

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS—JANUARY 10, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi** - walked out of the Assembly after the House adopted the resolution stating that only the customary speech by the government would go on record for the first day of the House's winter session.



- ✓ It is perhaps the first time that such an incident has happened in the history of the Assembly.
- ✓ On January 9, Tamil Nadu Assembly session began with the speech of Governor R. N. Ravi
- ✓ The Governor in his speech listed out the various steps taken by the Centre and the State to solve people's issues.
- ✓ In his customary address, Governor RN Ravi omitted the "Dravidian model" term from the address
- ✓ He omitted the names of Dravidian stalwarts including the late EV Ramasamy 'Periyar' and CN Annadurai.
- ✓ The Governor made a reference to Swami Vivekananda skipping certain portions from his customary speech

- ✓ With this, R.N. Ravi became the first Tamil Nadu Governor to skip portions of text of address to the Assembly

OMISSIONS & ADDITIONS

WHAT HE SKIPPED

- This government will continue to march with vigour on the path of this Dravidian model of development.
- Award (best performing big state) is a testimony to the dynamic leadership of our honourable chief minister and the Dravidian model of development, which is founded on the tenets of social justice and inclusive growth.
- I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the government of Tamil Nadu for this remarkable feat (Temple land and properties worth ₹3,657 crore have been retrieved by the government).
- Because of stellar management of law and order, Tamil Nadu continues

WHAT HE ADDED

- January 12 is also the National Youth Day and is the birthday of our great patriotic saint and leader Swami Vivekananda.
- 232 Tamil Nadu fishermen apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy were released after unstinting efforts of this

to be a haven of peace. As a result, the state is attracting numerous foreign investments and is becoming a forerunner in all sectors.

- The government is founded on the ideals of social justice, self-respect, inclusive growth, equality, women empowerment, secularism and compassion towards all.
- Following the principles and ideals of stalwarts like Thanthai Periyar, Annal Ambedkar, Perunthalaivar Kamarajar, Perarignar Anna and Muthamizh Arignar Kalaingar, this government has been delivering the much-acclaimed Dravidian model of governance to its people.

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- This government, which successfully handled the second and third waves of Covid pandemic "in collaboration with the government of India."
- Instead of reading "Considering that the NEET exam system is highly disadvantageous to poor rural students" the governor went on to say "This government considers..."

➤ Jai Hind



- ✓ On the completion of his reading, Chief Minister M. K. Stalin brought a resolution relaxing Assembly rule No 17 (Observance of order during Governor's address) of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules
 - ✓ The CM stated the Speech read by the Governor had certain added portions and skipped certain portions of the printed English Version which was given to the members of the Assembly.
 - ✓ A resolution was adopted through the voice vote that the printed version of the Governor's speech in English, which was prepared by the state government, may be kept on record of the Assembly
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu Assembly session will continue till the 13th of this month
 - ✓ A total of 21 Bills haven't been given ascent by the Governor, as of December 2022
- **On January 9, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin - launched the Global Tamil Angels platform (www.tamilangels.fund) for investors from the global Tamil diaspora to make investments in the State's start-ups.**



- ✓ The platform was launched at the “Global Tamil Startup Investors Summit” held in Chennai
 - ✓ The summit was jointly organised by the Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission and FeTNA (Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America) International Tamil Entrepreneur Network.
- ✓ During the event, the Chief Minister unveiled a new multi-crore American Tamil Fund (ATF)
 - ✓ The ATF was launched by investors from the Tamil Diaspora in the US to invest in the innovative start-ups in the state
 - ✓ The ATF has pledged investments to the tune of Rs.16.5 crore before December 2023
 - ✓ Headed by a five-member team, ATF will invest in startups primarily across Software as a Service, AI/ Machine Learning (ML) and other high-tech sectors.
- ✓ During his address, the Chief Minister noted the state's progress in the ease of doing business ranks from 13th place to 3rd place
- ✓ Global Tamil Angels is a platform by StartupTN that makes fundraising easy for Tamil Nadu-based start-ups and investing easy for Global Tamil Angel Investors by helping them get connected.
- ✓ Global Tamil Angels will also provide necessary support for the successful closure of deals by connecting the start-ups, based on their sectors of interest, among other criteria
- ✓ Supported by Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (StartupTN), the state’s nodal agency for Startups and Innovation, the new platform will make fundraising easy for startups.
- ✓ MSME minister T M Anbarasan; finance minister P Thiaga Rajan and IT minister TM Thangaraj, and other officials were also present at the event unveiling the initiatives.

NATIONAL

- **On January 9, the government - designated Arshdeep Singh Gill as an ‘individual terrorist’ under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act**



- ✓ Arshdeep is a pro-Khalistan Canada-based terrorist involved in several cases of faith-based killings and extortion in Punjab and closely associated with Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar
- ✓ Arshdeep Singh Gill was born in Ludhiana, Punjab and is presently based in Canada
- ✓ He is associated with Khalistan Tiger Force and runs terror modules on behalf of Nijjar.
- ✓ The multiple cases against Arshdeep are being investigated by the NIA.

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **On January 9, the UK-India Young Professionals Scheme - was launched at the Indian high commission in London**



- ✓ The scheme will allow 3,000 young Indians and Britons to live, study and work in each other's countries
- ✓ Indian high commissioner to the UK Vikram Doraiswami and Matthew Rycroft, permanent secretary at the UK home office, exchanged letters about the scheme, which is expected to open in March.
- ✓ The launch was timed to coincide with Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.
- ✓ The scheme will allow graduates aged 18 to 30 to stay in the other country for up to two years without needing to have a job in hand.
- ✓ They can look for work, study, do voluntary work, be self-employed or start a business, or do whatever they wish — but they have to fund the trip themselves and find their own accommodation.
- ✓ Indians who come to Britain on the scheme will not be allowed to avail of state benefits and the visa cannot be extended.
- ✓ The aim of the scheme was to facilitate young people in India and UK to find jobs, create opportunities, do business with each other, set up start-ups, create innovation and new research and develop a longer lasting UK-India partnership.
- ✓ Successful participants will be selected via a ballot.

- ✓ The scheme was first announced in November at the G20 summit in Bali
- ✓ It is part of the India-UK Migration and Mobility Memorandum of Understanding signed in May 2021.
- ✓ One aspect of the agreement aims to facilitate the return of illegal migrants to their home countries.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **On January 9, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - inaugurated the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention at Brilliant Convention Centre in Indore, Madhya Pradesh**
- ✓ President of Guyana, Dr. Mohd. Irfan Ali was the chief guest and the President of Suriname Chandrikaprasad Santokhi was the special guest for the inaugural ceremony.
- ✓ The theme of the three-day conference is “Pravasis: Reliable Partners in India’s Progress in the Age of Amrit”.
- ✓ During the event, the PM released a special postage stamp “Go Safe, Go Trained”, which highlighted the importance of safe, legal, orderly and efficient migration.



- ✓ Further, the Prime Minister inaugurated the first digital exhibition focused on the theme “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – Contribution of NRIs in Indian Freedom Struggle” to highlight the contribution of overseas freedom fighters to India’s independence.
- ✓ Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar welcomed the dignitaries at the beginning of the program highlighting the objective of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel, Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan, Union Minister of State for Culture Ms Meenakshi Lekhi and a large number of NRIs were also present in the programme.
- ✓ The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention started with the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas program in Indore on January 8

- ✓ The first day was hosted by Anurag Thakur, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Sports, and Youth Affairs.
- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu will preside over the valedictory session and present the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman (PBS) on January 10
 - ✓ The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award is the highest honor given to a Non-Resident Indian, a person of Indian origin.
 - ✓ So far 269 overseas members have been honored with the PBS Award, which includes both individuals as well as organizations.
 - ✓ These awards were given for excellence in the fields of business, public/community services, medicine, Indian culture, education, science and technology etc.
 - ✓ For the year 2021, a total of 30 awards were given to individuals and organizations belonging to 15 Indian states working in 26 countries of the world.
- ✓ The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated on January 9 to mark the arrival of Mahatma Gandhi in Mumbai from South Africa on that day in 1915.
- ✓ The then Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee had announced to celebrate Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in the year 2002.
- ✓ The first Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was celebrated in the year 2003
- ✓ Since 2015, the convention has been organised every two years to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of the nation.
- ✓ Every year the PBD convention is celebrated at various places across India.
- ✓ The 17th PBD Convention holds significance as it is being organised as a physical event after a gap of four years and the first after the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic
- ✓ The last PBD Convention was held in 2021 in virtual mode during the pandemic

PERSONALITIES

- **R S Sodhi - has resigned as the Managing Director of the Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF)**
- ✓ The decision to oust Sodhi was reportedly taken at the board meeting of the Federation
- ✓ Chief Operating Officer of GCMMF, Jayen Mehta has been given the charge for an interim period with immediate effect.
 - ✓ Mehta has been associated with Amul for the last 32 years.
 - ✓ He has also served as in charge MD of Amul Dairy, Anand, and is the federation's nominee on the board of many milk unions in Gujarat.
- ✓ RS Sodhi is also the President of the Indian Dairy Association.
- ✓ In June 2021, Sodhi was unanimously elected to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF).
- ✓ Sodhi joined Amul as a senior sales officer in 1982 and retired in December 2020

- ✓ After his retirement, the board members had given him an extension “till the time the next appointment is made”.

VETERAN WITH KNACK FOR MARKETING

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rupinder Singh Sodhi began his stint with Amul in March 1982 ➤ He had joined as a senior sales officer at a salary of ₹1,450 ➤ He was groomed by Dr Verghese Kurien, the founder-chairman of Amul ➤ When Sodhi joined Amul in 1982, its turnover was ₹121cr. When he took over as regular MD in 2011, it was at ₹8k cr. In FY22, it was ₹61,000cr ➤ After his second 5-year term ended in Dec 2020, the board gave him an extension ➤ Sodhi headed the marketing and sales function of Amul for more than two decades and spearheaded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> popular marketing campaigns ➤ Being a keen marketer, Sodhi did not blink while taking on MNCs in ice cream ad wars ➤ Known as an enterprising leader, high on execution, Sodhi's management style has often been commended upon ➤ From milk & milk products like ice cream, chocolates and sweets, Amul expanded into organic commodity and frozen products ➤ Executive search firms say Sodhi could be a sought-after talent for leading food companies <i>(Inputs by Namrata Singh)</i>
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- ✓ From 2000-2004, Sodhi served as its general manager (marketing), and in June 2010, he was elevated as the MD.
- ✓ Sodhi is an alumnus of the first batch of the Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA) founded by Dr Verghese Kurien, father of India’s White Revolution.
- ✓ During Sodhi’s tenure as managing director, GCMMF’s sales turnover increased from Rs 8,005 crore in 2009-2010 to Rs 46,481 crore in 2021-2022.
- ✓ Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation is the apex body of all the milk unions of Gujarat, which markets India’s largest FMCG brand Amul

INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **World Hindi Day – January 10**



- ✓ The day is observed every year to mark the importance of Hindi language and promote its usage as a global language around the world

- ✓ It was on this day, Hindi was first spoken in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 1949
- ✓ On January 10, 1975, the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi inaugurated the first World Hindi Conference in Nagpur, Maharashtra
 - ✓ Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, the then-Prime Minister of Mauritius, served as the conference's chief guest
- ✓ To mark the day, on January 10, 2006, the World Hindi Day was celebrated for the first time.
 - ✓ This decision was announced by the then Prime Minister of India, Manmohan Singh.
- ✓ While the World Hindi Day is celebrated on January 10 every year, Hindi Diwas is celebrated on September 14 annually.
 - ✓ The day, September 14, commemorates the adoption of Hindi as one of the official languages by the Constituent Assembly of India in 1949, English being the second official language.
 - ✓ The first National Hindi Day was officially celebrated on 14 September 1953, based on the announcement made by the then Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
- ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs in partnership with the Government of Fiji will host the 12th World Hindi Conference in Fiji from February 15-17, 2023
 - ✓ The conference is to be held at the Denarau Island Convention Center in Nadi, Fiji,
 - ✓ The theme for this year's conference is 'Hindi: Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence'
 - ✓ The 11th World Hindi Conference was held in Mauritius last year
- ✓ Hindi was made the official language of the Union of India in 1950.
- ✓ It is designated as Hindi in Devanagari script in Article 343 of the Indian Constitution.
- ✓ In India, Hindi is the most common language, with 43.63% of the population speaking it according to the 2011 census

