaster-III aircraft to take part in the 'Desert Flag' exercise, which saw participation of air forces from India, US, France, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

## SPORTS

- **Great Britain's Emma Raducanu (18 years) - created history at the US Open final after defeating Canada's Leylah Fernandez (19 years) in straight sets at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in the first Grand Slam final between teenagers since 1999.**

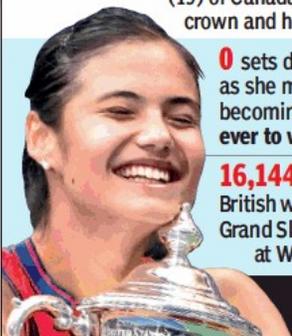
**EMMA US OPEN'S TEEN QUEEN**

Great Britain's **Emma Raducanu** (18), who had made her tour-level main-draw debut just three months ago, emerged as new US Open women's champion in an all-teen affair. She beat Leylah Fernandez (19) of Canada 6-4, 6-3 to win her first Grand Slam crown and her first tour-level title overall

**0** sets dropped by Emma as she made history by becoming the **1st qualifier ever to win a Grand Slam**

**16,144** days since a British woman last won a Grand Slam: Virginia Wade at Wimbledon in 1977

**150** was Raducanu's world ranking at the start of the tournament. Her projected new ranking is a remarkable 24



**\$2.5m** Prize money the teenager has won with this historic win

- ✓ With the win, Emma becomes the first British woman to win the US Open title in 53 years and the first to win any major title in 44 years.
- ✓ Emma also became the first-ever qualifier to win a Grand Slam title that too without dropping a set and the first British woman to hoist a major trophy since Virginia Wade triumphed at Wimbledon in 1977.
- ✓ This is also the first Grand Slam final -- men or women -- to be contested by two unseeded players featuring 150th-ranked qualifier Raducanu and little-known Fernandez who is 73rd in the standings.

- ✓ Raducanu is also the youngest major winner since Maria Sharapova in 2004
- ✓ In 2018, Raducanu won the ITF Junior Tennis Grade 3 event in Chandigarh without dropping a set, going on to win a second ITF junior event a week later in New Delhi.
- ✓ Born to a Romanian father and Chinese mother in Toronto, Canada, Raducanu moved to London aged two and started playing tennis aged five

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

### ➤ World EV Day – September 9



- ✓ World EV Day is celebrated every year to mark the celebration of e-mobility.
  - ✓ During the day, awareness campaigns are conducted to highlight the benefits offered by the electric vehicles
  - ✓ World EV Day was an initiative created by sustainability media company Green.TV.
  - ✓ The first World EV day was observed in 2020.
  - ✓ China is the largest EV market in the world, while India's automotive industry is the fifth largest in the world and set to become the third largest by 2030.
  - ✓ Recently, world's leading electric vehicle and clean energy company Tesla announced its entry into India.
  - ✓ The American giant has incorporated its subsidiary -- Tesla India Motors and Energy Pvt Ltd, in Bengaluru.
  - ✓ Japan-based Suzuki has already declared that it will launch its first EV in India
  - ✓ Tata Motors has plans to launch 10 electric cars by 2025.
- **International Day to Protect Education from attack - September 9**
- ✓ The first ever 'International Day to Protect Education from Attack' was observed by United Nations on September 9, 2020.
  - ✓ This day was established by the adoption of UN General Assembly Resolution 74/275.
  - ✓ This resolution was sponsored by the State of Qatar and 62 other co-sponsoring countries.
  - ✓ The UN resolution has designated UNESCO and UNICEF to function as co-facilitators of the observance of this day.



- ✓ The day is observed to raise awareness on the need to protect education from attack.
- ✓ As a result, students are deprived of their right of accessing quality education and teachers are deprived from the ability to deliver learning adequately.



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