

**FVF** **RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS - October**

**TAMIL NADU**

- **The Tamil Nadu government - has notified the first Indian sanctuary for the endangered Slender Loris in Karur and Dindigul districts.**



- ✓ The announcement came after the approval of Chief Minister MK Stalin on October 12
- ✓ A total of 11,806 hectares in the forest areas of the Karur and Dindigul districts will be merged to form the 'Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary'
- ✓ The new sanctuary will cover Vedasandur, Dindigul East, and Natham taluks in the Dindigul district and Kadavur taluk in the Karur district.
- ✓ In Dindigul district, 6,106 hectares and in Karur 5,700 hectares of forest land will be added to create the sanctuary
- ✓ In Dindigul, four reserve forests — Pannamalai, Thanneerkaradu, Thopa Swamimalai and Mudimalai — have been merged, while in Karur district, parts of 11 reserve forests and Palaviduthi and Sembiyanatham reserved forests have been added
- ✓ The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forest notified the establishment of the Kadavur Slender Loris sanctuary under Section 26 A(1)(b) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
- ✓ The DMK government had announced the establishment of India's first Slender Loris sanctuary in the state in the Legislative Assembly in April this year.

- ✓ Slender Loris is listed as an endangered species according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
  - ✓ These mammals are also protected under Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972
  - ✓ The sanctuary will play an important role in the conservation of Slender Loris, according to the Government
  - ✓ The move will not only protect their habitat but also help curb poaching of slender loris
  - ✓ The survival of the species depends on its habitat improvement, conservation efforts and mitigation of threats.
  - ✓ Slender Loris is a small nocturnal mammal that spends most of its life on trees.
  - ✓ They act as biological predators of pests that cause harm to agricultural crops and help farmers.
  - ✓ The species has a wide range of ecological roles and importance in the terrestrial ecosystem
  - ✓ According to estimates, the current population of Slender Loris in the state is around 5,000 which rose from around 3,500, as per a population census of 2016-2017 taken by the Forest Department.
  - ✓ Thoppasamilalai Reserve Forest in Dindigul and Mullipadi Reserve Forest in Karur are estimated to have the highest population of the species among the 13 Reserve Forest areas that form part of the sanctuary.
  - ✓ Thoppasamilalai Reserve Forest, measuring 3,453 hectares, is said to have a slender loris population of 4,298.
  - ✓ The government will also release a documentary and two books, in Tamil and English each, to create awareness about the species.
  - ✓ The film is being made by Dindigul-based wildlife filmmaker N Senthil Kumaran and is likely to be released by Chief Minister MK Stalin
  - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has recently notified India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in Palk Bay, the Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary in Villupuram , the Nanjarayan Tank Birds sanctuary in Tiruppur, and the fifth elephant reserve at Agasthyamalai in Tirunelveli district.
- **The Tamil Nadu government - has approved the setting up of six greenfield universities in the state, which can offer any course and fix their own fees.**
- ✓ This was announced by higher education minister K Ponmudy on October 12
  - ✓ Saveetha and Jeppiaar are among the six universities that got permission to establish greenfield universities recently.
  - ✓ The greenfield university is a private university established under the Tamil Nadu Private Universities Act, 2019.
  - ✓ A trust with 100 acres of land and Rs.50 crore deposit can apply to the government for establishing a greenfield university.
  - ✓ Shiv Nadar University in Chennai, one of the first greenfield universities in the state, is already admitting students.

# STATES

- **The Jammu administration - has authorised tehsildars across the district to issue certificates of residence to people living in the areas within their jurisdiction “for more than a year”**
- ✓ The certificates will be issued even if the people do not possess any of the seven documents listed by the Election Commission as mandatory for inclusion in the electoral rolls.
- ✓ The purpose of the certificate of residence is to ensure that no eligible voter is left for registration in the ongoing special summary revision of electoral rolls
- ✓ In August, Election Commission announced the schedule of the Special Summary Revision in Jammu and Kashmir
- ✓ This is the first time that the electoral revision is being done after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.
- ✓ The special summary revision is meant for registration of new voters who have attained the age of 18 years as of October 1, 2022, or earlier
- ✓ The final electoral roll after due disposal of all claims and objections filed within the stipulated time period would be published on November 25, 2022

# NATIONAL

- **India - will host the opening day's deliberations of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee on October 28 at Mumbai's iconic Taj Palace Hotel**



- ✓ Taj Palace Hotel was one of the targets of the horrific 26/11 terror attacks nearly 14 years ago on November 26, 2008, killing over 160 people in the nearly 60-hour assault
- ✓ The selection of Taj Palace Hotel as the venue for first day's programme is seen as an attempt to send across a message about India's strong resolve to deal with terrorism.
- ✓ The meeting of the top UN panel on October 29 will be held in Delhi and Mumbai.

- ✓ The meetings in Mumbai and Delhi will be the seventh time that the committee members would gather outside the UN headquarters in New York.
  - ✓ The last special meeting of the panel that took place outside the UN headquarters was in Madrid in July 2015.
  - ✓ The special meeting will be held on the theme 'Countering the Use of New and Emerging Technologies for Terrorist Purposes'
  - ✓ India is the Chair of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism committee for the year 2022.
  - ✓ India's two-year tenure as an elected non-permanent member of the 15-nation UN Security Council will end in December
  - ✓ Current members of the Security Council are Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Norway and UAE, along with five permanent members China, France, Russia, the UK and the US.
- **On October 12, the Union cabinet - approved a new scheme — Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) — for the remaining four years (2022-23 to 2025-26) of the 15th Finance Commission**
- ✓ The government has allocated an outlay of Rs.6,600 crore for the implementation of the scheme
  - ✓ This 100% Centre-funded scheme will be implemented by the ministry of development of North Eastern region (DoNER)
  - ✓ It will focus on creation of infrastructure, support industries, social development projects and livelihood for youth and women.
  - ✓ The infrastructure projects will be funded in line with the priorities laid down under the PM Gati Shakti program.
  - ✓ These projects will include basic infrastructure in all primary healthcare centres and government schools
  - ✓ PM-DevINE was earlier announced in the Union Budget 2022-23 to address development gaps in the North Eastern Region (NER).
  - ✓ The new initiative will be implemented by the DoNER ministry through the North Eastern Council or central ministries/agencies.
  - ✓ The projects under the initiative would be implemented on an engineering-procurement-construction (EPC) basis.
  - ✓ Importantly, efforts will be made to complete the PM-DevINE projects by 2025-26 so that there are no committed liabilities beyond this year
- **Justice DY Chandrachud, after assuming office of the Chief Justice of India on November 9 - will preside over a 6-member Collegium instead of the usual 5-member one**
- ✓ Traditionally, the Supreme Court Collegium consists of five-members, which is headed by the incumbent CJI and comprises the four other senior-most judges of the court at the time.



- ✓ Further, every Collegium must have a judge who would go on to succeed as the next CJI.
- ✓ When Justice Chandrachud becomes CJI, his collegium would include Justices Sanjay K Kaul, S Abdul Nazir, K M Joseph and M R Shah.
- ✓ However, none of the four members would succeed Justice Chandrachud as CJI.
- ✓ In order to resolve this gap, Justice Chandrachud would have to include Justice Sanjiv Khanna, as a member of the collegium to increase its strength to six, including the CJI.
- ✓ Justice Sanjiv Khanna will be succeeding Justice Chandrachud as CJI on November 11, 2024

## INTERNATIONAL

- **A13-month old baby girl - received the world's first intestinal transplant in a hospital in Madrid, Spain**
- ✓ The baby received the organ via asystolic donation, from a donor at the end of their life.
- ✓ This method of donation means “the organ to be transplanted does not deteriorate”.
- ✓ The technique had not previously been used for the intestine because it was not thought to be possible for this organ
- ✓ Three years of research and trials by several teams at the hospital were required to establish that such an operation was feasible.
- ✓ Spain is a world leader in organ transplants, as per figures from the Global Observatory on Donation and Transplantation.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **World's first space tourist, Dennis Tito - has signed up with SpaceX, owned by Elon Musk, to fly around the Moon aboard the Starship rocket.**
- ✓ According to SpaceX, the rocket will take Tito, 82, and his wife, Akiko, within 200 km of the far side of the Moon without landing on its surface.
- ✓ The date of the launch is to be announced as the Starship is not yet tested.





- ✓ Dennis Tito, an American engineer and entrepreneur became the first human space tourist to visit the International Space Station in 2001
- ✓ He was launched onboard a Russian Soyuz TM-32 rocket with the help of US-based Space Adventures in 2001.
- ✓ Tito paid \$20 million to Russia for the trip to ISS
- ✓ Before founding Wilshire Associates in 1972, Tito, an engineer with a background in aeronautics and astronautics, worked for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the 1960s
- ✓ 90 year old American actor, William Shatner, who starred on the TV series Star Trek, became the oldest person to ride a rocket into space when he travelled on a Blue Origin flight last year.
- ✓ John Glenn was the first American to orbit the Earth

## SPORTS

- **On October 12, the 36th National Games held in Gujarat - came to a conclusion, with Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) finishing on top of the medal tally with 61 gold medals.**
- ✓ Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar presided over the closing ceremony held in Surat
- ✓ He presented the coveted Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy to the contingent of Services for the fourth time in succession.
- ✓ Lok Sabha Speaker Om Prakash Birla, Governor of Gujarat Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and a large number of dignitaries along with players participated in the ceremony.
- ✓ Maharashtra came second with 39 gold medals, while Haryana came third with 38 gold medals.
- ✓ As Maharashtra finished second in the medals tally (most medals amongst States and UTs), it bagged the Indian Olympic Association's Best State trophy.

- ✓ Overall, Maharashtra won the most number of medals with 140 (39 Gold, 38 Silver, and 63 Bronze), while SSCB won 128 (61 Gold, 35 Silver and 32 Bronze medals)



The image shows a banner for the National Games 2022 with logos for Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Government of India, National Games, India, and SAI. Below the banner is a table titled 'TOP MEDALISTS' listing the top 10 performing states and the SSCB. The table includes columns for Rank, State, Gold medals, Silver medals, Bronze medals, and Total medals. The data is as of October 11, 2022, at 10:00 PM.

RANK	STATE				TOTAL
1	SSCB	56	34	31	121
2	MAHARASHTRA	38	38	62	138
3	HARYANA	34	33	39	106
4	KARNATAKA	27	23	38	88
5	TAMIL NADU	25	21	27	73
6	KERALA	21	18	13	52
7	MADHYA PRADESH	20	25	20	65
8	UTTAR PRADESH	20	18	17	55
9	MANIPUR	20	9	18	47
10	PUNJAB	18	30	22	70

\*AS ON OCT 11, 2022 10:00 PM

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- ✓ 14-year old Harshika Ramachandran (6 gold and 1 bronze) from Karnataka won the Best Female Player of the 36th National Games & Sajan Prakash (5 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze) of Kerala won the Best Male Player of the Games award.
- ✓ This was Sajan Prakash's second successive honor, as he won the same trophy in 2015 as well.



- ✓ Gujarat's 10-year-old Shauryajit Khaire (Mallakhamb) emerged as a star of the Games, becoming its youngest medal winner.
  - ✓ Around 7500 players from 36 states and union territories participated in 36 types of sports competitions organized in six cities of the state, including Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, and Barnagar.
  - ✓ The tournament was held after seven years gap, as it was lastly held by Kerala in 2015.
  - ✓ This year the tournament was hosted by Gujarat for the first time and it was launched on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- **Former India opener Anshuman Gaekwad - is set to succeed Ashok Malhotra as the new president of the Indian Cricketers' Association.**



- ✓ As per the draft list of nominated candidates for the ICA election, Gaekwad is the sole candidate for the president's post.
- ✓ Gaekwad was the ICA's male representative in the BCCI Apex Council in the last term
- ✓ The ICA election will be held from October 27 to 29 and will be conducted by BCCI's electoral officer AK Joti
- ✓ Former India skipper Dilip Vengsarkar will take on Malhotra, an ex-India batsman, for the post of one male ICA representative nominee to the BCCI's Apex Council.
- ✓ Former India captain Shubhangi Kulkarni will replace Shantha Rangaswamy as a female representative in the council.
- ✓ Former Mumbai and Hyderabad batsman Vijay Mohanraj will become the ICA's player representative in the IPL Governing Council.

## **INTERNATIONAL DAY**

- **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction – October 13**
- ✓ The day is observed every year to raise awareness about the progress made in preventing the loss of lives, livelihoods, and infrastructure during various natural disasters.
  - ✓ Natural disasters have resulted in widespread destruction, damage, and loss of lives among people in several countries



- ✓ The day was first established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1989 in order to create awareness about various risks from disasters



- ✓ A resolution was passed in the year 2002 for the establishment of this day.
- ✓ The United Nations constituted various World Conferences on Disaster Risk Reduction as part of the effort towards disaster risk reduction.
- ✓ The UN Secretary-General used the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction in 2016 to launch the Sendai Seven Campaign, which refers to the seven strategic targets with 38 indicators of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030).
- ✓ It was implemented at the third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, a city that was at the epicentre of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.
- ✓ The earthquake was the most powerful ever recorded in Japan and the fourth-most powerful earthquake recorded in modern history.
- ✓ Theme 2022 – ‘Substantially increase the availability and access to multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster risk information and assessment for people by 2030.’
- ✓ This theme focuses on the Target G of the Sendai Framework

➤ **World Sight Day – October 13**



- ✓ The day is observed every year to raise awareness about eye health, the issue of blindness and vision impairment among people

- ✓ It was established by the 'SightFirstCampaign' of Lions Club International Foundation in the year 2000
- ✓ The Foundation is renowned for initiating several programs globally related to sight, eye care, eye diseases, and sight-restoring surgeries.
- ✓ World Sight Day was commemorated by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB).
- ✓ The World Blind Union (WBU) and the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO) were the founding members of IAPB
- ✓ Sir John Wilson is the founder President of IAPB on January 1, 1975
- ✓ The IAPB has decided to use the slogan "#LoveYourEyes" for World Sight Day 2022.
- ✓ 'SightFirst' is one of the most popular and successful projects of the Lions Club which started in 1990 and was organized to fight blindness caused due to trachoma and other issues
- ✓ This campaign focused on raising funds for the treatment of visual impaired patients.
- ✓ It was during this campaign the IAPB decided to observe World Sight Day on second Thursday of October.
- ✓ Theme 2022 - "Love Your Eyes"
- ✓ The first World Sight Day was celebrated on October 8, 1998
- ✓ World Sight Day was also an initiative towards the World Health Organization's "VISION 2020".

