



EVE **RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-july 18,** **NATIONAL**

- **Former Union minister and four-time Governor, Congress's Margaret Alva - is declared as the Opposition's choice for the post of Vice President of India**
- ✓ This was announced by veteran political leader and NCP supremo Sharad Pawar after an opposition meeting on July 17
- ✓ Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut, NCP's Supriya Sule, SP's Ramgopal Yadav, CPIM's Sitaram Yechury, RJD's AD Singh, senior Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Jairam Ramesh, among others, attended the meet.
- ✓ The NDA named West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar, a Jat leader from Rajasthan with socialist background, as its vice-presidential candidate.
- ✓ Alva was the 20th governor of Rajasthan — the same state Jagdeep Dhankhar belongs to



SERVED IN RAJIV, NARASIMHA GOVTS

- A law graduate from Government Law College Bengaluru, 80-year-old Alva **began her political career in 1969** with Congress
- Was **elected to RS 4 times**, served one LS term in '99
- **Served as minister** in the Rajiv Gandhi and PV Narasimha Rao governments
- Piloted **key legislative amendments on women's rights**, quota for women in local bodies, marriage

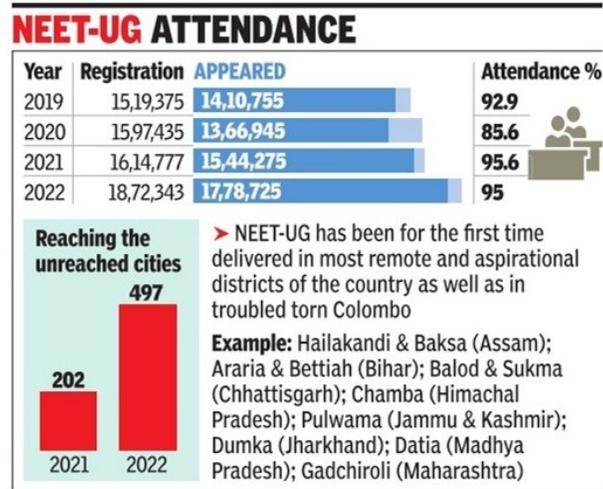


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- Served as **governor** of Goa, Raj, Gujarat, U'khand

- ✓ Alva has also served as the 17th Governor of Goa, 23rd Governor of Gujarat and 4th and first woman Governor of Uttarakhand.
- ✓ Alva, 80, would file her nomination papers on July 19 which is the last date for filing nominations for the August 6 election

- ✓ Born in Mangalore, Alva was elected to the Rajya Sabha for the first time in 1974 at the age of 32 years and remained in the upper house for four terms until 1998.
 - ✓ In 1999, she won her first Lok Sabha election from Uttara Kannada in Karnataka and served as a member of the 13th Lok Sabha.
 - ✓ Alva was made Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs by then prime minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1984 when she was just 42
 - ✓ In 2004, Alva was appointed adviser to the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training, a body established to improve the levels of the legislative function of Parliament and state legislatures.
 - ✓ Through her three decades in Parliament as MP and later minister, Alva piloted major legislative amendments on women's rights, reservation for women in local bodies, equal remuneration, marriage laws and Dowry Prohibition Amendment Act.
 - ✓ Alva was also made AICC general secretary in charge of crucial states Maharashtra, Punjab and Haryana
 - ✓ Alva's father-in-law Joachim Alva and mother-in-law Violet Alva both made it to Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha respectively in 1952 from then Bombay State, making them the first couple to be elected together to Parliament.
 - ✓ Dhankhar's election as vice president, who is also the ex-officio chairperson of Rajya Sabha, is almost a certainty as the BJP has a majority in the electoral college comprising members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
 - ✓ Out of Parliament's current strength of 780, the BJP alone has 394 MPs, more than the majority mark of 390.
 - ✓ For the 16th Vice Presidential Election, 233 elected members of Rajya Sabha, 12 nominated members of Rajya Sabha, and 543 elected members of Lok Sabha will vote
 - ✓ The term of Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu -- who won the election comfortably in 2017 -- ends on August 10.
- **The National Testing Agency (NTA) - reported a record 95% attendance for the medical entrance exam NEET-UG on July 17**



- ✓ A total of 18,72,329 candidates had registered for the largest entrance exam in the country of which 10.64 lakh were female.
 - ✓ This was the first time that the number of registrations for the NEET medical entrance exam surpassed 18 lakh, a considerable increase of over 2.5 lakh from 2021
 - ✓ A large number of aspirational districts were also added for the first time this year.
 - ✓ According to NTA, this year created the “highest record of attendance” for the exam in history, a significant increase over last year's 15.44 lakh candidates
 - ✓ The exam was conducted at 3,570 centres across 497 cities within the country, and in 14 cities outside India
 - ✓ The highest number of candidates appeared from Jaipur (52,351) whereas the lowest number of candidates appeared from West Sikkim (105)
 - ✓ Similarly, the number of candidates outside India were maximum in Dubai (646) and minimum in Thailand (6)
 - ✓ National Eligibility cum Entrance Test, commonly known as NEET, is an all-India pre-medical entrance test for students who wish to pursue undergraduate medical (MBBS), dental (BDS) and AYUSH (BAMS, BUMS, BHMS, etc.) courses in various government or private institutions.
- **Go Digit General Insurance - has become the first insurer in the country to offer a ‘pay as you drive’ (PAYD) add-on feature for motor insurance own damage (OD) policies.**
- ✓ The company has announced this cover less than two weeks after the insurance regulator allowed the PAYD feature in motor covers.
 - ✓ As per the company, anyone driving less than an average of 10,000 kilometres a year, from the time of purchase by the current owner from the showroom, can opt for the cover.
 - ✓ The discount, which can go up to 25%, will be subject to odometer reading, telematics data and annual kilometre opted.
 - ✓ Customers can complete the entire process within five minutes using video pre-inspection and get the policy in less than 30 minutes.

APPOINTMENTS

- **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) - has approved the appointment of Ashish Kumar Chauhan as National Stock Exchange’s (NSE) MD and CEO.**
- ✓ He will succeed Vikram Limaye, whose five-year tenure as NSE chief ended on July 15.
 - ✓ Chauhan, 54, is currently serving as the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
 - ✓ Chauhan’s appointment is subject to acceptance of the offer made to him and fulfilment of terms and conditions, including approval from NSE shareholders.



- ✓ Chauhan was part of the founding team at the NSE where he worked from 1992 to 2000 and played a key role in developing the derivatives market.
- ✓ He was involved with the setting up of the NSE's screen-based trading system, commercial satellite communications network and development of indices.
- ✓ From 2000 to 2009, he served as the president and chief information officer of Reliance Group with corporate communication responsibilities
- ✓ He also served as the CEO of the cricket team Mumbai Indians during the early years of the Indian Premier League.
- ✓ Chauhan joined the BSE as deputy CEO in 2009 and was appointed CEO in 2012.
- ✓ In the interim, an internal executive committee will run the exchange.
- ✓ This committee comprises group CFO & head (corporate affairs) Yatrik Vin, chief regulatory officer Priya Subbaraman, chief enterprise risk & information security officer Somasundaram K S, and CTO Shiv Kuimar Bhasin.

SPORTS

- **Former world champion PV Sindhu - won her first Super-500 title of the year in the Singapore Open on July 17.**



- ✓ In the women's singles final, Sindhu defeated China's Wang Zhi Yi to win the third title of the year.

- ✓ Earlier, Sindhu had won the Syed Modi Super-300 and Swiss Open Super-300 titles earlier this year.
 - ✓ The double Olympic medallist won the title after a string of losses to top players in the last few tournaments.
 - ✓ Indonesia's Anthony Sinisuka Ginting won the men's singles title.
 - ✓ The fourth seed defeated Kodai Naraoka of Japan in straight sets in the final.
- **India's shooting sensation Anjum Moudgil - won a bronze medal in the women's 50m rifle 3 Position and became the new World No. 1 at the ongoing ISSF shooting World Cup in Changwon, South Korea on July 17**



- ✓ Germany's Anna Janssen and Italy's Barbara Gambaro won the gold and silver medals respectively.
 - ✓ Anjum, a world championship silver medallist, had qualified for the finals after finishing sixth in the ranking round
 - ✓ This is the 28-year-old shooter's second individual medal in consecutive World Cup stages.
 - ✓ She had won silver in the same event at the Baku World Cup held last month
 - ✓ **On the other hand, Sanjeev Rajput, Chain Singh, and Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar clinched the silver medal in the men's 3P team event.**
 - ✓ The Indian trio, which had finished second in the qualification stage, faced Czech Republic team in the gold medal match.
 - ✓ Meanwhile, India maintained their top spot in the medal standings, with four gold, five silver, and two bronze medals.
 - ✓ Hosts South Korea is a spot behind India, with three gold and one silver medal.
- **Long jumper Murali Sreeshankar - finished seventh in the finals with his best effort of 7.96m on the second day of competitions at the World Athletics Championships on July 17.**



- ✓ Earlier, Sreeshankar became the first Indian male athlete to qualify for the long jump finals in the World Championships
 - ✓ Sreeshankar had gone into the championships in the joint second spot in the season's top list on the basis of his national record 8.36m jump.
 - ✓ China's Jianan Wang won the gold with a final jump of 8.36m while Olympic champion Miltiadis Tentoglou of Greece won the silver with a best effort of 8.30m.
 - ✓ Simon Ehammer (8.16m) of Switzerland took bronze.
- **On July 16, D Gukesh, India's youngest Grandmaster - became the youngest Indian to reach the 2700-mark and the third youngest ---after Wei Yi and Alireza Firouzja-- to achieve the feat**



- ✓ The 16-year-old has already won four titles this year and won a superb win over Vietnam GM Le Quang Liam at the Biel Chess Festival.
- ✓ Wei Yi went past the 2700-mark at 15 years, 7 months and 29 days while Alireza did it at the age of 16 years, 1 month and 11 days.
- ✓ Gukesh has achieved the feat in 16 years, 1 month and 17 days.

