

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 26,2021

TAMIL NADU

- **The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board - had announced ‘Green Certification’ for schools in Chennai.**
- ✓ The certification will be provided for the schools to which the children come either by walk or by riding bicycles
- ✓ This certification is an extension of the Board’s recently launched ‘E-commute’ programme to the school students in classes 8,9 and 10 standards.
- ✓ As per the guidelines, 90% of the students from the participating schools should commute by their bicycles to their schools.
- ✓ Secondly, no person motor vehicle to drop these high school students within 100 metres from the school gate.
- ✓ These are the two main criteria for participating in the programme.
- ✓ The schools can obtain both the form and guidelines from the board’s website - www.tnpcb.gov.in
- ✓ No student should be compelled to get involved in this programme
- ✓ The entire application process will be online and eco-friendly, as the board do not want to use any paper for this purpose.
- ✓ The board will examine the details submitted by the school and will conduct verification and surprise checks in the schools to find out whether the schools met the required criteria.

- **On November 25, the Tamil Nadu government - formed an advisory panel to harness the strength of the Tamil diaspora and streamline investments into the state.**
- ✓ The 12-member panel will be headed by state Industries minister Thangam Thennarasu.
- ✓ The panel will strive to tap the potential of the global Tamil community, members of which are in various positions of influence in public and private institutions, to promote business investments into the State

- ✓ The objective is to connect with the Tamil diaspora, welfare associations and trade bodies across the world and to create an online platform for regular interactions of the global Tamil community with Guidance Tamil Nadu.
 - ✓ The panel will have the vice-chairman of the state planning commission, additional chief secretary, Industries, and MD and CEO of Guidance Tamil Nadu as members.
 - ✓ In addition, it will have R Rangaswami, founder and chairman of the board, Indiaspora (Network of Global Indian Origin Leaders) USA, Bala Swaminathan, president, Bala Family Foundation & secretary, FeTNa, USA, and Saravanan M Sinapan, president, DHRRA, Malaysia, and Rm Arun, SICCI president, as members.
 - ✓ The advisory panel members will act as 'brand ambassadors' of the industrial ecosystem of Tamil Nadu.
 - ✓ Investment promotion activities such as road shows and business-to-business meetings could be done through this panel of advisors
- **Tamil Nadu government - released a set of guidelines for the release of 700 life convicts in the state jails**
- ✓ The completion of at least 10 years in jail is the basic eligibility for the premature release
 - ✓ Further, the government has specified 17 'disqualifications' too.
 - ✓ Those convicted in rape, dacoity, robbery, offence against the state, terrorist crimes, trafficking, economic offence and black-marketing, cruelty against women and dowry death cases, and corruption cases are not eligible to be considered.
 - ✓ Persons convicted in communal/religious offense-related cases and convicts undergoing life terms concurrently are also ineligible.
 - ✓ Besides, good conduct in jail, safety of the convict and victim's family members after his/her release and acceptance by the convict's family are all other factors to be considered for premature release.
 - ✓ The premature release, under Article 161 of the Constitution, is to mark the 113th birth anniversary of former chief minister C N Annadurai.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin made the suo motu announcement in the assembly on September 13.
 - ✓ The jail department has informed central prison superintendents and regional level committees headed by DIGs to do case-by-case basis to shortlist eligible persons for premature release.

NATIONAL

- **On November 25, Prime Minister Narendra Modi – laid the foundation stone for the Noida International Airport at Jewar, Gautam Buddha Nagar in Uttar Pradesh**



- ✓ The airport, which would be one of the largest in Asia, is located at about 72 kilometres of the national capital's Indira Gandhi International Airport
- ✓ It will be the second international airport in the Delhi-National Capital Region
- ✓ With this, Uttar Pradesh will become the only state in India to have five international airports.
- ✓ The first phase of the development of the airport is being done at a cost of over Rs 10,050 crore.
- ✓ The new airport will be India's largest after its completion
- ✓ The first phase of the airport is scheduled to be completed by 2024 and will have the capacity to serve around 1.2 crore passengers a year
- ✓ It will be executed by international bidder Zurich Airport International AG as concessionaire
- ✓ It will also be India's first net zero emissions airport.
- ✓ The construction of this airport comes just weeks after the prime minister inaugurated the Kushinagar international airport in Uttar Pradesh to boost the country's aviation sector

DEFENCE

- **Indian Navy - commissioned Scorpene-class submarine INS Vela in Mumbai on November 25 in the presence of Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh**



- ✓ INS Vela is the fourth Scorpene-class submarine to be commissioned as part of the over Rs 23,000-crore 'Project-75' under way at Mazagon Docks in collaboration with M/s Naval Group of France for construction of six Scorpene submarines.
- ✓ The submarine possesses advanced stealth and combat capabilities
- ✓ In 2005, India and France signed a \$ 3.75 billion contract for building six Scorpene class submarines
- ✓ The previous version of Vela was commissioned on August 31, 1973 and was decommissioned on June 25, 2010
- ✓ The earlier Vela belonged to Foxtrot class submarine of Soviet origin.
- ✓ The Navy has already commissioned three vessels — INS Kalvari, INS Khanderi and INS Karanj — till now
- ✓ Sea trials are ongoing for the fifth vessel Vagir, while the sixth, Vagsheer, is under construction.
- ✓ This is the second major induction by the navy in less than a week.
- ✓ On November 21, the navy commissioned INS Visakhapatnam, which is the first stealth-guided missile destroyer ship of Project 15B

SPORTS

- **Reigning champion Magnus Carlsen - faces first-time finalist and world No. 5 Ian 'Nepo' Nepomniachtchi in the World Chess Championship in Dubai from October 27**



- ✓ They meet face-to-face in their 14-game duel for the world champion title
- ✓ Three years ago, Magnus Carlsen defeated Fabiano Caruana in London to defend his title for a 3rd time
- ✓ Carlsen and Nepo had started their rivalry in 2002 when the former had won the silver medal in the World Youth (U-12) championship.
- ✓ Russian player, Ian Nepomniachtchi, won the Candidates Tournament in Yekaterinburg, Russia and earned the right to challenge Magnus to a €2 million showdown

- ✓ Ian Nepomniachtchi qualified for the 8-player Candidates Tournament by finishing in the 2nd place in the 2019 FIDE Grand Prix
- ✓ The 30-year-old Norwegian Magnus Carlsen became world no. 1 at the age of 19 and in 2013, he defeated Vishy Anand to become the World Chess Champion.
- ✓ Since first winning the title in 2013, Carlsen has defended it three times - against Vishy Anand, in 2014, then against Sergey Karjakin in 2016 and Fabiano Caruana in 2018.
- ✓ The match is taking place in the Dubai Exhibition Centre as part of Expo 2020 Dubai

