

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-SEPTEMBER 27,2021**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **Tamil Nadu finance minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan – has been nominated by the GST Council in the Group of Ministers (GoM) formed to usher in GST System Reforms.**

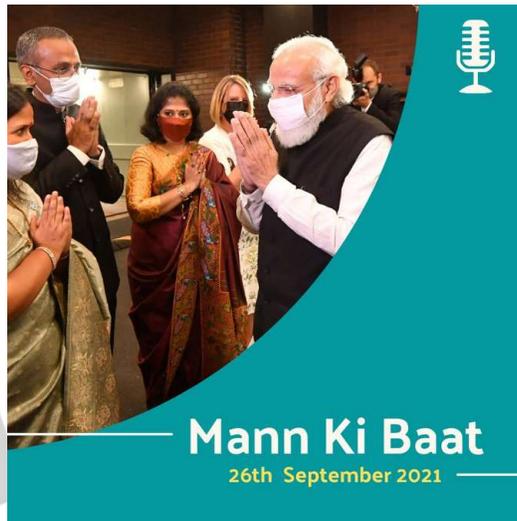


- ✓ The eight-member GoM for GST System Reforms will have Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar as the convenor.
- ✓ Besides Thiaga Rajan, other members of the GoM include Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia and Haryana deputy chief minister Dushyant Chautala as well as finance ministers from the states of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Assam among others.
- ✓ The GoM of GST System Reforms will review the IT tools and interfaces available with tax officers and suggest relevant measures to make the system more effective and efficient, including changes in business processes.
- ✓ It will also identify potential sources of evasion and suggest changes in business processes and IT systems to arrest revenue leakage.
- ✓ The Group of Ministers will identify possible use of data analysis towards better compliance and revenue.

- ✓ It will also identify mechanism for better coordination between “Central and State tax administration” and tax administration of different states and suggest timelines for the proposed changes.
- ✓ The council had earlier set up two GoMs – one for IT challenges and another on revenue mobilization.

## NATIONAL

- **On September 26, Prime Minister Narendra Modi – addressed the nation in the 81st episode of his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat', which is aired on the last Sunday of every month.**



- ✓ The programme is broadcasted on the entire network of AIR and Doordarshan and also on AIR News and mobile app.
- ✓ The address comes after the PM concluded his 3-day visit to the United States, where he addressed the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- ✓ The Prime Minister held bilateral meetings with US President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris in Washington.
- ✓ He also met his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison and Japanese PM Yoshihide Suga and participated in the first in-person Quad Summit in Washington.
- ✓ The PM started his address by mentioning that the month of September is an important month in which World River Day is observed on September 26
- ✓ During the Day, the PM is reminded of the Namami Gange Mission and asked the people to celebrate “river festival” at least once per year
- ✓ Regarding the concept of rejuvenation of rivers, the PM shared the example of the **Naaganadhi river in Vellore and Thiruvannamalai districts of Tamil Nadu**, which dried up years ago, and is today brimming with water due to the efforts of women there.

- ✓ PM also mentioned that transaction of Rs.350 crore was done digitally through UPI in the month of August 2021
  - ✓ Further, the PM congratulated the team of eight specially-abled trekkers who recently created a world record by raising the India flag on the Kumar Post in Siachen glacier
  - ✓ Lauding the courage and enthusiasm of the group, the PM said the “can do culture”, “can do determination” and “can do attitude” of Indians is inspiring
  - ✓ He also remembered the birth anniversary of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya on September 25, the date when the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna, or Aysuhman Bharat Yojna was launched in the year 2018
  - ✓ The PM also urged the people to get vaccinated to remain in ‘circle of safety’ and noted that Team India is creating daily record in country's fight against Covid-19, especially on vaccination front
  - ✓ He also commended 'One Teacher, One Call' initiative in Uttar Pradesh and announced the proceeds of a special e-auction of gifts he received will be dedicated to the 'Namami Gange' campaign
  - ✓ The PM said as a part of the ongoing ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ to mark 75 years of India’s independence, a campaign is currently going on to disseminate the untold stories of the history of the freedom struggle.
  - ✓ For this, more than 13,000 people have registered till now and that too in 14 different languages.
  - ✓ Also, non-resident Indians from more than 20 countries have expressed their wish to join this campaign.
  - ✓ Further, around 5,000 upcoming amateur litterateurs are writing on the contribution of unsung heroes of the freedom struggle, as per the PM
  - ✓ The first episode of Mann Ki Baat aired on October 3, 2014, while the last 80<sup>th</sup> episode was aired on August 29
  - ✓ During the last address, the PM had hailed the efforts of a Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Bihar and Kanjirangal Panchayat in Tamil Nadu for their initiative towards village waste management and self-reliance.
  - ✓ He also hailed the language of Sanskrit and the efforts of various scholars and researchers in strengthening global cultural ties through this language.
- **The union government – announced its decision to start direct international commercial flights between Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar and Sharjah in UAE within a month**
- ✓ The move aims to fulfill the long-pending demand of the UT to have direct international connectivity.
  - ✓ This was announced by civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on September 25
  - ✓ He also said that the terminal at the Srinagar airport will be expanded from 25,000 square metre to 63,000 square metre.

- ✓ There will be an investment of Rs.1,500 crore at the Srinagar airport, while Rs. 600 crore will be spent on the Jammu airport.
- ✓ The minister said a new cargo terminal at the Srinagar airport, constructed at a cost of Rs. 15 crore, will be made functional on October 1.
- ✓ Sharjah was chosen as the first destination considering the heavy volume of business between traders from J&K, particularly those dealing in horticulture produce, and retail outlets in Sharjah, Dubai and Abu Dhabi.
- ✓ More than 77 stores in Sharjah — mostly owned by Lulu hypermarket chain — source their supplies of dry fruits etc largely from J&K.
- ✓ Earlier too, Srinagar handled international flights but they were only for Hajj pilgrims.

## SPORTS

- **Seven time World Champion, Lewis Hamilton - became the first Formula One driver to win 100 grand prix races on September 26**



- ✓ The 36-year old British-born racer achieved the feat after winning the Russian Grand Prix at Sochi
- ✓ With the historic victory, Lewis Hamilton also moved back to the top of the driver's championship, leading Red Bull's Max Verstappen by two points
- ✓ It was Hamilton's fifth win of the season and his first since the British Grand Prix in July.
- ✓ Hamilton is now holding the record for most victories after breaking Michael Schumacher's mark of 91 in Portugal last October.
- ✓ He also holds the records for the most wins, podium finishes and pole positions.
- ✓ Hamilton won his first F1 race in Canada in 2007 for McLaren team and became the youngest ever champion at the age of 23
- ✓ He is now on the verge of breaking Schumacher's long-held record of seven championship victories

# INTERNATIONAL DAY

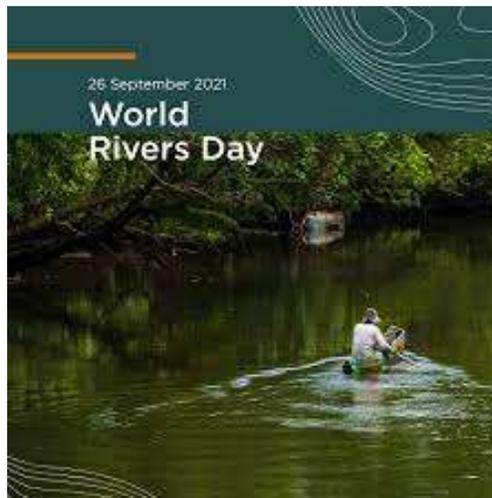
## ➤ World Tourism Day – September 27



- ✓ The day highlights the travel industry's social, economic, political, and cultural significance towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
- ✓ Tourism is one of the most important sectors globally as it employs millions of people
- ✓ According to United Nations (UN), the tourism sector employs one in every ten people on Earth, and for some countries, it can represent over 20% of their GDP.
- ✓ Theme 2021 - 'Tourism for Inclusive Growth'
- ✓ This year's World Tourism Day pledge draws on the "Leave No One Behind" declaration mentioned in the Second Principle of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs.
- ✓ The beautiful coastal country of West Africa, Côte d'Ivoire, is the host of World Tourism Day 2021.
- ✓ For the first time since its founding day, last year's World Tourism Day had more than one host country.
- ✓ Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, as part of the MERCOSUR bloc with Chile as member associate, jointly hosted the day last year.
- ✓ The day was first commemorated in 1980 by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) General Assembly at the third session in Torremolinos, Spain in September 1979
- ✓ On this day, in 1970, the Statutes of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation were adopted, which marked a historic moment for the global tourism industry.
- ✓ On September 27, 1980, the first World Tourism Day was celebrated to mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the UNWTO Statutes.

## ➤ World Rivers Day – September 26

- ✓ World Rivers Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of September every year to raise public awareness about rivers and to promote their conservation activities
- ✓ Theme 2021 - "waterways in our communities"



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated a significant portion of the latest episode of his Mann Ki Baat radio address to World Rivers Day
- ✓ The maiden celebration of World Rivers Day took place in 2005, following the launch of the 'Water for Life Decade' by the United Nations in the same year for a greater awareness of the need to take care of our water resources.
- ✓ The proposal for such a celebration was initiated by internationally renowned Canadian river advocate Mark Angelo
- ✓ World Rivers Day is based on BC Rivers Day, founded and led by Angelo in his native country since 1980
- ✓ The "BC" here refers to the Canadian province of British Columbia.
- ✓ The festival is the largest river appreciation event in the North American nation.

## **A NEW STUDY ON CANCER IN INDIA - REPORT**

- **Bengaluru-based National Centre for Disease Informatics & Research (NCDIR), a branch of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) – has released a new study 'Clinicopathological Profile of Cancers in India: A Report of the Hospital Based Cancer Registries, 2021'**
- ✓ According to the study, cancers associated with tobacco use constitute 33.3% of all cancers reported in India's hospital based cancer registry, irrespective of gender.
- ✓ It comprised 48.7% of all cancers among males and 16.5% among females.
- ✓ NCDIR has analysed the data of cancer cases for a period of seven years, from 96 Hospital-based Cancer registries (HBCRs') under the National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP).
- ✓ Based on an analysis of data from 6.1 lakh cancer cases, diagnosed and registered in the NCRP from 2012 to 2019, the prevalence of cancer cases was found to be 52.4% among males and 47.6% among females.
- ✓ Over 2 lakh cancer cases were associated with tobacco usage alone.

- ✓ The prevalence of tobacco-use related cancers was highest in the northeast (50.4%), followed by central India (42%), west (36.9%), north (32.9%), south (28.6%), and east (25.3%).
- ✓ However, in terms of absolute numbers, south India has the highest number of cases — 61,921 — of cancer linked to tobacco usage.
- ✓ Among cancers associated with tobacco use, mouth cancer accounted for the highest at 24.4%, followed by lung cancer (22.4%) and tongue cancer (16.6%).
- ✓ The highest tobacco associated cancers among females was mouth cancer (26.4%).

