

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-OCTOBER 25, 2021

TAMIL NADU

- On October 24, Tamil Nadu government - nominated Dr. Shanti Ravindranath, representing the CPI state council, as a member to the social justice monitoring committee.



- ✓ Dr. Shanti has been at the forefront of the fight for social justice for students and women.
- ✓ On October 23, Chief Minister Stalin appointed a seven-member social justice monitoring committee to be headed Suba Veerapandian, a Dravidian ideologue.
- ✓ The committee included retired bureaucrat K Dhanavel, professor Swaminathan Devadoss, poet Manushiyauputhiran, A Jaison, professor R Rajendran and G Karunanidhi
- ✓ It was set up to ensure social justice in education, employment, postings, promotions and appointments in the State

NATIONAL

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi - will travel to Italy for the G-20 Summit and then on to Scotland for the COP-26 between October 29 and November 2

- ✓ PM Modi is expected to hold a series of in-person bilateral meetings, starting with the Italian PM Mario Draghi, and including the Pope.
 - ✓ In the UK, he will have a separate summit meeting with PM Boris Johnson.
 - ✓ Interestingly, Chinese president Xi Jinping will skip an in-person presence at both the multilateral summits.
 - ✓ This will be the 8th G-20 Summit that Prime Minister would be attending.
 - ✓ India is scheduled to host the G-20 Summit in 2023 for the first time.
 - ✓ The forthcoming Summit under the Italian Presidency is centred around the theme 'People, Planet, Prosperity'
 - ✓ It will focus on the areas of recovery from the pandemic and strengthening of global health governance, economic recovery and resilience, climate change and energy transition, and sustainable development and food security.
 - ✓ Prime Minister last attended the COP-21 in Paris in 2015, when the Paris Agreement was concluded, and whose implementation commences this year.
- **India's mutual evaluation of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) - has again been postponed to next year**
- ✓ Around May 2022, a team from the Paris-based inter-governmental body will assess whether India has been effectively implementing its laws on countering terror-financing and money laundering.
 - ✓ Recently, Pakistan failed to meet the FATF requirements despite having anti-terror financing laws.
 - ✓ The Indian government, too, has to provide evidence of "decisive actions" on the ground on effective implementation of anti-money laundering and countering terror financing (AML & CFT) acts.
 - ✓ A National Risk Assessment is currently under way in which each central agency, including the Reserve Bank of India, has been tasked to evaluate vulnerabilities of our banking and financial sectors to money laundering and terror financing.
 - ✓ India's real estate and the gems and jewellery sectors are most prone to money laundering in the country.
 - ✓ Recently, the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB), an arm of the finance ministry, had alerted on use of non-profit organisations (NPOs) involved in terror financing.
- **The Government – notified 'Indian Telegraph Right of Way (Amendment) Rules, 2021' on October 22, 2021**
- ✓ The notification incorporates the provisions related to nominal one-time compensation of ₹1,000 per km for establishing overground telegraph line under Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016
 - ✓ The notification has also simplified documentation for laying overground telecom cables.

- ✓ The notification said there will also be no fee other than administrative fee and restoration charges for establishing, maintaining, working, repairing, transferring or shifting the underground and over ground telegraph infrastructure.

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **India and Maldives – signed a memorandum of understanding for the exchange of public finance data in Male on October 24**



- ✓ The agreement was signed by the visiting Comptroller and Auditor General of India Girish Chandra Murmu and the Auditor General of Maldives Hussain Niyazy
- ✓ The MoU will ensure exchange of information between the two countries on government finances and training of auditors
- ✓ The CAG will also undertake training programmes for auditors of the Maldives and use its expertise in auditing of environmental and natural resources to help Male in accounting for its national assets.

DEFENCE

- **India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, Vikrant - begins second phase of sea trials in the southeast Arabian sea on October 24, 2021**



- ✓ The 40,000-tonne aircraft carrier, the largest and most complex warship to be built in India, successfully completed the five-day maiden sea trials in August
- ✓ The warship has been built at a cost of around Rs 23,000 crore
- ✓ India had joined the elite club of nations having the capability to build aircraft carrier.
- ✓ US, UK, France, China and Russia are other countries have this vast expertise.
- ✓ The warship will operate MiG-29K fighter jets, Kamov-31 helicopters, MH-60R multi-role helicopters
- ✓ It has over 2,300 compartments, designed for a crew of around 1,700 people, including specialised cabins to accommodate women officers.
- ✓ Vikrant has a top speed of around 28 knots and is 262 metres long, 62 metres wide, 59 metres height
- ✓ Once it passes the sea trials, INS Vikrant is likely to be inducted into the Navy by the end of next year.
- ✓ The warship has been built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).
- ✓ Its construction began in 2009.
- ✓ India currently has only one aircraft carrier -- INS Vikramaditya, which was built by the Russians as per Indian specifications.

