

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-SEPTEMBER 16,2021

### TAMIL NADU

- Tamil Nadu – has reported 8,91,700 cognizable cases under the Indian Penal Code in 2020 as against 1,68,116 cognizable cases in 2019
- ✓ In Chennai, the number of IPC cases recorded stood at 18,108 in 2019 and these cases went up to 88,388 cases in 2020.

#### STATUS REPORT



IPC CRIME	2019			2020		
	Incident	Victims	Crime Rate %	Incident	Victims	Crime Rate %
Murder (302 IPC)	1,745	1826	2.3	1,661	1,741	2.2
Culpable homicide not amounting to murder (304 IPC)	68	76	0.1	72	75	0.1
Causing death by negligence (304 A IPC)	10,637	11,785	14	8,365	8,960	11
Deaths due to negligence relating to road accidents	10,259	11,343	135	8,076	8,665	10.6
Hit and Run	1,013	1,054	1.3	618	653	0.8
Attempt to murder(307 IPC)	2,478	2,697	3.3	2,548	2,783	3.3
Attempt to Suicide (309 IPC)	138	0	NA	151	0	NA
Hurt (simple + grievous)	39,050	41,190	51.5	36,569	38,081	48
Assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty	803	805	2.1	892	907	2.3
Sexual Harassment (354 A IPC)	87	87	0.2	115	115	0.3
Assault on Women (354 IPC)	656	658	1.7	701	715	1.8
Kidnapping and Abduction	898	908	1.2	765	792	1
Rape	362	362	1	389	390	1

- ✓ There has been a rise in crimes against women and a dip in other serious crimes reported in Tamil Nadu in 2020, as per the latest NCRB report
- ✓ However, there was a fivefold increase in cases registered under the IPC, mostly for Covid-19 protocol violations, in 2020
- ✓ The Covid protocol violators were booked under several sections of IPC
- ✓ This led to the sudden increase in IPC cases, the third highest in the country

- ✓ There was a statewide increase in reported cases of assaults on women and sexual harassment.
- ✓ While in 2019, 803 cases were registered for incidents relating to assault on women with intention to outrage her modesty, in 2020, 892 cases were registered.
- ✓ While 87 cases of sexual harassment were recorded in 2019, in 2020, the number was 115.
- ✓ However, violent crimes such as murder, besides thefts, burglaries and robberies declined.
- ✓ For instance, in 2019, 1,745 cases of murder and 1,826 injuries in physical attacks were reported, while in 2020, the corresponding numbers were 1,661 and 1,741.
- ✓ The Covid-19 lockdowns helped bring down road accidents by 30% in Chennai and by 21% in Tamil Nadu as a whole last year.
- ✓ The latest NCRB report states that in 2020 a total of 872 motorists died in 855 accidents in Chennai, as against 1,262 deaths reported in 2019.
- ✓ In 2020, Delhi had the highest number of road fatalities (1,130).
- ✓ The number of child rape victims in Tamil Nadu rose 28.8% to 2,227 in 2020 compared to 1,729 in 2019, highest among major states and way above the national average of 7 %.
- ✓ According to NCRB, Tamil Nadu recorded an increase in cases under the POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act in 2020 with 3,057 cases involving 3,103 victims.
- ✓ In 2019, there were 2358 cases involving 2,389 victims.
- ✓ The incidence of rape of adult women in Tamil Nadu rose 7.7% in 2020, despite the national average falling by 12.7% amid nationwide lockdowns that restricted movement for a significant period.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu (390 women raped in 2020 against 362 in 2019) was one of the six states that saw higher incidence of rape, registering the third largest rate of increase after Chhattisgarh and Bihar.

## STATES

- **Amangarh Tiger Reserve in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh - will be renamed New Corbett (Amangarh) Tiger Reserve to promote ecotourism**



- ✓ A decision to this effect was taken in the first meeting of the Dudhwa Tiger Conservation Foundation on September 14
- ✓ Amangarh Tiger Reserve was originally part of the famed Jim Corbett National Park.
- ✓ After the state of Uttarakhand was created out of Uttar Pradesh in 2000, Jim Corbett went to Uttarakhand and Amangarh remained in Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ Amangarh is home to tigers, elephants and a wide variety of other wild animals
- ✓ The 80-kilometre area was notified as a tiger reserve in October 2012.
- ✓ Amangarh is among the three tiger reserves of the state, other two being Dudhwa Tiger Reserve and Pilibhit Tiger Reserve

## **NATIONAL**

- **The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) - has released the 68th edition of its annual report, Crime in India 2020 on September 15**
- ✓ The first edition of 'Crime in India' pertains to the year 1953 and the latest edition of the report pertains to the year 2020
- ✓ As per the report, crimes across the country recorded a 28% surge in 2020 compared to 2019 primarily due to a sharp spike in cases relating to violation of Covid-19 norms
- ✓ A total of 66,01,285 cognizable crimes have been reported in 2020 which include 42,54,356 IPC crimes (the highest since 1981) and 23,46,929 and special and local laws (SLL) crimes.
- ✓ The IPC crimes saw a 31.9% increase over 2019, while the rise in SLL offences was 21.6%.
- ✓ Crime rate per lakh population (IPC and SLL crimes) went up to 487.8 from 385.5 in 2019.
- ✓ Offences against women, children and senior citizens, theft, burglary, robbery and dacoity went down last year on account of strict movement curbs enforced during the Covid-19 lockdown.
- ✓ Murders went up 1% over 2019, with 'disputes' as the motive behind 10,404 of the total 29,193 killings in 2020.
- ✓ West Bengal reported just three murders for 'political reasons', less than Bihar (16) and Jharkhand (7).
- ✓ Bihar recorded the highest cases of rioting at 9,422, followed by Maharashtra (9,157), UP (6,126).
- ✓ As many as 44 people were arrested across the country last year for sedition (Section 124A of IPC), 1,321 under UAPA and 52 under Official Secrets Act.
- ✓ A total 80 civilians and 73 security personnel were martyred in confrontations/attacks by 'anti-nationals' in 2020, while 55 Maoists, 82 jihadi terrorists and 37 others were also killed.
- ✓ Economic offences went down 12% in 2020 as compared to 2019, while cyber crimes increased 11.8% in the corresponding period.

## HIGHEST CRIME RATE IN CHENNAI



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► Crimes against SCs & STs up by 9.4% and 9.3% respectively last year compared with 2019

► At 97%, Gujarat had the best chargesheeting rate under IPC

followed by (95%) and Tamil Nadu (91.7%)

► Chennai recorded the highest crime rate per lakh popn at 1,937.1, followed by Delhi (1,608.6)



► 'Offences against the State' saw a 26.7% dip from 2019, with 44 people held for sedition, 1,321 under UAPA and 52 under the Official Secrets Act

► 'Anti-nationals' triggered 398 violent incidents; 240 by Maoists



- ✓ As many as 5,613 cases relating to 'offences against the State', in which a total 7,607 persons were arrested, were registered across the country in 2020.
- ✓ This marks a sharp 26.7% fall from the 7,656 such offences recorded in 2019, in which a total 12,140 persons were arrested.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh accounted for 39% of the all-India 'offences against the State'.
- ✓ Also, 96% of the 'offences against the State' recorded by UP last year were under the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act.
- ✓ Among the other states that reported a significant number of 'offences against the State' were Tamil Nadu (668), Assam (333), J&K (317) and Delhi (18).
- ✓ Of the 796 UAPA cases registered in the country in 2020, the maximum were in J&K (287), followed by Manipur (169), Jharkhand (86), Assam (76) and UP (72).
- ✓ Sedition cases were highest in Manipur (15) and Assam (12), followed by UP (7).
- ✓ Maharashtra topped the chart by recording almost one-fourth of the countrywide cases under OSA.
- ✓ Rioting related cases have registered the lowest conviction rate of 29%, according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report for 2020.
- ✓ Heinous crimes like rape and murder, too, have a very low conviction rate of 39% and 41% respectively.
- ✓ The highest convictions (94%) have been in cases related to the Excise Act.
- ✓ Nearly 1.3 lakh people lost their lives in road crashes due to negligence during 2020, though the figure is nearly 12% less than that of 2019.
- ✓ According to the Crime in India 2020 report by the NCRB, Uttar Pradesh continues to top the list with 23,121 such fatalities, while Madhya Pradesh had second maximum fatalities.
- ✓ In 2019, Karnataka had registered second highest such deaths.
- ✓ During last year, 45,229 people were killed in 'hit-and-run' cases, which are nearly 34% of the total fatalities registered under the negligence relating road crashes, as against 52,540 in 2019.

- ✓ A significant 30% (over 1.1 lakh) of the total cases of crimes were registered against women in the pandemic year
- ✓ However, the overall cases of crime against women reflect a decline of 8.3% from over 4.05 lakh cases in 2019 to around 3.7 lakh cases in 2020.
- ✓ The crime rate registered per lakh women population at 56.5 in 2020 is not just lower in comparison with 62.3 in 2019 but also lower than what it was at 58.8 in 2018.
- ✓ As many as 1.3 lakh cases of crime against children were registered in 2020
- ✓ The number of incidents reflects a 13.5% decline from over 1.5 lakh cases in 2019
- ✓ Kidnapping and abduction cases accounted for 42.6% of all cases last year, followed by cases of sexual offences including child rape under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (Pocso) at 38.8%.
- ✓ Pocso cases had accounted for 35.5% of the total in 2019.
- ✓ In percentage terms, major crime heads during 2019 in case of children were kidnapping & abduction (46.6%) and Pocso cases (35.3%) including child rape.

➤ On September 15, the Union Cabinet - cleared a bailout relief package in order to free up cash for the stressed telecom sector

### 100% FDI UNDER AUTOMATIC ROUTE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Removal of non-telecom revenues from AGR, thus lowering spectrum usage charge and licence fee for cos</li> <li>➤ 80% reduction in bank guarantee requirements</li> <li>➤ Penalties removed</li> <li>➤ For future auctions, spectrum holding tenure increased from 20 years to 30 years</li> <li>➤ No spectrum usage charges for future auctions</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Surrender of spectrum after 10 years allowed for future auctions</li> <li>➤ 100% FDI under automatic route, except from China and bordering countries where scrutiny will remain</li> <li>➤ Govt may convert telco's interest dues into equity at the end of moratorium period</li> <li>➤ 4-year moratorium on spectrum and AGR payments, though govt's NPV protected through charging of interest</li> </ul>
<small>(Source: Govt of India)</small>	

- ✓ The main highlights of the telecom sector relief package are expected to be a four-year moratorium on spectrum and the adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues.
- ✓ The package could also allow the telcos to surrender their spectrums that have not been used so far.
- ✓ Both Vodafone Idea and Bharti Airtel will gain the most from the telecom relief package
- ✓ Airtel has already paid Rs 18,004 crore (out of Rs 43,980 crore demanded), while Vodafone Idea has paid Rs 7,854 crore (out of Rs 58,254 crore).
- ✓ Other benefits include the reduction of charges, and a lenient definition of revenue to hasten the transition towards 5G.

- ✓ The government decided to remove non-telecom revenues from the AGR definition, which will save tax outgo on spectrum usage charge and licence fee in the future.
  - ✓ It also cut the bank guarantee mandate against licence fee and other similar charges by 80% and said there will be no requirement for multiple bank guarantees in different service areas.
  - ✓ The interest charged for delayed payments was also reduced, and penalties were removed.
  - ✓ Further, the government has increased the tenure of spectrum holdings by a significant 10 years — raising it to 30 years from the existing 20 years.
  - ✓ The government also further liberalised foreign investment inflows in the sector, allowing 100% FDI under the automatic route.
  - ✓ Shifting from prepaid to postpaid, or vice-versa, will not require a fresh KYC with the government allowing self KYC by customers.
  - ✓ The government also revised eKYC charges to Re 1.
  - ✓ Telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnav said paper customer acquisition forms (CAF) will be replaced by digital storage of data.
- **Tata Sons and a group led by Spice-Jet chairman Ajay Singh made financial offers for Air India on September 15, the last day to submit bids.**

## MAHARAJA GOES TO...



- Bid winner will also get Air India Exp and 50% stake in ground handling services AISATS
- The balance 50% in ground handling business is owned by Singapore's SATS, a partner in Tata Sons' air catering venture
- Tatas made the offer via its 100% arm Talace Pvt Ltd, Ajay Singh-led grouping placed bids in his personal capacity along with some investment funds
- Tatas promoted AI in 1932 but sold its interests to govt in 1953

- ✓ Tata Sons made the offer through its 100% arm Talace Private Ltd while Singh placed the financial bids in his personal capacity along with some investment funds.
- ✓ The department of investment and public asset management, without revealing names of the parties, said financial bids for Air India were received by the transaction adviser.
- ✓ EY is the transaction adviser to the government on Air India's disinvestment.
- ✓ The Centre will soon set a floor price for the sale of the airline.
- ✓ Whoever quotes the highest bid over the floor price will claim the national carrier.

- ✓ But the winner will also have to meet security audit standards.
- ✓ Air India has a debt of over Rs 43,000 crore, of which Rs 23,287 crore will be retained on its books while the rest will be transferred to Air India Asset Holdings, an entity incorporated to house non-aviation assets.
- ✓ Tata Sons --which already operates two airlines, Vistara and AirAsia India -- is considered the frontrunner for Air India
- ✓ The company originally promoted Air India in 1932 but sold its interests to the government in 1953.
- ✓ Air India is the second largest airline in the country with a 14% market share after IndiGo, which has the lion's share of 55%.
- ✓ Vistara and AirAsia India together hold 11% share, while Singh's SpiceJet has 9% share.
- ✓ If Air India goes to Tata Sons, it will become number two in the domestic sky.
- ✓ Besides Air India, the winner will get Air India Express, a low-cost carrier, and a 50% stake in AISATS, which offers ground handling services at major Indian airports.
- ✓ The balance 50% in the ground handling business is owned by Singapore's SATS, which is a partner in Tata Sons' air catering venture.
- ✓ The government hopes to complete the divestment before the end of this fiscal.
- ✓ This is the third attempt at selling off the debt-ridden airline.
- ✓ The AB Vajpayee government was the first one to try.
- ✓ Tata Sons had planned a tie-up with Singapore Airlines for the bid but the sale process did not get off the ground.
- ✓ In 2018, the Narendra Modi government tried to sell 76% stake in AI, but the partial divestment plan had no takers.
- ✓ This time, the government has decided to sell its entire stake in Air India.

➤ **Russia's Sputnik Light — the single-dose anti-Covid vaccine — has been granted regulatory approval to conduct phase-III bridging trials in India.**

- ✓ Delhi-based Panacea Biotec has produced three batches of the vaccine, which have been cleared by the Central Drug Laboratory in Kasauli
- ✓ Once the bridging studies are over and regulatory approval and manufacturing license for Sputnik Light comes through, supplies can start immediately.
- ✓ The regulatory approvals for Sputnik Light are expected by October and the vaccine can be rolled out in the market by November.
- ✓ Once approved, Sputnik Light will hugely improve the pace of vaccination as only one dose will be required for full immunisation.
- ✓ While the government aims to cover over 80% of the country's adult population with at least one dose by October, and a majority with both doses by December, a single dose vaccine can help achieve the targets sooner.
- ✓ Last month, the drug regulator's subject expert committee (SEC) recommended drugs controller to grant approval to conduct bridging studies in India for the single-dose variant of Sputnik V

- ✓ The updated safety, immunogenicity and efficacy data from phase-III trials of Sputnik V took place in Russia.

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

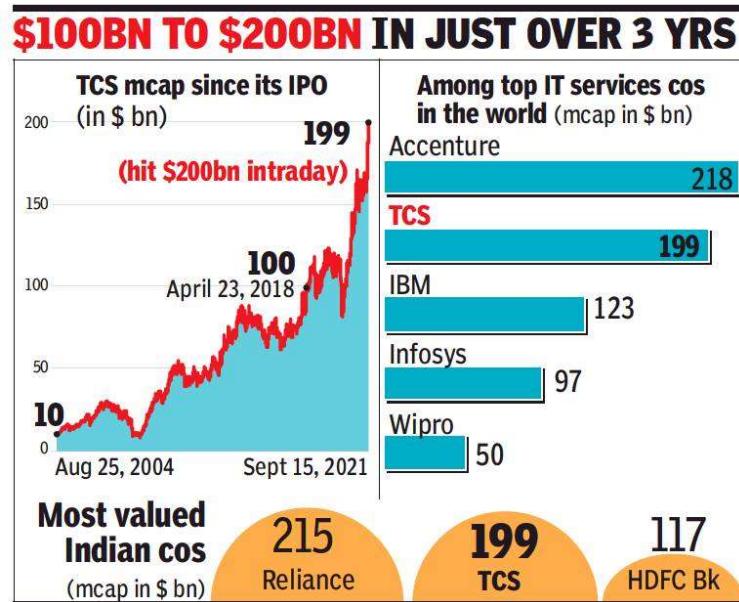
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi - will lead the Indian delegation and address the plenary session of the SCO summit in Tajikistan virtually on September 17
- ✓ External affairs minister S Jaishankar will represent India physically at the summit.
- ✓ The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), comprises Russia, China, India and Pakistan along with four central Asian countries as member states
- ✓ The summit is expected to take stock of the Afghanistan situation and look for ways to ensure that the country doesn't turn into a terror safe-haven under the Taliban.
- ✓ Both the PM and EAM are expected to underline India's concerns over terrorism and also the need for an inclusive government in Afghanistan that can help ensure long-term peace and stability.
- ✓ Though Afghanistan has 'observer' status at SCO, the Taliban government has not been invited to the summit.

## ECONOMY

- On September 15, the Union cabinet - cleared a Rs 26,000 crore production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for auto and auto-components industries to enhance domestic manufacturing capabilities
- ✓ It aims to promote the manufacturing of hydrogen cell and electric vehicles and several components, which will also include those for petrol- and diesel-fired engines.
- ✓ The scheme is in addition to the Rs 18,100 crore scheme already announced for advanced chemistry cell and Rs 10,000 crore allocated for Faster Adaption of Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME).
- ✓ Earlier last year, the Union Cabinet had approved PLI scheme with an outlay of Rs 57,043 crore for auto manufacturing industry.
- ✓ It is estimated that over a period of five years from FY23, the PLI Scheme for Automobile and auto components Industry will lead to fresh investment of over Rs. 42,500 crore, incremental production of over Rs. 2.3 lakh crore
- ✓ The scheme has two components — Champion OEM Incentive Scheme and Component Champion Incentive Scheme.
- ✓ The Champion OEM Incentive scheme is a 'sales value linked' scheme, applicable on Battery Electric Vehicles and Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles of all segments.
- ✓ The Component Champion Incentive scheme is a 'sales value linked' scheme, applicable on advanced automotive technology components of vehicles, vehicle

aggregates of two-wheelers, three-wheelers, passenger vehicles, commercial vehicles and tractors etc.

- ✓ **The government also approved a Rs.120 crore PLI scheme for drones and drone components which seeks to provide incentives for manufacturers**
  - ✓ The government has agreed to keep the PLI rate constant at 20% for a period of three years.
  - ✓ The government also has agreed to widen the coverage of the incentive scheme to include developers of drone-related IT products.
  - ✓ The government expects drone manufacturing to attract investment of Rs 5,000 crore and generate 10,000 jobs over a period of three years
  - ✓ The PLI scheme covers a wide variety of drone components including airframes, propulsion systems (engine and electric), power systems, batteries and associated components, launch and recovery systems, flight control modules and ground control stations and associated components.
  - ✓ In an attempt to boost MSMEs and start-ups for the manufacture of drones and their parts, the annual sales turnover have been fixed at a nominal level of Rs 2 crore (for drones) and Rs 50 lakh (for drone components).
  - ✓ The eligibility norm for non-MSME companies in terms of annual sales turnover has been kept at Rs 4 crore (for drones) and Rs 1 crore (for drone components).
  - ✓ The scheme for the auto and drone manufacturing sector is part of the overall production-linked incentives announced for 13 sectors in the Union Budget 2021-22 with an outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh crore.
- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) - became the second domestic company to cross the \$200-billion market capitalisation mark on September 15**



- ✓ TCS is the second-most valued company in India and the largest within the Tata Group

- ✓ Exactly a year ago, Reliance Industries (RIL) was the first Indian company to cross that milestone and is currently at \$215 billion.
- ✓ When TCS was listed in August 2004, it had a mcap of about \$10 billion.
- ✓ It crossed the \$50-billion market value in December 2010, \$100 billion in April 2018 and \$150 billion in December 2020.
- ✓ In the global league table of most-valued software services companies, TCS now ranks behind Accenture, which has a market value of \$218 billion but ahead of IBM (\$123 billion).
- ✓ Among the Indian peers, Infosys has a market value of \$97 billion and Wipro \$50 billion.

## SPORTS

- **India - lost to USA in a hard fought semifinal encounter to settle with the bronze medal in the ongoing FIDE Online Chess Olympiad on September 14**



- ✓ India began by winning the opening round with a 5-1 margin before USA bounced back in the second round with a 4-2 margin
- ✓ The match then went into the blitz tie-break where India lost 1.5-4.5 to win the bronze medal alongwith China, which had lost to Russia in the other semifinal
- ✓ The US will face Russia in the final to decide the winner of the Chess Olympiad
- ✓ The Indian team had shared the title with Russia in the last edition
- ✓ This year, the Indian team was led by former world champion Viswanathan Anand and consists of Vidit Santosh Gujrathi, P Harikrishna, Nihal Sarin, R Praggnanandhaa, Koneru Humpy, D Harika, Tania Sachdev, Bhakti Kulkarni, R Vaishali and B Savitha Shri.
- ✓ The team was sponsored by internet provider Microsense.

- Tamil Nadu's Pavithra Venkatesh - won gold in the women's pole vault event at the 60th National Open athletics meet at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Warangal on September 15.



- ✓ The 19-year-old, who hails from Salem, cleared the bar at 3.90m to top the charts.
- ✓ Railways' Mariya Jaison (3.80m) won silver while Krishna Rachan (3.60m) settled for bronze.
- ✓ Pavithra, who had started off as a sprinter, took to pole vault in school.
- ✓ She is being coached by K Elamparithi
- ✓ Elamparithi, a Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) coach, had mentored Mariyappan Thangavelu when the star para-athlete first burst into the scene.

