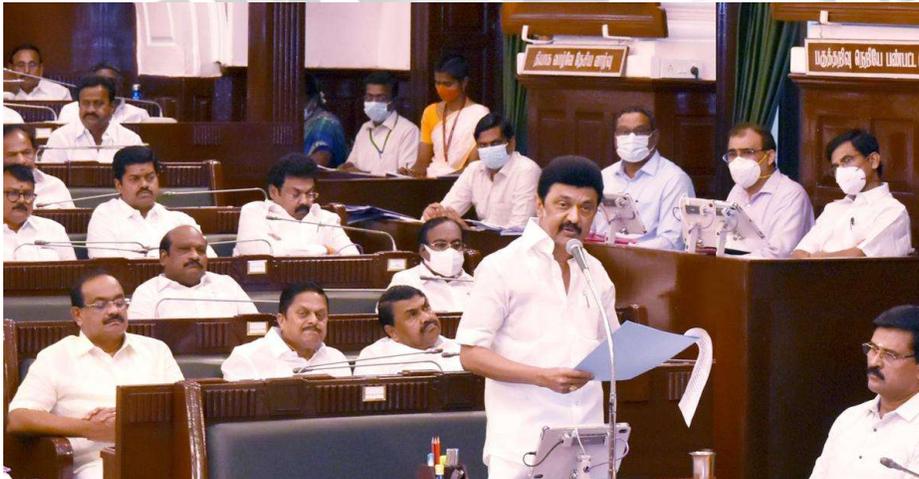


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-APRIL 12,2022

TAMIL NADU

- On April 11, the Tamil Nadu Assembly - passed a resolution urging the Union government to withdraw the common university entrance test (CUET) for admissions to central universities
- ✓ All political parties present in the assembly except the BJP supported the resolution moved by Chief Minister MK Stalin



- ✓ The assembly adopted the resolution stating that like NEET, the CUET would sideline school education, affect overall development-oriented learning in schools, lead to stress among students and mushrooming of coaching centres
- ✓ The resolution stated that any entrance exam that is based on the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) syllabus would not provide an equal opportunity to all students as they have studied in varied state board syllabi across the country.
- ✓ In the context of the State, the new rule is likely to drastically reduce the number of students from the state getting admissions in various central universities and their affiliated colleges.

- ✓ Later the resolution was adopted through a voice vote and Speaker M Appavu announced it was adopted unanimously.
 - ✓ The Centre had announced earlier that admission to central universities funded by the University Grants Commission (UGC) would be made only through CUET, conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), from 2022-23 academic year.
 - ✓ It said admissions would be based on the CUET scores instead of the Class 12 board results.
- **On April 11, school education minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi – announced that smart classrooms would be built in all 23,000 government primary schools in the next four years**
- ✓ Replying to the debate on the demand for grants for school education department, the minister said that in the first phase, 7,500 smart classrooms would be set up at a cost of ₹150 crore in the academic year 2022-23
 - ✓ Besides, 2,713 government middle schools will get hi-tech computer labs at ₹210 crore to enhance the skills of government school students and teachers.
 - ✓ English language labs would be set up in 6,029 high and higher secondary schools at ₹30 crore to teach students to read, write and speak English fluently
 - ✓ In order to arouse the interest of students in the latest technologies, the government would set up computer coding club and robotics club, train students on ethical hacking and conduct state-level hackathon
 - ✓ Further, the minister also unveiled a scheme to provide complete infrastructure for primary and middle schools which have enrolled more than 1,000 students and allotted ₹90 crore for the scheme in 2022-23.
 - ✓ The minister also announced the cancellation of special fee of ₹200 for Class XII computer science students.
 - ✓ A school of excellence will be established in Chennai at Rs 7 crore to nurture the next generation from government schools. At this school, students will be taught fine arts, science, literature and sports, alongside regular lessons.
 - ✓ The department will recruit 9,494 teachers this year as per the annual planner of the Teachers' Recruitment Board (TRB)
 - ✓ The department has allotted Rs 100 crore in 2022-23 to appoint personnel to clean classrooms, toilets and premises of government high and higher secondary schools through an agency
 - ✓ The government will also take steps to renovate centuries-old schools and schools at which achievers of various fields studied at a cost of Rs 25 crore
 - ✓ Besides, centenary functions will be celebrated at these schools and rare documents of the departed leaders will be digitised.
 - ✓ Proper training will be given to 1,000 government school teachers interested in teaching the next generation about the archaeological discoveries in the State at a cost of Rs 3 crore.
 - ✓ An arts festival will be conducted at the school, block, district and state levels at the cost of Rs 5 crore.

- ✓ The department will conduct chess tournaments at a cost of Rs 1 crore from the school to State level to create an interest in the game among government school students.
- ✓ To encourage literary skills of students, a magazine named “Oonjal” for elementary school students and “Thenchittu” for higher class students will be published.
- ✓ Besides, a monthly magazine “Kanavu Asiriyar’ will be published for teachers, for which, the department has allocated Rs 7 crore.
- ✓ Annual Anna excellence award would be instituted for 100 best school principals in the state
- ✓ To provide education and physiotherapy to children with multiple disabilities at their doorstep, a special scheme will be implemented at the cost of Rs 8.11 crore
- ✓ A new scheme will be implemented at the cost of Rs 9.83 crore to provide non-formal education to 4.80 illiterate persons aged above 15.
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has proposed to establish 10 new arts and science colleges across the state at an outlay of Rs 166.5 crore, said the state Higher Education Minister K Ponmudi in the assembly
- ✓ Replying to the debate on demand for grants for his department, the minister said that these new colleges would be opened at Manapparai, Gingee, Thalli, Thirumayam, Anthiyur, Aravakurichi, Thirukattupalli, Reddiyarchatiram, Vadalur and Sriperumbudur.
- ✓ The move would make higher education accessible to the rural students and also to those from the state-run schools who are now being provided a monthly grant of Rs 1,000 to pursue their collegiate education, said the Minister
- ✓ A World Skill Academy and Smart Manufacturing Technology centre will be established at a cost of Rs 10 crore each in six government polytechnic institutions.
- ✓ The government would establish a research park with incubation centres at Anna University at an estimated cost of Rs 50 crore to benefit about 20,000 students
- ✓ Introduction of industry skill based courses for BE, B Tech and MCA students of Anna University through IBM and Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation, establishment of Marine Sports and Tourism Centre at Thondi campus of Alagappa University were among the 27 new announcements made by the minister.
- ✓ Eleven centres including one for robotics and automation, internet of things, cyber security and e-vehicle technologies will be established in Anna University
- ✓ M.Com course for differently-abled students with hearing impairment will be started in Presidency College, Chennai.

NATIONAL

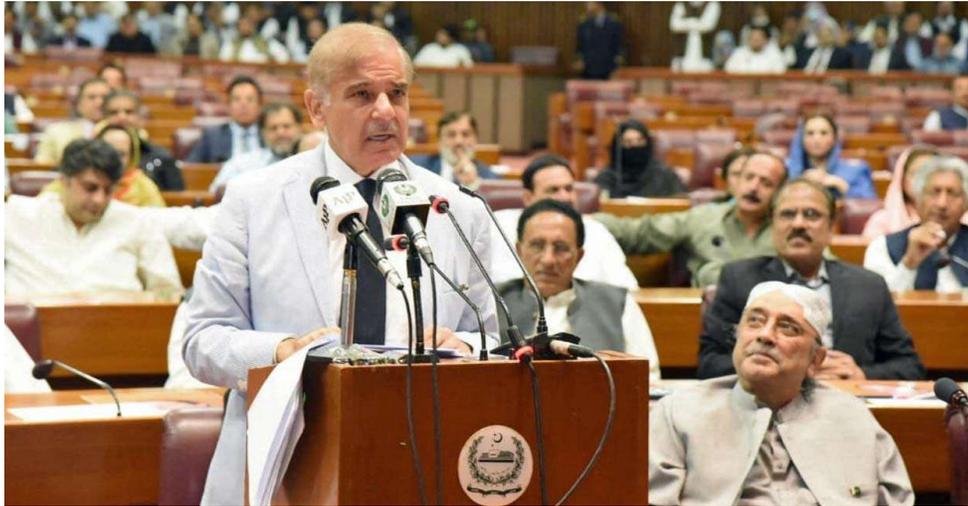
- **Union Home Minister Amit Shah - inaugurated the Seema Darshan Project at Nadabet in the Indo-Pak border district of Banaskantha in Gujarat on April 10, 2022**



- ✓ The project was initiated with the objective of giving the citizens an opportunity to see firsthand the life style of the Border Security Force (BSF) personnel as well as to observe their living conditions, their duties and their patriotism
- ✓ The Rs 125 crore tourism project has several attractions, including the 'Beating Retreat' ceremony, on the lines of the exercise held on the Wagah-Attari border in Punjab.
- ✓ Tourists will also be able to see various weapons of Indian Army and BSF such as surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles, T-55 tanks, artillery guns, torpedoes, wing drop tanks and MiG-27 aircraft at Nadabet.
- ✓ Among the facilities include a parade ground that has a capacity of 5,000, a gallery showcasing the history and work of BSF, souvenir shop, restaurants, BSF barracks, activity areas for children and a light facility powered by solar panels
- ✓ The Nadabet Seema Darshan Project is projected as the first state-of-the-art BSF project in the country
- ✓ It will illustrate the origins, development and role of BSF in the wars as well as the achievements of the heroes who have made supreme sacrifices for the country.
- ✓ Another monument called 'Ajay Prahari' has been erected in memory of the heroic soldiers who sacrificed their lives while protecting the nation.
- ✓ One of the highlights of the place is the Indian tricolour hoisted at a height of 40 feet.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) chief, Shehbaz Sharif - was elected unopposed as the 23rd Prime Minister of Pakistan by the National Assembly on April 11**
- ✓ Sharif was administered the oath by Senate chairperson Sadiq Sanjarani after President Arif Alvi complained of 'discomfort' and went on 'sick' leave
- ✓ Ousted premier Imran Khan and most of his party's lawmakers resigned their seats in the assembly immediately before voting started.
- ✓ PML-N leader Ayaz Sadiq was chairing the session after the resignation of deputy speaker Qasim Suri ahead of the vote.



- ✓ The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf had fielded Shah Mahmood Qureshi as its Prime Ministerial candidate
- ✓ Sharif was elected unopposed as the Prime Minister by Parliament after rival candidate Shah Mahmood Qureshi announced that his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party will boycott the voting and staged a walkout
- ✓ Shehbaz, the younger brother of former three-time prime minister Nawaz Sharif, received 174 votes — two more than the simple majority of 172 in the 342-member house
- ✓ Nawaz Sharif was barred by the Supreme Court in 2017 from holding public office and subsequently went abroad for medical treatment after serving just a few months of a 10-year jail sentence for corruption charges.
- ✓ Shehbaz Sharif has served as chief minister of the country's most populous and politically crucial Punjab province thrice
- ✓ Earlier, Imran Khan became the first premier in the country's history to be removed after losing the trust of the House.
- ✓ No prime minister has ever completed a full five-year term in the history of Pakistan

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ International Day of Human Space Flight – April 12



- ✓ The International Day of Human Space Flight is observed every year to mark the beginning of mankind's space era and to highlight the contribution of space science and technology
- ✓ On April 12, 1961, Yuri Gagarin, a 27-year-old Soviet cosmonaut, became the first human to orbit the Earth in a Vostok 3KA spacecraft, which was launched on a Vostok-K rocket.
- ✓ Gagarin travelled once around the Earth at a speed of about 17,500 miles per hour.
- ✓ The historic flight launched from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan lasted for one hour and 48 minutes only.
- ✓ The Soviet cosmonaut, Gagarin, was awarded the Order of Lenin and given the titles of Hero of the Soviet Union and Pilot Cosmonaut of the Soviet Union.
- ✓ After Gagarin's death in 1968, the town of Gzhatsk was renamed after him.
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly established April 12 to be the International Day of Human Space Flight in a resolution passed on April 7, 2011.
- ✓ In Russia, the day is celebrated every year as 'Cosmonautics Day' since 1963
- ✓ In 2001, an international observation, called Yuri's Night, or World Space Party, was initiated in the United States.
- ✓ In 1981, a statue of Yuri Gagarin was erected at a location about 40 kilometres from Saratov, Russia.

