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TAMIL NADU

- **On September 8, the Tamil Nadu assembly - passed a resolution urging the Centre to repeal the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.**
- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin, while moving the resolution, said the legislation enacted by Parliament was not in tune with the secular principles laid down in the Constitution and not conducive to the communal harmony that prevailed in the country.
- ✓ Main opposition AIADMK was not present in the House when the resolution was adopted by a voice vote, while the BJP walked out in protest.
- ✓ With this, Tamil Nadu became the eighth state to pass a resolution against the CAA
- ✓ The Centre should also fully give up its initiatives related to preparation of the National Population Register and National Register of Citizens, chief minister said in his initial remarks on the CAA
- ✓ The chief minister said citizenship was the legal right of every human being and added that citizenship must be granted to all those who live in the country.
- ✓ The CAA was a “big betrayal” of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees as it “usurped the rights” of a section of them who do not desire going back and wanted to settle down in India, said the CM
- ✓ When the Constitution said that India was a secular nation, laws cannot be enacted based on religion, as per the CM.
- ✓ The DMK, in the election manifesto, had promised to pass a resolution against CAA, which seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955
- ✓ The DMK had urged the previous AIADMK government to pass a resolution against CAA in the assembly ahead of the Union government enacting the law, but the latter did not agree.
- ✓ The DMK and its allies voted against the bill in the Parliament.

- ✓ The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, seeks to make migrants, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, eligible for citizenship.
 - ✓ Kerala and Puducherry were the first state and first union territory respectively to oppose the Centre's 2019 amendment law on citizenship
 - ✓ Seven States - Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh (Cabinet resolution) and Telangana (also, against National Population Register and National Register of Citizens) had already passed resolutions against the CAA.
 - ✓ Andhra Pradesh, Delhi and Jharkhand Assemblies had passed resolutions against the NRC and NPR
 - ✓ Gujarat and Goa passed resolutions and a "congratulatory motion" respectively in favour of the CAA
 - ✓ The Meghalaya Assembly had passed a resolution, urging the Centre to keep the state out of the ambit of the CAA.
- **On September 8, Chief Minister M K Stalin - announced that the state government would set up a state SC/ST Commission with statutory powers to protect the legal rights of SC/STs.**
- ✓ He also said that Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools in the state would henceforth function under the Adi Dravidar Department instead of the School Education Department.
 - ✓ The government will award villages with Rs.10 lakh for maintaining harmony among communities and being role models for others.
 - ✓ The state government will introduce a bill in the ongoing assembly session itself to set up the commission, said the CM
 - ✓ He said the government had reconstituted a state-level vigilance and monitoring committee under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, comprising more than 50 members from all parties and held a meeting in August.
 - ✓ The aim of setting up the committee was to elicit the views of all sections and resolve the issues of the people with coordinated approach.
 - ✓ The state government has issued orders to set up four new special courts in Salem, Krishnagiri, Madurai and Tirunelveli to try cases relating to SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, in addition to 18 existing courts.
 - ✓ The chief minister said the financial aid extended to the affected people under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act will be enhanced to minimum of Rs 1 lakh and maximum of Rs 12 lakh
 - ✓ Further, the government is also planning to change the norms to provide educational scholarships to the students of 'first generation' rather than 'first graduate' to help more members of a family get benefits
 - ✓ This was announced by the backward classes, most backward classes and denotified communities welfare minister S S Sivasankar.

- ✓ In another development, Chief Minister M K Stalin will soon write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi demanding caste-based census
 - ✓ The DMK government had also sought a constitutional amendment to provide reservation in private sector against the backdrop of many public sector companies being privatised.
 - ✓ The previous AIADMK government had appointed Justice (retired) A Kulasekaran as chairman of the commission for collection of quantifiable data on castes, communities and tribes in December and mandated to submit a report in six months
 - ✓ The caste census was last conducted in 1931, and even the data of Socio-Economic and Caste Census 2011 conducted by the Union government have not been released till date.
- **On September 8, the ruling DMK - tabled four bills in the state assembly**
- ✓ This includes a bill introducing an amendment to the Tamil Nadu Acquisition of Land for Industrial Purposes Act, 1997, which was moved by state Industries minister Thangam Thennarasu.
 - ✓ The amendment seeks to vest land acquisition powers for industrial purposes with the Commissioner for Land Administration (CLA) to help speed up the acquisition process.
 - ✓ Another bill was introduced by agriculture minister M R K Panneerselvam to amend the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1987
 - ✓ It seeks to extend the tenure of the special officers of 24 marketing committees for a period of one year with effect from November 30.
 - ✓ Finance minister Palainivel Thiaga Rajan also introduced a bill to amend the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016
 - ✓ This seeks to give effect to the special reservation for the most backward classes (vanniyakula kshatriya), the most backward classes and denotified communities, and the most backward classes at 10.5%, 7% and 2.5%, respectively, within the 20% provided for most backward classes and denotified communities.
 - ✓ Another bill was also introduced by the minister to amend the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016, to give statutory effect to an executive order issued in 2017 to revise the syllabus/scheme/pattern of the Tamil second language test, based on the recommendation of the departmental examinations reforms committee.
 - ✓ Under the bill, the candidate should secure a minimum of 45 marks in written examination and 60 marks in viva-voce examination.

STATES

- **On September 8, the Brihanmumbai municipal corporation (BMC) - signed an agreement with Cambridge University for offering Cambridge International Board's curriculum in some civic-run schools in the city.**

- ✓ The course will be started in some of the designated 'Public Schools' of the BMC from the next academic year
- ✓ BMC aims to have one school affiliated with the Cambridge Board in each of the 24 administrative wards in Mumbai
- ✓ Mumbai currently has 12 schools with CBSE and ICSE board curriculum.

NATIONAL

- **On September 8, the government – approved the minimum support price (MSP) for six rabi crops of 2021-22 for the 2022-23 marketing season, beginning April 1 next year.**

MSP FOR RABI CROPS			
Crop	2021-22 (Rs/quintal)	2022-23 (Rs/quintal)	% rise
Wheat	1,975	2,015	2.03
Barley	1,600	1,635	2.19
Gram	5,100	5,230	2.55
Masur (lentil)	5,100	5,500	7.84
Rapeseed and Mustard	4,650	5,050	8.6
Safflower	5,327	5,441	2.14

- ✓ This was one of the earliest announcements of minimum support price (MSP) for rabi crops in recent years
- ✓ The MSP was “approved” by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ As per the announcement, wheat has been given an increase of just 2.03% — the lowest in a decade.
- ✓ India is the world's second-biggest wheat consumer
- ✓ MSPs for other crops — barley, gram, lentil (masur), rapeseed & mustard, and safflower— have been hiked in the range of 2.14-8.60 %
- ✓ The highest increase, in absolute terms, of Rs 400 per quintal is provided for lentil (masur) and rapeseed & mustard.
- ✓ The increase in MSP for rabi crops for RMS 2022-23 is in line with the Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of fixing the MSPs at a level of at least 1.5 times of the all-India weighted average cost of production, aiming a reasonably fair remuneration for farmers.
- ✓ The expected returns to farmers over their cost of production are estimated to be highest in case of wheat and rapeseed & mustard (100% each), followed by lentil (79%); gram (74%); barley (60%); safflower (50%).

- ✓ The Umbrella Scheme "Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan' (PM-AASHA) announced by the government in 2018 will aid in providing remunerative return to farmers for their produce.
 - ✓ The Umbrella Scheme consists of three sub-schemes - Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) and Private Procurement & Stockist Scheme (PPSS) - on a pilot basis
 - ✓ MSP is the rate at which the government buys the grain from farmers
 - ✓ As per the norm, the government fixes MSPs for 23 crops grown in both kharif and rabi seasons.
 - ✓ The MSP hike comes before the sowing of rabi (winter crop) begins from October, immediately after the harvest of kharif crops.
- **On September 8, the government – has cleared \$3 billion Airbus-Tata project to build 56 military transport aircraft**
- ✓ The Cabinet Committee of security approved the procurement of 56 twin-turboprop C-295MW transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force

TO HAVE ELECTRONIC WARFARE SUITES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 16 twin-turboprop C-295MW military transport aircraft to be delivered in flyaway condition by Airbus within 2 yrs of inking the deal 		<p>The twin-turboprop C-295MW (above) will replace Avro aircraft inducted in 1960s & also take on some 'tasks' of the ageing AN-32</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 40 others to be made in India by Tata Consortium within 10 yrs, breaking the virtual monopoly of defence PSU HAL in the field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Long-pending project to involve many Indian MSMEs in making parts of the plane, which can later find civil aviation buyers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ C-295MW has a rear ramp door for quick-reaction & para-dropping troops, cargo. All 56 to have desi electronic warfare suites

- ✓ The long-pending Airbus-Tata project seeks to replace the old Avro-748 planes of the IAF, which were first inducted in the early-1960.
- ✓ Out of the 56 aircrafts, 16 aircrafts will be delivered in a flyaway condition by Airbus Defence and Space (Spain) within two years of the signing of the actual contract
- ✓ The remaining 40 will be manufactured in India by the Tata Consortium within 10 years.
- ✓ All 56 aircraft will be installed with the indigenous Electronic Warfare Suite
- ✓ This is the first project of its kind in which a military aircraft will be manufactured in India by a private company, through Transfer of Technology by the Airbus to Tata.

- ✓ Till now, defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) were manufacturing the equipment in the field
 - ✓ During the process of manufacturing in India, all the suppliers of TATA Consortium involved in special processes will gain and maintain globally recognised National Aerospace and Defence Contractors Accreditation Program accreditation.
 - ✓ The Defence Acquisitions Council (DAC) in May 2015, headed by the then defence minister Manohar Parrikar, had first approved the Tata-Airbus project
- **On September 8, the Union cabinet - cleared a Rs.10,683-crore production-linked incentive scheme for the textiles sector.**
- ✓ Companies producing more than 50 man-made fibre garments and fabrics and a handful of technical textiles products will be eligible for incentives under the scheme.
 - ✓ The five-year scheme for the sector is part of the nearly Rs. 2-lakh-crore PLI scheme for thrust sectors, including telecom and electronic goods
 - ✓ Textiles, commerce & industry Minister Piyush Goyal announced the scheme as part of a larger set of measures for the sector, along with duty refunds and other incentives cleared by the government recently.
 - ✓ Entities investing over Rs 300 crore in plant, machinery, equipment and civil works to produce the identified products will get an incentive of 15% of the turnover, which needs to be Rs 600 crore in the third year.
 - ✓ This will reduce by one percentage point every year before it is withdrawn after the fifth year, but will be linked to the incremental turnover.
 - ✓ There is another scheme for those investing Rs 100 crore or more but that comes with lower incentives.
 - ✓ Over the five years, the government is hoping to secure fresh investments of Rs 19,000 crore, resulting in a cumulative turnover of Rs 3 lakh crore and creating additional employment opportunities for over 7.5 lakh workers.
- **On September 8, the Centre - signed a ceasefire agreement with a faction of the Naga insurgent group National Socialist Council of Nagaland (K) Niki Group, led by Niki Sumi**



- ✓ According to the home ministry, the peace pact will come into effect from September 8 for one year and more than 200 cadres of this group have surrendered with 83 weapons
- ✓ Sumi was the prime accused in the killing of 18 Indian Army soldiers in Manipur in 2015 and the National Investigation Agency had announced a reward of Rs.10 lakh for his arrest.
- ✓ The ceasefire agreement is hailed as a significant step in Naga peace process and in making the Northeast insurgency-free.
- ✓ The ceasefire agreement and agreed ceasefire ground rules were signed during the event.
- ✓ The Centre has already signed a framework agreement with NSCN-IM and ceasefire agreements with other Naga groups namely, NSCN-NK, NSCN-R and NSCN-K-Khango.

INTERNATIONAL

- **On September 8, China - announced \$31 million as aid to Afghanistan, as it backed the Afghan militant group's interim government**
- ✓ This was announced by Chinese foreign minister in the first meeting of foreign ministers of the neighbouring countries on Afghanistan
- ✓ Accordingly, China will provide 200 million yuan (\$31 million) worth of grains, winter supplies, vaccines and medicines as per the requirements of Afghanistan
- ✓ The meeting convened by Pakistan was also attended by foreign ministers from Iran, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, all of them the neighbouring countries of Afghanistan.
- ✓ Russia was conspicuously absent at the meeting hosted by Pakistan's foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi.
- ✓ China has decided to donate 3 million vaccine doses to the Afghan people in the first batch.
- ✓ China is also ready to provide more anti-epidemic and emergency materials to Afghanistan under the China-South Asian Countries Emergency Supplies Reserves.
- ✓ A day earlier, the Taliban unveiled a hardline interim government led by Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund, including a specially designated global terrorist of the dreaded Haqqani Network as the interior minister.

DEFENCE

- **On September 8, the Centre and defence forces - agreed to allow women aspirants to the Pune-based National Defence Academy (NDA)**
- ✓ This was announced by the Centre in the Supreme Court to a bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and M M Sundresh
- ✓ The Centre, however, also sought an exemption from allowing women candidates for this year's NDA examination, which is scheduled to be held on November 14.

THE CRADLE OF LEADERSHIP

Why It's Unique: The world's first tri-service academy. Established in 1954. Army, Navy and Air Force cadets train together on a 7,000-acre campus overlooked by the mighty Sinhgad Fort

Duration: Three years, split into six terms

Training: Mix of academic, physical and service training. Army cadets get BA/BSc/BSc (comp science) degrees, and Air Force & Navy cadets get BTech from JNU. Cadets are housed in squadrons, 16 at present

Commission: Permanent. Ex-NDA's dominate the General ranks. **All service chiefs since 1990 have been ex-NDA**

Entry: Written test conducted

by UPSC, followed by SSB and medicals at boards across the country

Seats: 208 for Army, 120 for Air Force, 42 for Navy; total 370

Gallantry Medals: Three Paramvir Chakra, 31 Mahavir Chakra, 161 Vir Chakra, 12 Ashoka Chakra, 44 Kirti Chakra & 152 Shaurya Chakra

Famous Alumni: Paramvir Chakras Gurbachan Singh Salaria, Arun Khetarpal & Manoj Pandey, Ashoka Chakra Sandeep Unnikrishnan, astronaut Rakesh Sharma, first CDS Bipin Rawat, Olympian & ex-Union minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh & Lt Gen Ian Cardozo (1st war-disabled soldier to lead a brigade)

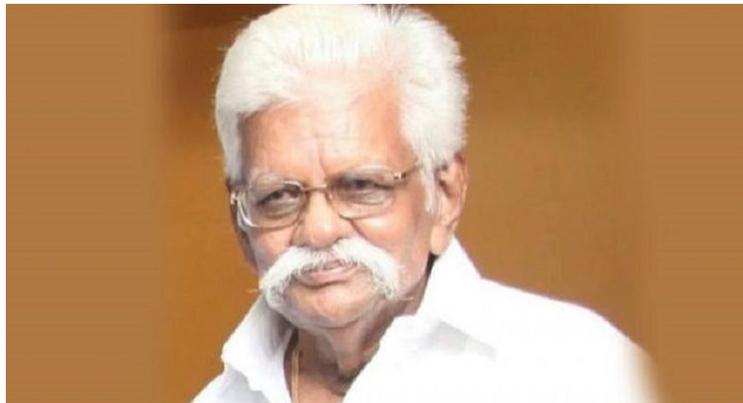


The chiefs of the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force at NDA

- ✓ Earlier, on August 18, the SC said that girls can also appear for the NDA exam
- ✓ At present, only male candidates who have cleared class 12th, and are between 16-and-a-half and 19-years-old, can apply for this exam
- ✓ The exam is being conducted twice every year by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) for entry to the joint defence service training institute of the Armed Forces
- ✓ Those who clear the written exam then appear for Services Selection Board (SSB) interviews.
- ✓ Finally, those who clear their medical tests are inducted into the NDA, which was established in December 1954.

OBITUARY

- Tamil scholar, poet and veteran film lyricist, Pulavar Pulamaipithan (86 years) - passed away on September 7 at Chennai due to health complications.



- ✓ Political leaders from the state including Chief Minister M K Stalin and former chief ministers and AIADMK leaders, Edappadi K Palaniswami, O Panneerselvam expressed their condolences.

- ✓ Pulamaipithan served as deputy chairman of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council and also served as AIADMK's presidium chairman
- ✓ He also served as the secretary of AIADMK literary wing.
- ✓ Pulavar Pulamaipithan, born Ramasamy, was known especially for the many songs he penned for former Chief Minister, MGR
- ✓ During his rule, MGR even named Pulamaipithan "Arasavi Kavignar" or poet laureate.
- ✓ Born as Ramaswamy at Irugur in Coimbatore, Pulamaipithan also worked as a Tamil teacher at Santhome High School.
- ✓ He was a recipient of the Thanthai Periyar Award given by the state.

