

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-OCTOBER 26, 2021

TAMIL NADU

- **The Tamil Nadu government - has increased the age limit for either of the parents, who have two girl children, from 35 years to 40 years to enroll under the Chief Minister's girl child protection scheme.**
- ✓ As per the direction of Chief Minister M K Stalin, the department has increased the age limit by five years.
- ✓ The order has been issued to benefit more number of women, who were getting married late after their studies
- ✓ Minister for social welfare and women empowerment P Geetha Jeevan had announced the age limit hike during the assembly session on September 1 this year.
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government had allocated ₹100 crore for the fiscal year for the scheme
- ✓ Any one of the parents should have undergone family planning to be covered under the scheme.
- **A 13th century Pandya-era stone inscription, which has details of donations made to local Shiva and Vishnu temples - was discovered at Cholapuram near Rajapalayam in Virudhunagar district.**



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- ✓ The stone slab is three feet long and nine inches wide.
- ✓ The inscription is in Tamil in four lines.
- ✓ There are two temples in the village, a Shiva temple - Vickrama Pandeeswaramudaiya Sivankoil and Vishnu temple - Uthama Chola Vinnagalvarana Sri Vengachalapathi Perumal temple.
- ✓ Similar stone inscriptions are found in both the temples.
- ✓ From the stone inscription it is understood that Cholapuram was earlier known as Uthama Chola Sathurvedhi Mangalam.
- ✓ The Shiva temple was constructed during the rule of Maravarman Vikrama Pandyan (AD 1250 to AD 1278).

NATIONAL

- On October 25, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - launched the PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PMABHIM) from his parliamentary constituency of Varanasi with an outlay of ₹64,000 crore.

PRADHAN MANTRI AYUSHMAN BHARAT HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE MISSION

VISION: Touted as the largest pan-India health infra scheme, it is focused on building capacities of health institutions across all levels of care, and to provide health infra, surveillance and research

OUTLAY
₹64,180
crore

KEY PROVISIONS

URBAN & RURAL HEALTH INFRA

- To support 17,788 rural health and wellness centres
- 11,024 new urban health and wellness centres
- 3,382 new block public health units to enhance self-reliance at sub-district levels
- Access to diagnostic services, free medicines in public healthcare system
- New integrated public health labs in 730 districts to strengthen comprehensive diagnostics and surveillance

ALL DISTRICTS TO BE SELF-RELIANT IN CRITICAL CARE

- 37,000 new critical care beds with ICU & oxygen
- Critical care hospital blocks in all 602 districts with more than 5 lakh population

DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

AND RESEARCH

- To have over 4000 labs in the country
- National Institution for One Health
- 4 new national institutions for virology
- 9 Biosafety level-3 labs



COMBATING HEALTH EMERGENCIES AND DISEASE OUTBREAKS

- Health units at 50 International Entry Points : 32 airports, 11 seaports, 7 land crossings
- –Operationalising 17 new public health units; – Strengthening 33 existing public health units
- Building up trained frontline health workforce
- IT-enabled disease health system
- Integrated Health Information Portal

- ✓ The Mission is hailed as the country's largest pan India health infrastructure scheme
 - ✓ It is aimed at ensuring robust public health systems in both urban and rural areas
 - ✓ The scheme also seeks the strengthening of surveillance and research so that states are capable of effectively responding to any public health emergency in the future and also combat disease outbreaks like Covid-19.
 - ✓ The scheme is in addition to the existing National Health Mission that addresses the health needs in rural and urban areas.
 - ✓ The new scheme will provide support for 17,788 rural health and wellness centres (HWCs) in 10 high-focus states.
 - ✓ Further, 11,024 urban HWCs will be established in all the states.
- **On October 25, the government - signed the share purchase agreement (SPA) with Tata Group for Air India's divestment.**

DEAL PATH

- After signing of share purchase agreement, approvals will be sought from regulatory agencies, including CCI, DGCA, lessors, lenders and other third-party vendors
- After all clearances, the closing balance sheet on date of 'conditions precedent' completion will be prepared
- A transition management will be put in place with representatives from Bombay House



- ✓ The Rs 18,000-crore deal will require Tatas paying Rs 2,700 crore upfront and taking over a debt of Rs 15,300 crore
- ✓ The government will retain Rs 44,679 crore of AI's debt in a Special Purpose Vehicle, which will be paid off gradually by monetising its non-aviation assets like land and buildings.
- ✓ Going forward, clearances will be sought from regulatory agencies, including Competition Commission of India (CCI), Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), lessors, lenders and other third-party vendors.
- ✓ The new owner currently has Vistara with Boeing 787s, B737s and A320s in its fleet and AirAsia India with A320s.

- **The India Meteorological Department (IMD) – has announced the withdrawal of southwest monsoon from the country and the commencement of northeast monsoon over the extreme south peninsular India**
- ✓ The northeast monsoon, also known as retreating monsoon, causes about 63% of rainfall in Chennai and 48% of Tamil Nadu’s annual rainfall.
- ✓ A cyclonic circulation is likely to develop over southeast Bay of Bengal, which will move westward and a low pressure area is likely to form over central parts of south Bay of Bengal soon
- ✓ For the next two days, IMD has forecast heavy rain in isolated places in Tirunelveli, Tuticorin, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Tirupur, Pudukkottai, Karur and Tiruvarur.
- ✓ IMD had earlier issued an orange alert for Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Kottayam and Idukki districts of Kerala for October 26

SUPREME COURT VERDICT

- **The Madras high court - has suspended an aptitude test for a Centre sponsored scholarship programme — Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) — slated for November 7 as the examination was to be held only in English and Hindi.**
- ✓ The first bench of Chief Justice Sanjib Banerjee and Justice M Duraiswamy ordered the postponement of the test while hearing a plea which sought the exam in all regional languages.
- ✓ The court also sought response from the Centre on the steps taken to conduct the exam in multiple Indian languages.
- ✓ KVPY is a national program of fellowship in basic sciences funded by the department of science and technology, government of India.
- ✓ The objective of the exam is to identify students with talent and aptitude for research, to help them realize their academic potential and to encourage them to take up research careers in science by providing fellowships.

AWARDS

- **On October 25, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu - conferred the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award on Tamil superstar Rajinikanth**



- ✓ The Vice President had also conferred National Film Awards to Dhanush, Priyadarshan, Resul Pookutty, Manoj Bajpayee and Kangana Ranaut
- ✓ The 67th National Film awards for 2019 were announced in March this year, and were delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ✓ Director Priyadarshan's Malayalam film 'Marakkar: Arabikadalinte Simham' was awarded the best feature film
- ✓ Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan received the best director trophy for his Hindi film 'Bahattar Hoorain'
- ✓ Dhanush was jointly awarded as the best actor for his role in Tamil film 'Asuran', while Manoj Bajpayi was awarded for his performance in 'Bhosle'.
- ✓ Ranaut, on the other hand, won best actress for her performance in 'Manikarnika' and 'Panga'.
- ✓ Actors Pallavi Joshi and Vijay Sethupathi were given the best supporting actress and best supporting actor awards for their performances in films 'The Tashkent Files' and 'Super Deluxe', respectively.
- ✓ Nitish Tiwari directorial 'Chhichhore' was given the best Hindi film honour.
- ✓ Singer B Praak received the National Award for best male playback singer, while the award for the best female playback singer was given to Savani Ravindra for "Raan Petala" from Marathi feature 'Bardo'.
- ✓ The Nargis Dutt Award for best feature film on national integration was given to the makers of 'Tajmahal' (Marathi), while the best film on social issues trophy went to 'Anandi Gopal' (Marathi).
- ✓ The Indira Gandhi Award for best debut film of a director was given to Mathukutty Xavier for 'Helen' (Malayalam).
- ✓ Naga Vishal won the best child artist trophy for Tamil film 'Karuppu Durai'.

SPORTS

- **Lucknow and Ahmedabad teams - will be the two new IPL franchises, to be part of the tournament from 2022.**
- ✓ CVC Capital Partners, an international private equity and investment advisory firm, won the bid for the Ahmedabad team, while the RPSG Group, an Indian conglomerate, won the bid for the Lucknow franchise.
- ✓ RPSG Group's winning bid was of Rs. 7090 crore while that of CVC Capital was Rs. 5625 crore
- ✓ The IPL 2022 season will comprise 10 teams and will have 74 matches, wherein each team will play 7 home and 7 away matches
- ✓ The mega auction for the 15th edition of the Indian Premier League, IPL 2022, will be held later this year in December.
- ✓ The RPSG group had earlier owned IPL franchise Rising Pune Supergiant (2016-17 seasons), and currently are majority owners of Indian Super League (ISL) club ATK Mohun Bagan.

- ✓ CVC is an international conglomerate with \$117.8 billion of assets having previous stake-holding in Formula 1, the rugby league, Moto-GP and a recent minority stake in La Liga

WHO BID FOR WHICH CITY AND HOW MUCH...

Adani Group ₹5,100cr for Ahmedabad & Lucknow		Capri Global ₹4,204cr for Ahmedabad & Lucknow.
Kotak ₹4,513cr for Ahmedabad & ₹4,512cr for Lucknow.		CVC ₹5,625cr for Ahmedabad & ₹5,166cr for Lucknow.
All Cargo Logistics ₹4,140cr for Ahmedabad & ₹4,304cr for Lucknow.		RP-SG Ventures ₹7,090cr for Ahmedabad & Lucknow
Avaram Glazer ₹4,128.65cr for Ahmedabad & ₹4,023.99cr for Lucknow.		Torrent Sports ₹4,653cr for Ahmedabad & ₹4,356cr for Lucknow.
Hindustan Times Media ₹4,275cr for Ahmedabad & ₹4,510cr for Lucknow.		

VALUE OF IPL FRANCHISES SINCE 2008 TO PRESENT

Mumbai Indians	₹447.6cr
Royal Challengers Bangalore	₹446 cr
Deccan Chargers	₹428 cr
Chennai Super Kings	₹364 cr
Delhi Capitals	₹336 cr
Punjab Kings	₹304 cr
Kolkata Knight Riders	₹300 cr
Rajasthan Royals	₹268 cr
Kochi Tuskers	₹1,533 cr
Sahara Warriors Pune	₹1,702 cr
CVC Capital for Ahmedabad	₹5,600 cr
RP-SG Group for Lucknow	₹7,090 cr

- ✓ CVC's Ahmedabad home will be the world's largest cricket stadium, the Narendra Modi Stadium, which has an advertised capacity of 132,000 people.
- ✓ Lucknow's home games will be at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium.
- ✓ The BCCI had earlier shortlisted six cities -- Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Cuttack, Guwahati, Ranchi and Dharamshala -- as bases for the two new teams.
- ✓ One of the major companies that lost out was Gautam Adani's Adani Group which bid Rs. 5100 crore for Ahmedabad and Lucknow
- ✓ The other bidders who participated in the bidding process were Amrit Lila Enterprises Pvt Ltd (Kotak), Avashya Corporation Cargo Pvt Ltd (All Cargo Logistics), financial company Capri Global, Championship Cricket LLC (Avaram Glazer), Hindustan Media Ventures Ltd (HT Media) and Torrent Sports Ventures Pvt Ltd.
- ✓ The bidding process for the two new teams in the IPL took place in Dubai on October 25, with the two highest bidders winning the franchise rights.
- ✓ During Chennai Super Kings and Rajasthan Royals' suspension from the IPL, Rising Pune Supergiant and Gujarat Lions joined the league as temporary participants.