



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-SEPTEMBER 26,2021

TAMIL NADU

- Chennai-based company, System 5S - becomes the first firm in the country to get BIS licence to produce protective clothing for firefighters



- ✓ Bureau of Indian Standards, Chennai branch office-I, awarded the first licence to manufacture firefighter clothing at an event in Chennai on September 24
- ✓ In 2018, BIS formulated an Indian Standard for the protective clothing for firefighters as per IS 16890: 2018
- ✓ The fire proximity suit will have an outer shell, moisture barrier, thermal barrier and the entire suit is created with inherent flame retardant threads
- **The school education department - is planning to launch a statewide campaign to prevent the learning loss and to ensure basic literacy among children of Classes I to VIII**
- ✓ Under the campaign, the government plans to take schools to places near students with the assistance of local volunteers to ensure everyone has foundational numeracy and literacy skills.

- ✓ Teachers and educational volunteers will go to areas where students live and engage them in activities and conduct classes for one to two hours a day till schools are reopened.
- ✓ It will be modelled on the ‘Veethi Vagupparai’ (Classes on the Streets) method followed by a NGO.
- ✓ The campaign is likely to be linked with the government’s ‘Ennum Ezhuthum’ mission to ensure children are able to comprehend and possess basic arithmetic skills by the time they reach eight years old.
- ✓ In this regard, the school education department held the second meeting with 10 non-governmental organisations including Tamil Nadu Science Forum (TNSF), Palli Kalvi Pathukappu Iyakkam, Forum for Child Friendly Schools and Aid India on September 25.
- ✓ TNSF possesses the expertise of successfully running “Arivoli Iyakkam”, a total literacy campaign launched in the early 1990s across the state.

NATIONAL

- **The cyclone, christened ‘Gulab’ - is expected to make landfall around Kalingapatnam, between Vishakhapatnam and Gopalpur, on the evening of September 26**
- ✓ In a rare occurrence during September, the cyclone is set to hit the north Andhra-south Odisha coast with expected wind speed of over 95 kmph
- ✓ The Indian Met Department has issued a red alert warning for extremely heavy rain in parts of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh
- ✓ The overall monsoon deficit this year has reduced to 2% while September has so far seen 29.5% surplus rainfall.
- ✓ Cyclones rarely occur during September, particularly when the monsoon is active, as the wind systems associated with the monsoon prevent storms in the Bay of Bengal from intensifying into cyclones.
- ✓ In the 21st century, only two tropical cyclones—Daye (2018) and Pyarr (2005)—have made landfall over the Indian east coast from the Bay of Bengal.
- ✓ Cyclone Gulab, named by Pakistan, will become the third such cyclone to make landfall in September.
- ✓ The list of cyclone names is maintained by the World Meteorological Organisation/United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (WMO/ESCAP) Panel on Tropical Cyclones (PTC).
- ✓ The panel comprises 13 countries namely, India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Maldives, Oman, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen
- ✓ Amphan, the cyclone that hit India in May 2020 was the last name on the list developed in 2004.
- ✓ With 13 countries providing 13 suggestions each, the list has 169 names of cyclones.

- ✓ Cyclone Tauktae, which hit the Gujarat coast in May this year was taken from this list and was suggested by Myanmar.
- On September 25, the Union health ministry - issued a notification stating the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2018, that extends the time limit for abortion from 20 weeks to 24 weeks has “come into force”.
- ✓ The amendment does not uniformly extend the 24-week deadline to all women.
- ✓ It applies only to rape survivors, minors and pregnancies with fetal abnormalities.

GUIDELINES NOT YET DRAWN UP

<p>➤ Central health ministry notifies new medical termination Act (Amendment)</p> <hr/> <p>➤ The time limit for termination has been extended from 20 to 24 weeks</p> <hr/> <p>➤ But it is not uniformly applicable to all women</p>	<p>➤ The new limit is meant in cases involving rape survivors, fetal anomalies</p> <hr/> <p>➤ But the mechanism on such decision making hasn't yet been defined in the new Act</p> <hr/> <p>➤ Guidelines still not drawn up</p> <hr/> <p>➤ No clarity on whether central-, state- or district-level mechanism will be laid down</p>
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- ✓ As per the Act, opinion of one doctor will be required for termination of pregnancy till 20 weeks while opinion of two doctors will be needed for aborting from 20 to 24 weeks
- ✓ For a pregnancy to be terminated after 24 weeks in case of substantial foetal abnormalities, the opinion of the state-level medical board is essential.
- ✓ Earlier, Rajya Sabha passed the Bill on March 16, 2021 to allow abortions for certain “special categories of women” from 20 weeks to 24 weeks of pregnancy
- ✓ Prior to this, the Bill was also approved by the Ethics Committee and a Group of Ministers headed by Nitin Gadkari
- A total of 761 candidates - were recommended by UPSC, as per the final result of Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2020 declared on September 24
- ✓ Shubham Kumar from Katihar, Bihar emerged as the topper and No 2 rank went to a woman, Jagrati Awasthi from Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The UPSC conducts the annual exam for selection to civil services including IAS and IPS
- ✓ Out of the 761 recommended candidates, 216 candidates or 28.3% were women.
- ✓ In fact, just like in 2019, 12 among the top 25 rank-holders are women.
- ✓ Among the successful women candidates is also Ria Dabi, sister of Tina Dabi, the topper of Civil Services Exam 2015.

- ✓ The percentage of women recommended for the civil services this year is better than the past three years, having risen from 24.2% in 2017, 23.9% in 2018 and 23.7% in 2019.



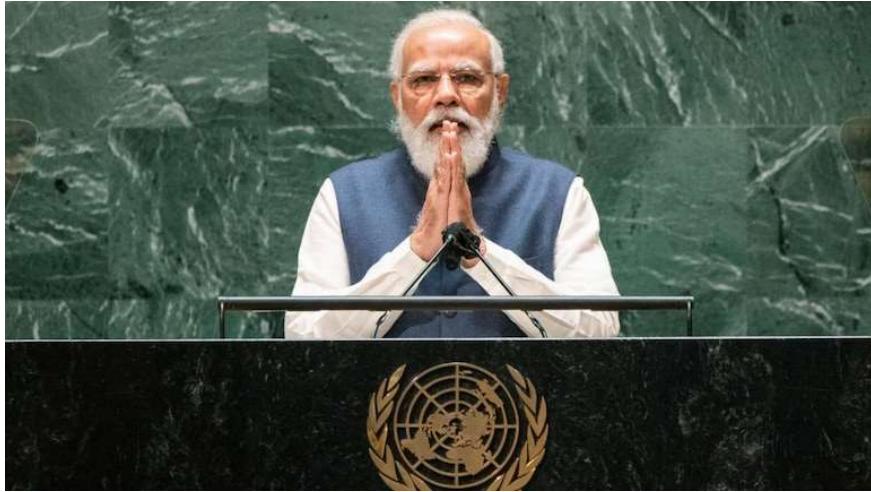
- ✓ The recommended candidates this year also include 25 people with benchmark disability.
- ✓ Delhi bagged five places in the top 20 and Bihar three including the Number 1 rank, while three positions in the top 20 have gone to candidates from Kerala.
- ✓ Shubham Kumar, the No. 1 rank-holder, is an alumni of IIT, Powai.
- ✓ This was his third attempt, after having been selected to Indian Defence Accounts Service in the second attempt.
- ✓ Jagrati Awasthi is a B.Tech in electrical engineering from MANIT Bhopal
- ✓ D Ranjith, a 27-year-old differently abled candidate from Coimbatore with hearing and speech impairment secured 750th rank in the civil services exam in his first attempt.



- ✓ Ranjith is a topper among differently abled category
- ✓ Ranjith chose Tamil literature as his optional subject and wrote the exam in Tamil.
- ✓ Narayana Sarma V S from Coimbatore got the all India 33rd rank and emerged state topper.
- ✓ This year, 36 students from Tamil Nadu have cracked the exam.
- ✓ Last year, 45 candidates from Tamil Nadu were successful.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi - addressed the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly on September 25 in New York



- ✓ PM Modi invoked acharya Chanakya, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, and Rabindranath Tagore in his speech.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi used the UN General Assembly to project the "Integral Humanism" philosophy propounded by RSS ideologue Deendayal Upadhyaya on the global platform
- ✓ PM Modi, during his address, touched upon key issues such as Covid-19, vaccine manufacturing in India, rightful use of ocean resources and even took a dig at Pakistan over "using terrorism as a political tool".
- ✓ He also addressed the prevailing turmoil in Afghanistan and said it is very important to ensure that the territory is not used to spread terrorism and for terrorist attacks
- ✓ Prime Minister informed the UNGA that India has developed the world's first DNA vaccine and added that the vaccine can be administered to anyone above the age of 12.
- ✓ Further, PM Modi extended an invitation to vaccine manufacturers from across the world to make vaccines in India.
- ✓ PM Modi also informed the UNGA that India will launch 75 satellites into space, being built by Indian students in schools and colleges, on the occasion of the country's 75th Independence Day on August 15, 2022
- ✓ The Initiative of Indian Technology Congress Association (ITCA) has been working on the "75 Student Satellites' Mission 2022" programme in collaboration with national and international tech-space organisations.
- ✓ ITCA had invited applications from 75 student groups to build 75 nano or small satellites.
- ✓ These groups would be given a chance to use Isro's launchpad to launch satellites.
- ✓ PM Modi ended his address by quoting Rabindranath Tagore (in Bengali), "Boldly proceed on the path of good deed and may you overcome all the obstacles in the way".

- ✓ The theme for this year's General Debate is 'Building Resilience through hope to recover from Covid-19, rebuild sustainably, respond to the needs of the planet, respect the rights of people, and revitalise the United Nations'.
- ✓ PM Modi last addressed the UN General Assembly session in 2019

OBITUARY

- **Eminent women's rights activist, poet and author Kamla Bhasin (75 years)**



- ✓ Feminist icon, Kamla Bhasin - passed away on September 25 after a short struggle with cancer
- ✓ Bhasin is a prominent voice in the women's movement in India and other South Asian countries
- ✓ Bhasin was the founder of Sangat (a south Asian network for gender training and activism) and co-founder of Jagori, a women's resource centre since 1984.
- ✓ She was also the South Asian coordinator of the 'One Billion Rising' movement which has lakhs of members and participants.
- ✓ In her earlier years, Bhasin worked with Food Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations for more than 25 years and used the opportunity to reach out women in villages and cities all over the region.
- ✓ She played a vital role in shaping a national narrative against the glorification of Sati in Rajasthan in 1987
- ✓ Known for her activism through songs and poetry, Bhasin started her journey in 1970 by participating in social movements strengthening democracy in Delhi and Jaipur.
- ✓ Born in 1946 in Pakistan's Shahidanwali village, Bhasin completed her graduation from Maharani College, Jaipur, and post-graduation from Rajasthan University, before moving to Germany to study sociology.
- ✓ Bhasin has to her credit 30 books on feminism and women's rights, 8 children's books and numerous feminist songs.
- ✓ One of the most famous being her feminist adaptation of the "azadi" slogan that has been used in movements and protests extensively.

SPORTS

- **Grandmaster D Gukesh - won gold at the European Club Cup which concluded in Macedonia on September 24**



- ✓ Turning up for his club Prilep, Gukesh scored 5.5 points out of 7 rounds and remained unbeaten during the course of the competition.
- ✓ The silver in the competition was bagged by Novy Bor Club that had the likes of P Harikrishna and Sasikiran featuring in it.
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- ✓ Gukesh will be featuring at the U-21 Junior Open event which will be held in Plovdiv, Bulgaria from September 26 to October 3.

