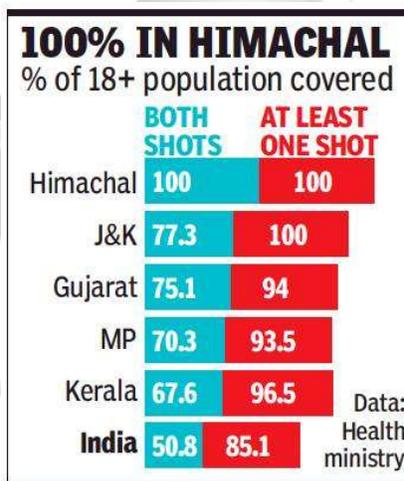


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-DECEMBER 6, 2021

NATIONAL

- **Himachal Pradesh - has become the first state in the country to achieve the target of 100% Covid-19 vaccination for its eligible population.**



- ✓ This was announced by Union sports and information and broadcasting minister Anurag Thakur on December 5
- ✓ The Union Minister pointed out that the vaccine wastage in the state had been almost zero per cent
- ✓ The Covid vaccination programme was rolled out across the country on January 16 with a focus on health and frontline workers.
- ✓ The second phase began in March, with all senior citizens and those over 45 years age with specific co-morbidities becoming eligible
- ✓ This was followed by another expansion in early April to accommodate all adults over 45.
- ✓ In May, the government extended its immunisation campaign by allowing anybody above 18 years to be vaccinated
- ✓ Recently, the Centre again launched an intensive door to door vaccination campaign 'Har Ghar Dastak'

- ✓ The initiative is aimed at maximising first dose coverage as well as ensuring that those who are due for second dose are vaccinated at the earliest.
- ✓ A total of 127.93 crore doses have been administered across the country till December 5, with 85% of the adult population covered with at least one dose
- ✓ India has vaccinated more than 50% of its adult population with two anti-Covid jabs
- ✓ Globally, 55% of the world population has received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine so far

SPORTS

- **Ace Indian shuttler PV Sindhu – settled for a silver medal at the BWF World Tour Finals in Bali on December 6.**



- ✓ Sindhu, the reigning world champion and twotime Olympic medallist, lost the final match against world number six, An Seyoung of South Korea
- ✓ It was Sindhu's third successive loss — all straight games — to the Korean in as many meetings.
- ✓ With this victory, An Seyoung became the first ever South Korean woman to win the season-ending title.
- ✓ It was also An Seyoung's third straight title in Bali, following wins at the Indonesia Masters and Indonesia Open in the last two weeks.
- ✓ This is the third final appearance in the year-end tournament for P V Sindhu
- ✓ Sindhu had claimed the title in 2018 to become the only Indian to achieve the feat.
- ✓ In Men's Singles of the BWF World Tour 2021, Viktor Axelsen of Denmark won the cup.

- **France - beat India 3-1 in the bronze-medal playoff match at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on December 6.**

- ✓ French captain Timothee Clement, who had scored 11 goals before the match, scored his fourth hat-trick of the tournament, all coming from penalty corners.
- ✓ He ended the Junior World Cup with 14 goals against his name.
- ✓ For India, Sudeep Chirmako scored their only goal as India ended up at fourth place in the tournament.

- ✓ Earlier, France defeated India 5-4 in their first group match
- ✓ Defending champions, India had progressed to the knockouts after finishing second in their group.
- ✓ In the quarter-finals, they beat Belgium but couldn't get past Germany in the semi-finals.
- **Argentina junior hockey team - defeated six-time winners Germany 4-2 in the final of the Junior Hockey World Cup to clinch their second Junior Men's Hockey World Cup title at the Kalinga Stadium in Odisha on December 6**



- ✓ This makes them only the third team after Germany (six titles) and India (2001, 2016) to win multiple Junior Hockey WC titles.
- ✓ Lautaro Domene, who scored all three of Argentina's penalty corner chances, was named man of the match in the summit clash
- ✓ Argentina had earlier won the title way back in 2005 in Rotterdam where they defeated Australia 2-1

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **Mahaparinirvana Divas – December 6**



- ✓ The Day marks the death anniversary of Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, who fought for economic and social empowerment of Dalits in the country.

- ✓ Ambedkar was one of the seven members of the “drafting committee” who prepared a draft of the Constitution of the independent India.
- ✓ Ambedkar also served as the Minister of Law and Justice in the first cabinet of Jawaharlal Nehru from 1947 to 1951
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India was formed on the concept presented by Babasaheb Ambedkar to the Hilton Young Commission.
- ✓ He converted to Buddhism on October 14, 1956 at a ceremony held in Nagpur.
- ✓ Ambedkar's admirers consider him as influential as Lord Buddha, which is why his death anniversary is celebrated as Mahaparinirvana Divas
- ✓ He was awarded with the India's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna in 1990.
- ✓ Dr Ambedkar's Samadhi in Mumbai is called Chaitya bhoomi

➤ **World Soil Day - December 5**



- ✓ The Day is observed every year to raise awareness about the importance of soil
- ✓ The day encourages people to come together and think of sustainable ways to manage soil resources.
- ✓ Theme 2021 - “Halt soil salinization, enhance soil production”.
- ✓ In 2002, the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) proposed a global day to honour soil.
- ✓ The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) established World Soil Day under the leadership of the king of Thailand and the framework of the Global Soil Partnership.
- ✓ The date of December 5 was chosen because it coincides with the birthday of Thailand's King, HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who formally sanctioned the event.
- ✓ In 2013, the 68th United Nations General Assembly declared December 5, 2014, to be the first official World Soil Day.

