

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS—JANUARY 12, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- On January 11, Reliance Jio - launched its True 5G network in six cities of Tamil Nadu - Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Salem, Hosur and Vellore
- ✓ The Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services, T Mano Thangaraj announced the launch in Chennai, in the presence of Neeraj Mittal, Additional Chief Secretary, IT & Digital Services Department, Tamil Nadu.



- ✓ According to Jio, it has invested over Rs.40,000 crore for deploying the 5G network in Tamil Nadu (including the spectrum cost) and has provided employment to almost one lakh people in the state, directly and indirectly.
- ✓ The 5G facility is already being available in Chennai, thereby taking the total number of Jio True 5G cities to 101 across the nation.
- ✓ With this launch, Jio now has the largest 5G network coverage in Tamil Nadu among all operators, and is on track to connect all of state's towns and taluks with its True 5G network by December 2023.
- ✓ The company holds around 1110 MHZ of 5G spectrum in Tamil Nadu.

- ✓ Starting January 11, Jio users in the six cities will be invited to the Jio Welcome Offer to experience unlimited data at up to one Gbps+ speeds at no additional cost.
- ✓ Jio also demonstrated the immersive benefits of 5G in the field of healthcare through the Jio Community Clinic medical kit at the event.
- ✓ The company also invited the IT minister to experience the use cases of Jio's revolutionary augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (AR-VR) device, Jio Glass.

NATIONAL

- **On January 11, the Cabinet - approved setting up of three national level multi-state cooperative societies for three different sectors — export, seeds and organic products**
 - ✓ This was decided during a meeting of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
 - ✓ With the announcement, the cabinet has taken a decision to set up three new multi-cooperative societies after a gap of 35 years in the country
 - ✓ The three national cooperative bodies will be set up under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002.
 - ✓ The three new societies will be called - National Multi-State Cooperative Export Society, National Multi-State Cooperative Organic Society and National Multi-State Cooperative Seed Society
 - ✓ These three new societies will serve as umbrella organisations for taking forward the respective sectoral interests of cooperatives from across the country.
 - ✓ The Multi-State Cooperative Export Society will work as an umbrella organization for the export of surplus goods and services and help unlock the export potential of Indian cooperatives in the global market.
 - ✓ The Multi-State Cooperative Organic Society will act as an umbrella organization for aggregation, procurement, branding and marketing of organic products.
 - ✓ The Multi-State Cooperative Seed Society will to help reduce the yield gaps and enhance productivity by use of High Yielding Variety (HYV) seeds.
 - ✓ There are about 8.50 lakh cooperatives, which have around 29 crore members mainly from rural areas, who will benefit from the move.
 - ✓ The Multi-State Cooperative Societies law was enacted in 1984.
 - ✓ In 1987, TRIFED (Tribal Co-Operative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd) was established under this law as a national-level cooperative body.
- **The ministry of civil aviation - has notified the standards and guidelines for easier access for persons with disabilities to airport infrastructure**
 - ✓ The new guidelines will also cover the facilities and features that the airlines need to provide along with the security protocols.

- ✓ The notification on the 'Accessibility Standards and Guidelines for Civil Aviation' is in line with the mandate set out by the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
- ✓ The Act stipulates the Centre to formulate rules for persons with disabilities covering transportation, information and communications, including appropriate technologies and systems, and other facilities and services provided to the public in urban and rural areas.
- ✓ The recent guidelines will help develop new accessible airports as well as upgrade the infrastructure at existing ones.
- ✓ The 'accessibility' factor mandates the operator to provide accessible and reserved parking along with drop-off/pick-up points.
- ✓ Among other things, the new norms call for a helpdesk near the entry gate, proper signages and designated seating to be provided for passengers with disabilities in check-in area.

ECONOMY

- **On January 11, the Union Cabinet - approved Rs 2,600-crore incentive scheme for promotion of RuPay debit cards and low-value UPI transactions (person-to-merchant) in the current fiscal.**
- ✓ The decision was made during a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ The Budget support will ensure UPI remains free for consumers and banks have an incentive to deploy the system with merchants.
- ✓ The government will offer the incentive to acquiring banks (lenders that deploy UPI QR codes with merchants).
- ✓ Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her Budget speech last year, had announced the government's decision to continue with financial support for digital payments.
- ✓ Digital payments had increased 59% to 8.8 crore transactions in FY22 from 5.6 crore in the previous year, with UPI payments more than doubling to 4.6 crore.
- ✓ Currently, merchants do not incur any charge when they accept payments through UPI or RuPay debit cards.
- ✓ The zero MDR (merchant discount rate) on RuPay debit cards had impacted its transaction volume as banks had stopped promoting it.
- **The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) - has extended the UPI facility to overseas Indians in 10 countries through their non-resident external (NRE) accounts.**
- ✓ This has been made possible by allowing the international numbers from these countries to be used for onboarding on to UPI.

- ✓ Mobile numbers from the countries that have been permitted to be onboarded are Singapore, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Oman, Qatar, the US, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and the UK.
- ✓ These countries cover most of the countries where the Indian diaspora is located.
- ✓ Banks have been asked to be ready with the required enablement for customers by April 30, 2023.

AWARDS

- **The Telugu film “RRR”, directed by S S Rajamouli - bagged the Best Original Song award for “Naatu Naatu” at the 80th Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, California on January 11**



- ✓ Music director M M Keeravani and lyricist Chandrabose were the winners of the award.
- ✓ Keeravani received the award on behalf of the team at the ceremony
- ✓ “Naatu Naatu” emerged as the winner ahead of Taylor Swift’s “Carolina” from the movie “Where The Crawdads Sing”, Rihanna’s “Lift Me Up” from “Black Panther: Wakanda Forever”, and Lady Gaga’s “Hold My Hand” from “Top Gun: Maverick”, among others.
- ✓ The high-octane song was shot outside President Zelensky’s residence in Ukraine
- ✓ Keeravani has won the National Award for his earlier film ‘Annamayya’.
- ✓ This is the first time a Telugu film has won recognition at the Golden Globes.
- ✓ “Naatu Naatu” has also become the first Asian song to win a Golden Globe award.
- ✓ While the win is a first for India, Naatu Naatu composer MM Keeravani also became the first Golden Globe winner to be played offstage during his acceptance speech
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded the RRR team for the achievement.
- ✓ The film, RRR, also got a nomination for the Best Non-English Language Film award but lost to the Argentinian film “Argentina, 1985”.
- ✓ “RRR” is the highest grosser from India at the worldwide box office.
- ✓ The Banshees of Inisherin, which won the Golden Globe for best comedy/musical, has received eight nominations at the ceremony

- ✓ Steven Spielberg won the Golden Globe for best director for the epic "The Fabelmans", which also won the Best Picture (Drama) award
- ✓ Austin Butler won Best Actor in a motion picture, drama for "Elvis", while Cate Blanchett wins Golden Globe for best actress (Drama) for 'Tar'

SPORTS

- On January 11, Mumbai's Prithvi Shaw - made the second-highest individual score in the history of the Ranji Trophy against Assam at the Amingaon Cricket Ground in Guwahati.



- ✓ The 23-year-old opener slammed a record-breaking 379 off just 383 balls, which contained 49 fours and four sixes
- ✓ During the knock, Shaw scored his maiden triple century in first-class cricket
- ✓ He also broke the record of Sanjay Manjrekar, who had scored 377 in the 1990/91 Ranji Trophy season, to register the highest score by a Mumbai batsman in the Ranji Trophy.

HIGHEST SCORES BY AN OPENING BATTER IN THE RANJI TROPHY						
Runs	Balls	Batter	For	Vs	Venue	Season
379	383	PRITHVI SHAW	Mumbai	Assam	Guwahati	2022-23
359*	723	Samit Gohel	Gujarat	Orissa	Jaipur	2016-17
351*	521	Swapnil Gugale	Maharashtra	Delhi	Mumbai	2016-17
340	NA	Sunil Gavaskar	Mumbai	Bengal	Mumbai	1981-82
338	363	Prashant Chopra	Himachal	Punjab	Dharamsala	2017-18

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL INNINGS IN THE RANJI TROPHY						
Runs	Balls	Batter	For	Vs	Venue	Season
443*	NA	BB Nimbalkar	Maharashtra	Kathiawar	Pune	1948-49
379	383	PRITHVI SHAW	Mumbai	Assam	Guwahati	2022-23
377	473	Sanjay Manjrekar	Mumbai	Hyderabad	Mumbai	1990-91
366	523	Maruti Sridhar	Hyderabad	Andhra	Secunderabad	1993-94
359*	NA	Vijay Merchant	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mumbai	1943-44

- ✓ Shaw is now the Indian opener with the highest first-class score as well.
- ✓ He is the ninth batsman to score 350-plus in Ranji history, breaking records of Swapnil Gugale (351*), Cheteshwar Pujara (352), VVS Laxman (353), Samit Gohel (359*), Vijay Merchant (359*), MV Sridhar (366) and Sanjay Manjrekar (377).
- ✓ After the marathon knock, Shaw is now only behind Maharashtra's Bhausahab Nimbalkar.
- ✓ Maharashtra's Bhausahab Nimbalkar holds the record for the highest score - 443* vs Kathiawar in 1948-49 season - making him the only batsman to score above 400 runs in an innings in the history of the tournament.
 - ✓ Nimbalkar has the record of the highest Ranji Trophy score as well as the highest first-class score by an Indian batter registered under his name
- ✓ Shaw is now the third Indian after Rohit Sharma and Virender Sehwag to score a century in T20s, a double hundred in List A cricket, and a 300 in first class cricket.
 - ✓ However, he is the only Indian batter to have achieved all the feats at a domestic level.
- ✓ Shaw also achieved a unique double, scoring a T20 hundred and a first-class triple ton in the ongoing season against the same opponent (Assam).
 - ✓ Chris Gayle is the only player to have achieved this feat at the international level.
- ✓ It has to be recalled that, as a 14-year-old, Shaw slammed 546, then a world record, for Rizvi Springfield at Azad Maidan in a Harris Shield (inter-school tournament) game in 2013.
- ✓ Shaw made his international debut in 2018, scoring a hundred against the West Indies.
- ✓ He has represented India in 5 tests, 6 ODIs and 1 T20s

NATIONAL DAY

➤ National Youth Day – January 12



- ✓ National Youth Day is observed every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda
- ✓ On this occasion, the government organises National Youth Festival from January 12 to January 16 in collaboration with a participating state.
- ✓ This year the festival is being organized by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in collaboration with the Karnataka
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the festival on January 12 in Huballi, Dharwad in Karnataka.
- ✓ The 26th National Youth Festival will be celebrated as Green Youth Festival where only reusable cutlery, napkins etc will be used.
- ✓ Apart from that, all the mementos, medals and stationery will also be of reusable material.
- ✓ The theme of the National Youth festival this year is 'Viksit Yuva Viksit Bharat'.
- ✓ More than 30,000 youth will attend the inaugural function where the Prime Minister will share his vision with them.
- ✓ On this day, Uttar Pradesh hosts a two-day event called "Mission Bhartiya" and "Basti Yuva Mahotsav" to inspire young people with Swami Vivekananda's teachings.
- ✓ In the year 1985, the government had declared the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, January 12, as 'National Youth Day'.
- ✓ The main objective of the government is to create a better future for the country by inspiring the youth with the way of life and thoughts of Swami Vivekananda.
- ✓ A renowned and influential spiritual teacher of Vedanta, Swami Vivekananda was born on 12 January 1863 in Kolkata, Bengal as Narendranath Dutt
- ✓ Vivekananda was well-known across the globe for his famous speech at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893, which he started with the famous quote "Sisters and Brothers of America."

