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### **TAMIL NADU**

- **On September 3, Chief Minister M K Stalin – announced 14 new projects to celebrate freedom fighter V O Chidambaram’s 150th birth anniversary.**
- ✓ The Chief Minister said that the government will observe V O Chidambaram’s death anniversary on November 18 as ‘day of sacrifice.’
- ✓ The government would install a bust-size statue of the leader in Gandhi Mandapam in Guindy and renovate the structure that showcased the oil extractor (chekku) used by him in prison.



- ✓ The arterial road, Mela Periya Cotton Salai in Tuticorin would be renamed VOC Road
- ✓ Further, a life-size statue of the leader would be installed in V O C Chidambaram park in Coimbatore, since he was imprisoned in Coimbatore prison during the freedom struggle.
- ✓ The house of V O C in Ottapidaram, and his memorial in Tirunelveli under the control of the information department will be renovated and an audio-visual show will be incorporated as an added feature.
- ✓ A film on the life of the freedom fighter would be released for the benefit of the youth.

- ✓ A Chair would be set up in Manonmaniam Sundaranar University in Tirunelveli in the name of V O Chidambaram.
  - ✓ Additional classrooms, auditorium and memorial arch will be built at Rs.1.05 crore in the school in Tirunelveli where Chidambaram and poet Subramania Bharati studied.
  - ✓ The state will give the Kappalottiya Tamilar V O C award to a Tamil who has made significant contributions in the field of ship-building, technology and transport.
  - ✓ The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh and citation.
  - ✓ Further, all the government buildings to be constructed in Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli districts, from September 5 this year to September 5 next year, will be named after V O Chidambaram
  - ✓ All the books penned by V O C will be renovated and sold at a cheaper price through Tamil Nadu Text Book Corporation
  - ✓ An online conference on VOC would be arranged through Tamil University.
  - ✓ The day of death of V O Chidambaram, November 5, will be observed as martyrs day.
  - ✓ Ottapidaram in Thoothukudi, is the birthplace of VOC and he had served as a barrister at the Thoothukudi court
- **Greater Chennai Corporation - has now issued detailed standard operating procedures (SOPs) for all civic services on September 2, 2021**

<b>SOPs AT A GLANCE</b> Info to help citizens understand how to avail some of the corpn services		
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- ✓ This is the first time the civic body has put out the SOPs in public domain
- ✓ The citizen charter seeks to educate citizens about availing some of the services given by the civic body
- ✓ The SOPs have been made public on the official website of Chennai Corporation (<https://chennaicorporation.gov.in/gcc/SOP/>).
- ✓ The procedures for services related to property tax, birth and death certificates, road cut permission and building plan approvals are now made available
- ✓ The move is aimed at preventing delay and bribery as the public was provided with the information about the procedures for availing various civic services
- ✓ The SOPs provide details of documents required for applying, to whom the applications are to be made and also the charges to avail the services.

- **On September 3, Chief minister M K Stalin - announced a 'manimandapam' (memorial) for the renowned 19th century Tamil scholar Iyothee Thass Pandithar in North Chennai on the sidelines of his 175th birth anniversary.**



- ✓ This was mentioned by the CM while making a suo motu announcement under Rule 110
- ✓ It was Iyothee Thass who gave political currency to the term 'Dravidian', though it was first used by Bishop Robert Caldwell in his work – 'A Comparative Grammar of Dravidian Languages'.
- ✓ Anti-caste social reformer and Tamil activist, Iyothee Thass Pandithar was a multi-faced personality and was a writer, researcher, historian, anthropologist, publisher, journalist, doctor, public speaker, linguist, polyglot, ideator, activist and a relentless crusader
- ✓ Iyothee Thass Pandithar was born as Kathavarayan in Royapettah in Chennai on May 20, 1845
- ✓ Out of reverence and affection for his guru, he took the name of Iyothee Thass after his teacher, Iyothee Thaasa Kaviraja Pandithar
- ✓ His grandfather, Kanthappan handed over palm leaf manuscripts of 'Thirukkural' and 'Naaladiyar' to British civil servant Francis Whyte Ellis and helped towards their publication
- ✓ Iyothee Thass Pandithar. founded the Advaita Sabha in 1870 with the objective of fighting caste system and 'Dravida Mahajana Sabhai' in 1891.
- ✓ During the 1881 census, he stressed on enumerating the Dalits as 'Aathi Tamils' (Ancient Tamils) and not as Hindus.
- ✓ During this time, he also launched the magazine 'Dravida Pandiyan'.
- ✓ In 1893, Iyothee Thass Pandithar got in touch with Col HS Olcott first president of Theosophical Society and eventually embraced Buddhism.
- ✓ Thus, Iyothee Thass Pandithar became a forerunner to Babasaheb Ambedkar in embracing Buddhism.
- ✓ In 1907, he also founded the publication, Oru Paisa Thamizhan and later ran it as Thamizhan, which was in circulation till his death in 1914.

- **Tamil Nadu government – has proposed to set up a mega sports city near Chennai and plans to build Olympic academies in four regions of the state.**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) has been requested to select consultants who will be preparing the Techno–Economic Feasibility Report (TEFR) for the project
- ✓ This was announced by minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Siva V Meyyanathan in the state assembly on September 3
- ✓ The government is also looking to establish mini stadia across all the assembly constituencies.
- ✓ Each mini stadium will be built at a cost of Rs 3 crore.
- ✓ Out of the 234 constituencies in Tamil Nadu, only 25 have stadium and mini stadia will be built in the remaining 209 constituencies in a phased manner.
- ✓ **The state government has decided to make Silambam, a prehistoric martial art developed in the state, as one of the sporting disciplines eligible for recruitment under 3% sports quota.**
- ✓ ‘Yoga for Complete Health’ mobile app would be developed by Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University
- ✓ High-altitude training centre is being established at Udhagamandalam at a cost of Rs 5 crore
- ✓ The government has sanctioned Rs 7 crore for establishing Sailing Academy and Centre of Excellence in Sailing in Chennai
- ✓ Further, Rs 2.58 crore has been allocated for establishing Centre of Excellence for Canoeing and Kayaking near Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University campus in Melakottaiyur
- ✓ Overall, 11 Tamil Nadu athletes took part in the recently concluded Tokyo Olympics
  
- **The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board - to launch a ‘web-based GeoSpatial Services (GSS)’ portal to geo-tag industrial polluters in state**
- ✓ The portal has been launched in association with Institute of Remote Sensing (IRS) at Anna University
- ✓ It use satellite maps to monitor various industries including those categorised as ‘red’ according to their functioning
- ✓ The portal, first-of-its-kind in the entire country, will act as a decision support system to monitor the industrial consents and authorizations issued by the pollution control board
- ✓ It will also provide details such as location of the industry, type, category, consented quantity, renewal status, adherence to discharge/ emission protocols, similar category of industry in the vicinity, nearby river or water body in to which effluents are discharged among others

## KNOWING THE APPLICATION

**WHAT** | TNPCB and Institute of Remote Sensing, Anna University, are mapping all industries in Tamil Nadu through satellite images to create a 'web-based geo spatial services' system for regular monitoring

➤ The satellite images captured by **Resourcesat**, an Indian remote sensing satellite, will be of 5.8m spatial resolution

**HOW** | In the phase-1 of the project, data related to all industries like type, category, consent to establish and operate, renewal status, adherence to discharge/ emission protocols, similar category of industry in the vicinity will be integrated with the spatial data

➤ Area of **up to 5km radius** around every industry will be mapped

➤ Real time air pollution data

from monitoring stations of CPCB and TNPCB will be integrated into the system

➤ Water quality data analysed from field samples will also be incorporated

➤ An **exclusive tool** built-in to the system will enable TNPCB officials to extrapolate air pollution data measured from a specific point to the surrounding region

**ADVANTAGE** | The system will help faster decision making during emergency situations like accidents in the industries

➤ TNPCB officials will also be able to track expiry and renewal of permission for every industry in the state and plan inspections accordingly

➤ All these routine works are being done manually till now, the geospatial system will automate it

- ✓ The intranet system can be of great use in emergencies such as leakage of poisonous gases
- ✓ It can also help the authorities concerned to make on-site and off-site rescue and rehabilitation plans, using details about the number of villages and the number of people living in the vicinity
- ✓ The National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA) has agreed to provide satellite maps for institutions like Anna University.
- ✓ All the industries in the state will be mapped from satellite images collected from Resourcesat, an Indian remote sensing satellite with a 5.8m spatial resolution.
- ✓ Satellite images of the industries along with the infrastructure and resources up to a radius of 5km around every industry will be mapped.
- **The State government – to set up common effluent treatment plants (CETPs) in 10 locations in Erode and Namakkal districts to prevent discharge of effluents from industries into water bodies**
- ✓ This was announced by minister for environment and climate change Siva V Meyyanathan in the state assembly on September 3.
- ✓ The CETPs would be established with state and Central funding
- ✓ The move is expected to prevent pollution of Cauvery in Erode and Namakkal districts due to the discharging of chemical waste into the river by the dyeing units

- ✓ At present, there are 37 CETPs in the state of which 13 are in the tannery sector and 19 have been installed for textile bleaching and dyeing units.
  - ✓ The TNPCB has installed three online continuous water quality monitors in river Cauvery, Noyyal, Bhavani and Kalingarayan canal in the region to monitor the water quality on a real-time basis.
  - ✓ The facility also covers Thamirabarani in Tirunelveli district.
  - ✓ Apart from this, the department had installed 34 continuous ambient air quality (AAQ) monitoring stations to check the air quality in industrial areas and cities
  - ✓ The government has decided to install AAQ monitoring stations in all district headquarters and in towns that have more than 1 lakh population, as per the Minister.
  - ✓ There were 50,650 industries in the state.
  - ✓ The Central Pollution Control Board has categorised the highly polluting industries as Red (12,722 industries), medium polluting industries as Orange (26,739) and less polluting industries as Green (11,169) based on the pollution index score.
- **The Tamil Nadu government - plans to spend Rs.100 crore over the next five years to get the prestigious Blue Flag certification for the Marina and nine other beaches in the state.**
- ✓ As a first step, the government had set a target to obtain the certification for two beaches in 2021-22.



- ✓ Kovalam Beach chosen as pilot beach for this programme, to be implemented by Department of Environment with funding from Society for Integrated Coastal Management and Union Ministry of Environment and Forests
- ✓ This was announced by environment minister Siva V Meyyanathan in the assembly on September 3, while replying to the debate on the demand for grants
- ✓ Blue Flag certification is an internationally recognised eco-label granted by Denmark-based NGO 'Foundation for Environment Education' to beaches that meet 33 criteria under four categories — quality, safety, environmental education and information.
- ✓ The criteria to be evaluated in the certification process includes the setting up of beach management committees, display of information about the beach and

bathing water quality, public safety measures, managing of sensitive areas, conducting environmental education activities, and monitoring marine and freshwater sensitive habitats.

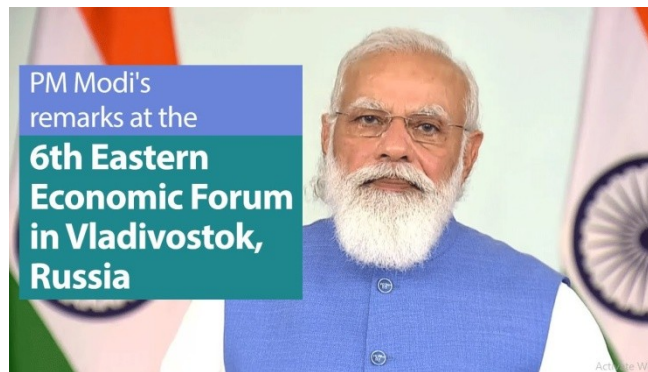
- ✓ Apart from Marina, the government seeks to obtain the blue flag for Manalmekudi and Kottaipattinam in Pudukottai district, Kushi in Ramanathapuram, Silver beach in Cuddalore, Neelankarai in Chengalpet, Kameshwaram and Neithal Nagar in Nagapattinam, Naravakkam in Villupuram and Kayalpattinam in Tuticorin.
  - ✓ The government will spend Rs.10 crore for each beach and the programme will be implemented through the tourism department
  - ✓ So far eight beaches in India have been certified with the prestigious blue flag tag.
  - ✓ These are Kappad in Kerala, Kasarkod and Padubidri in Karnataka, Radha Nagar in the Andamans, Rushikonda in Andhra Pradesh, Ghogkla in Diu, Shivrajpur in Gujarat and Golden beach in Odisha.
  - ✓ Further, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board would be upgraded to meet new challenges due to climate change, at a cost of Rs 32 crore, said the Minister
- **The government - has started constructing concrete walls and bio-fencing reserve forests in and around Chennai to prevent encroachment and garbage dumping at a cost of Rs. 25 crore**
- ✓ This was announced by minister for forests K Ramachandran in the state assembly on September 3.
  - ✓ The department has already built peripheral walls for a length of 23.1km and bio-fencing for 141km spending Rs.18.4 crore
  - ✓ Under the Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission, the department would identify and map 100 wetlands in five years and restore the ecological balance at a cost of Rs.150 crore.
  - ✓ The department plans to modernise the forest protection force by equipping them with modern technologies including unmanned aerial vehicles and their weaponry and vehicles will also be updated
  - ✓ The government had given administrative sanction to spend Rs.6 crore to establish anti-poaching camps in four tiger reserves.
  - ✓ The Minister also said that the department would take efforts to notify the Agasthiyar Malai Elephant Reserve as the fifth elephant reserve in Tamil Nadu covering Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, and Tenkasi districts
  - ✓ Wildlife Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres would be established in Coimbatore, Tirunelveli and Vellore districts
  - ✓ Marine Elite Force will be set up to combat marine wildlife crimes
  - ✓ Separate policy will be formulated for removal of invasive alien weeds that pose threat to forest biodiversity

- **The government - has revised National List of Essential Medicines adding 39 new medicines under the list for proposed price cap**
- ✓ The move is expected to bring down prices of many widely used essential medicines
- ✓ The drugs that are added to the list include cancer drugs, anti-diabetes, antiviral, tuberculosis and medicines for HIV.
- ✓ The government has also deleted 16 drugs from the existing list
- ✓ The final National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) now contains 399 essential medicines, up from 376 drugs that are currently under direct price control of the government.
- ✓ The revised NLEM, prepared by an expert committee under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), was submitted to health minister Mansukh Mandaviya on September 2.
- ✓ Once the NLEM is notified by the health ministry, it will be evaluated by the Standing Committee on Affordable Medicines and Health Products (SCAMHP) to assess which of the medicines require price capping.
- ✓ The final price capping will be done by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority based on the recommendations of the SCAMHP, headed by Niti Aayog member-health Dr V K Paul.
- ✓ Out of these 399 medicines in the revised NLEM, 342 are in single therapeutic category, which means that these drugs are approved for treatment of just one indication or disease.
- ✓ Further, 42 drugs appear in two therapeutic categories, 11 appear in three therapeutic categories and four drugs appear in four therapeutic categories
- ✓ So far, with 374 drugs around 18% of the total local pharma market was under government price regulation.
- ✓ For all other non-scheduled medicines, companies are free to decide the launch price but can increase prices by only 10% annually.

## **CONFERENCES & SUMMITS**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - addressed the plenary session of 6<sup>th</sup> Eastern Economic Forum held in Vladivostok through video conferencing from New Delhi on September 3**
- ✓ In his address, PM Modi reiterated India's commitment as part of its 'Act East Policy' to work as a reliable partner of Russia
- ✓ He also lauded President Vladimir Putin's vision for the development of the Russian Far East and stressed on the importance of greater economic and commercial engagement in line with the 'Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership'.
- ✓ The PM highlighted the importance of health and pharma sectors as important areas of cooperation during the pandemic and referred to other potential areas of economic cooperation including diamond, coking coal, steel, timber etc.





- ✓ Recalling the visit of Chief Ministers of Indian states to EEF-2019, the Prime Minister extended an invitation to the Governors of the 11 regions of Russian Far East to visit India.
- ✓ The PM also said that India-Russia energy partnership can help bring stability to the global energy market and added that India and Russia are partners in space exploration through the Gaganyaan programme.
- ✓ Prime minister highlighted that India's biggest shipyard, Mazagon docks limited, will partner with Zvezda for the construction of some of the most important commercial ships in the world.
- ✓ The PM also expressed happiness about the progress of Chennai-Vladivostok maritime corridor along with the International North-South Transport Corridor to bring India and Russia physically closer to each other.
- ✓ An Indian delegation led by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri comprising leading Indian oil and gas companies is currently attending the India-Russia Business dialogue within the framework of EEF.
- ✓ An online meeting between Chief Minister of Gujarat Vijay Rupani and Governor of Sakha-Yakutia province of Russia was held on September 2 on the sidelines of EEF.
- ✓ Earlier, PM Narendra Modi was the Chief Guest for the 5th Eastern Economic Forum in 2019, the first by an Indian Prime Minister.
- ✓ PM Modi had announced a \$1-billion line of credit for the Far East while speaking as the chief guest at the last EEF meet in 2019
- ✓ EEF is an international meet held annually in Vladivostok to encourage foreign investments in Russia's resource-rich but underdeveloped Far East.

## SPORTS

- **India – wins one silver and 2 bronze on Day 11 of the Tokyo Paralympics on September 3**
- ✓ Praveen Kumar, a Bachelor of Arts senior at Motilal Nehru College in Delhi, set a new Asian record to claim the high jump T64 silver medal

India's best-ever Paralympics just got better in Tokyo. On Friday, India won a silver and two bronze, taking the total medal tally to 13, its highest ever. Shooter Avani Lekhara scripted history with her second medal at these Games, high jumper Praveen Kumar knocked off an Asian record for his silver, while Harvinder Singh became our first archer to climb the podium



**YOUNGEST INDIAN MEDAL WINNER**

**Praveen Kumar (Silver):** The 18-yr-old Greater Noida boy, pursuing his graduation from Delhi's Motilal Nehru College, set an Asian record (2.07m) in high jump (T64 event) in his maiden Paralympics Games – the youngest Indian ever to win a medal in the competition

**A LEGEND AT 19**

**Avani Lekhara (Bronze):**

The shooter won her second medal in Tokyo: a bronze in 50m rifle (3P SH1 event) following her gold in 10m air rifle standing event four days ago. By doing so, the 19-year-old from Jaipur became the first Indian woman to win multiple medals at Paralympics and only the second Indian to win more than a medal at a single such event (Joginder Singh Bedi had clinched three medals in the 1984 Games held jointly by the US and UK)



**PHD SCHOLAR ON THE MARK**

**Harvinder Singh (Bronze):** The 2018 Para Asiad gold medallist from Haryana's Kaithal claimed bronze in men's recurve, beating a South Korean archer in a shootoff. Harvinder Singh (30) is doing his PhD in economics



**INDIA ASSURED OF 2 MORE MEDALS**

Four Indian shuttlers – two each in SL3 and SL4 events – have advanced to the men's singles semis. All their matches are today. The four include Noida DM Suhas Yathiraj (pic)

**PARALYMPICS MEDALS TALLY**

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	85	53	46	184
2	Great Britain	37	34	40	111
3	United States	34	34	24	92
37	India	2	6	5	13

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- ✓ Earlier, Praveen won a silver in U-20 junior para world championship and finished fourth in the Para world championship in Dubai in 2019
- ✓ The 18-year old Praveen's feat was followed by shooter, Avani Lekhara who claimed her second medal at the Games, a bronze in the women's 50m Rifle 3 position SH1 event
- ✓ Jaipur-based Avani had earlier won the gold medal in the 10m air rifle standing SH1 event.
- ✓ With this, 19-year old Avani became the first Indian woman to win two medals in a single edition of the event
- ✓ Earlier, Joginder Singh Sodhi had won 3 medals (1 silver and 2 bronze) in single edition of the Games in the 1984 Paralympics
- ✓ India's first-ever archery medal, a feat yet to be achieved by the Olympians, was bagged by Harvinder Singh
- ✓ The 31-year-old from Haryana, Harvinder – pursuing a PhD in Economics -- won a recurve bronze by beating Kim Min Su, a South Korean archer
- ✓ Earlier, Harvinder won gold at the 2018 Asian Para Games
- ✓ With this, India took their tally to 13, their best-ever at the Games.
- ✓ The tally includes two gold, six silver and five bronze.