



EVE RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-JULY

TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu government - will collaborate with IIT Madras to implement a scientific enforcement approach to road safety.**
- ✓ In this regard, TN's Special Task Force for Road Safety has signed an agreement with IIT-M's Centre of Excellence for Road Safety
- ✓ The key outcomes of this collaboration include conducting forensic accident audits at identified crash spots and developing a comprehensive/scientific crash investigation considering the human, vehicle and road environment.
- ✓ Later, a detailed crash investigation report covering all aspects of safety will be submitted.
- ✓ The institution will also recommend accident-prevention measures for the hotspots.

STATES

- **Karnataka – has become the first state in the country to roll out the concept of cleanliness in the temples**

'MOST OFFERINGS BIODEGRADABLE'

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Twenty-five temples, which record an annual income of over ₹25L, will be declared zero waste temples in next five months 		34k Temples under Muzrai dept	201 A-Grade temples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Waste processing plants will be set up inside these temple premises to convert daily waste into compost ➤ Project aims to stop thousands of tonnes of waste generated by temples daily from reaching landfills ➤ Govt has allocated ₹25cr for waste management in 25 A-Grade temples 	<p>“As most offerings to the deity are biodegradable, it's prudent to convert it into compost instead of transporting it to landfills</p> <p>Rohini Sindhuri MUZRAI DEPT COMMISSIONER</p>		

- ✓ Accordingly, the government is planning to declare 25 'A-grade temples' as 'zero waste' temples in the next five months
 - ✓ The initiative in this regard was launched under the 'Swachh Mandira Abhiyana' scheme of the state
 - ✓ The concept aims to set up waste processing plants inside temple premises and converting waste generated by temples every day into compost instead of sending it to landfills.
 - ✓ The state has 201 A-Grade temples out of the 34,000 temples coming under the Hindu religious institutions and charitable endowments department (Muzrai Department)
 - ✓ An A-Grade temple refers to a temple with annual income exceeding Rs 25 lakh
 - ✓ Some of the temples with a high devotee footfall include Sri Chamundeshwari in Mysuru, Sri Kolluru Mookambika Temple in Udipi, Kukke Subramanya Temple in Dakshina Kannada, Sri Nanjundeshwara Temple in Nanjangud and Sri Saudatti Yellamma Temple in Belagavi district.
 - ✓ Each temple generates around three tonnes of waste daily, including flowers, banana leaves, food waste, coconut shells, areca nut plates, lemons, bamboo baskets, clothes left behind, and even plastic products.
 - ✓ The government had allocated Rs 25 crore for waste management in the 25 'zero waste' temples.
 - ✓ In this regard, work has already commenced in 21 temples and the project could be commissioned by December-end.
- **The country's third and the state's first all women-run financial institution in the cooperative sector - is coming up in Rajasthan**
- ✓ In this regard, the Rajasthan Grameen Aajivika Vikas Parishad (RGAVP) and the Telangana government's Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation have signed the MoU recently



- ✓ The new bank 'Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi' is being set up in Rajasthan on the lines of Telangana's Stree Nidhi model.
- ✓ Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had announced the setting up of a bank run entirely by women in his 2022-23 budget speech in the State Assembly earlier this year

- ✓ The institution will strengthen the women's self-help groups in the State by extending timely loan facilities for their enterprises
- ✓ It will get a grant of Rs.50 crore from the State government during the first two years of its operations, while the Centre was requested for providing another grant of Rs.110 crore.
- ✓ The institution has been started in six districts – Karauli, Alwar, Kota, Dungarpur, Rajsamand and Jodhpur – with immediate effect.
- ✓ RGAVP is an autonomous society established by the government of Rajasthan under the administrative control of the Department of Rural Development
- ✓ India's first women's public sector bank, Bharatiya Mahila Bank, was inaugurated in Mumbai on former PM Indira Gandhi's birthday by the former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh on November 19, 2013, while its second branch was opened later in Agartala, Tripura

NATIONAL

- **On July 29, Union Home Minister Amit Shah – launched various new initiatives related to the education and skill sectors at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.**



- ✓ The initiatives were announced on the eve of second anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020
- ✓ The programme was also attended by education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, ministers of state for education Annpurna Devi and Subhas Sarkar and minister of state for skill development Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- ✓ Among the initiatives launched, were the 'National Innovation and Entrepreneurship Policy' for schools in order to promote a learning environment where creativity, ideation, innovation, problem-solving and entrepreneurship skills of students are nurtured irrespective of their age
- ✓ A three-day mela under the government's Indian Knowledge System (IKS) was also launched by the Union home minister during the event.
 - ✓ Under the IKS initiative, two announcements were made - 'Kalashala initiative' and promotion of 75 "Bharatiya games" in schools.

- ✓ The Kalashala initiative, to be launched in 750 schools, aims at educating children about the various art forms of India and helps them discover the country's rich cultural heritage.
- ✓ Further, every month, one Bharatiya (Indian) game will be introduced in schools through PT (physical training) teachers
- ✓ The Minister has also announced the launch of more than 100 futuristic higher education programmes in six areas including automation in Industries, infrastructure connectivity, electronics manufacturing, digital emerging technologies and Research and Development.
 - ✓ These programmes will be developed in sync with the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF).
- ✓ The ministry also announced a public consultation survey in 23 languages to seek inputs and suggestions for the development of the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) on the basis of which the content of school books will be decided.

#2yearsofNEP

Launch of new initiatives

2 Years
of
Transformative Reforms under
National Education Policy 2020

- Mobile App for Public Consultation Survey for NCF
- School Innovation Policy
- National Initiative for School Heads & Teachers Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA): ECCE
- Vidya Amrit Portal
- NDEAR compliant Vidya Sameeksha Kendra
- 200 Virtual Labs
- Skill India Partnership with IGNOU for three-year degree programme
- Skill Hubs under PMKVY
- 100+ NSQF aligned future skill qualifications in frontier areas
- National Credit Framework (NCrF)

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- ✓ A partnership with Indira Gandhi Open University (IGNOU) to provide upward mobility to students and help them attain higher education and more livelihood opportunities has also been announced.

- ✓ Under the partnership, 32 National Skill Training Institutes, 3,000+ Government Industrial Training Institutes, 500+ Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras and nearly 300 Jan Shikshan Sansthan will be associated with IGNOU as registration centres
- ✓ The NEP was launched by the government on July 29, 2020 with an aim to transform India's education system in alignment with the futuristic needs, keeping in mind the country's education roots
- ✓ It replaced the 34-year-old National Policy on Education framed in 1986
- ✓ In the last two years, the Union education ministry has already implemented several recommendations of the NEP 2020 in both school and higher education.
- ✓ NEP replaced the 10+2 structure of school curriculum with a 5+3+3+4 curricular structure, corresponding to age groups 3-8, 8-11, 11-14 and 14-18 years respectively
- ✓ The new system had scrapped M.Phil programmes and implemented common norms for private and public higher education institutions.

COURT VERDICT

- **The Madras High Court - has held that qualified Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani doctors can practise Allopathy medicine if they are well trained, along with their respective systems of medicine**
- ✓ However, they are not permitted to practise allopathy medicine exclusively, said Justice R M T Teekaa Raman.
- ✓ In this regard, the judge cited a state government circular dated October 15, 2010
- ✓ As per the circular, the registered AYUSH practitioners are eligible to practice respective systems along with modern scientific medicine including Surgery and Gynaecology Obstetrics, Anesthesiology, ENT, Ophthalmology etc based on proper training and teaching
- ✓ The circular is applicable to the AYUSH practitioners who are registered in the Tamil Nadu Siddha Medical Council, Tamil Nadu Board of Indian Medicine and Tamil Nadu Homeopathy Medical Council
- ✓ The judge was passing the order quashing a criminal proceeding initiated against a homeopathy doctor R Senthilkumar for practising allopathy.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Manisha Ropeta - has created history in Pakistan after becoming the country's first Hindu woman to become Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP).**
- ✓ Ropeta cleared the Sindh Public Service Commission examination last year and ranked 16th on a merit list of 152 successful candidates.
- ✓ She is undergoing training and will be posted as the DSP in the crime-ridden area of Lyari.
- ✓ Manisha Ropeta, 26, hails from Jacobabad in Pakistan's Sindh province.



- ✓ Physical and sexual violence, honour killings, and forced marriages make Pakistan one of the worst countries for women.
- ✓ According to the 'Global Gender Gap Index' of the World Economic Forum, Pakistan was ranked 151 out of 153 countries.
- ✓ Before Ropeta, Pushpa Kumari from Umerkot district had passed her examination and joined Sindh Police as the first Hindu assistant sub-inspector.

INDIA AND OTHERS

- **India - has voted in favour of a UN General Assembly resolution that recognises the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a human right**
 - ✓ The 193-member General Assembly adopted the resolution on July 28 with 161 votes in favour
 - ✓ The nations that abstained during the resolution include Belarus, Cambodia, China, Ethiopia, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Syria.
 - ✓ While India voted in favour of the resolution, it raised its concerns over the procedure and substance of the resolution
 - ✓ India also raised concern over the resolution not clearly defining the terms 'clean', 'healthy' and 'sustainable'.
- **The first India-Bangladesh cross-border logistics of containerized cargo – was completed using the inland waterways of the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route**



- ✓ This was announced recently by the Denmark-based integrated container logistics company A.P. Moller – Maersk
- ✓ The company has recently shipped 50 containers of Coca-Cola Bangladesh beverages from Kolkata to a river port near Dhaka in Bangladesh on the National Waterways 1 on the India side
- ✓ As per the company, the cargo movement on inland waterways or rivers is much more reliable, especially in monsoons, when the turbulent weather can cause delays while transporting goods over the ocean
- ✓ The governments of both countries have encouraged trade on the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route for a long time to enhance the ease of doing business.
- ✓ The Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route is not only a benefit for trade between India and Bangladesh but also extends the connection to landlocked Bhutan

APPOINTMENTS

- **The World Bank - appointed Indermit Gill as the chief economist and senior vice-president for development economics at the multilateral development bank**



- ✓ His appointment will be effective from September 1, this year
- ✓ Gill will succeed American economist Carmen Reinhart in the role.
- ✓ According to World Bank President David Malpass, Gill spearheaded the influential 2009 World Development Report on Economic Geography
- ✓ His pioneering work includes introducing the concept of the “middle income trap” to describe how developing countries stagnate after reaching a certain level of income
- ✓ An Indian national, Gill is currently Vice President for Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions, where he led work on macroeconomics, debt, trade, poverty, and governance.
- ✓ Gill served as a professor of public policy at Duke University and a non-resident senior fellow in the Global Economy and Development program at the Brookings Institution between 2016 and 2021
- ✓ A student of Nobel Laureates Gary Becker and Robert E. Lucas Jr., Gill holds a PhD in economics from the University of Chicago

- ✓ Gill also taught at Georgetown University and the University of Chicago
- ✓ He also holds an MA from the Delhi School of Economics, and a BA (with honors) in Economics from St Stephen's College, University of Delhi.
- ✓ Gill will be only the second Indian to serve as chief economist at the World Bank after Kaushik Basu who served in the job from 2012-2016
- ✓ Raghuram Rajan and Gita Gopinath have served as chief economists at the International Monetary Fund, the sister organisation of the World Bank.
- ✓ The World Bank is an international financial institution that grants loan to middle and lower-income countries.

AWARDS

- **Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy – was conferred with the Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award recently**



- ✓ British Prime Minister Boris Johnson presented the award during a ceremony that was attended by members of the Churchill family on July 26
- ✓ Zelenskyy accepted the award by video link, thanking Johnson and Britain for their support
- ✓ Earlier, Johnson became the first Western leader to visit Ukraine after Russia's invasion.
- ✓ The Churchill leadership award was first presented in 2006
- ✓ The past recipients of the award include Prince Charles, former British Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and John Major, and former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.
- ✓ Sir Winston Churchill served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom during Second World War, as well as from 1951-1955

