

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS—APRIL 19, 2023

### TAMIL NADU

- On April 18, health Minister Ma Subramanian - made 106 announcements in the State Legislative Assembly, primarily focusing on development of infrastructure and procurement of latest equipment at government hospitals
- ✓ During the reply on demand for grants of his department, the Minister announced that the directorate of medical education will be renamed as directorate of medical education and research
- ✓ For the first time, a state registry will be created for type I diabetes in children, said the Minister

#### HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE HOUSE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Health department will coordinate with the district administration to create 8km stretches to encourage people to walk</li> </ul>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New eye banks will be started at <b>Tambaram and Sripurumbudur</b>; dental care centres to be set up at medical colleges in <b>Madurai, Tirunelveli, Salem and Coimbatore</b></li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Home-based healthcare services will be provided to measure height, weight, vaccination, and milestone achievement for children up to two years of age</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Walk in centre for TB will be opened at the block level</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 50 new dialysis units will be opened across TN besides setting up screening for kidney diseases at the PHC level</li> </ul>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Vitals Bay will be opened in OP clinics where blood pressure, blood sugar, height, weight, pulse rate and SPO2 will be measured</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Deaddiction services – counselling, treatment and drugs – will be provided at all hospitals</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Directorate of Medical Education will be called the Directorate of medical education and Research</li> </ul>   |



- ✓ Further, the Minister has announced that Measles and rubella will be eliminated in Tamil Nadu in 2023 and targets related towards it were implemented in at least 50% of districts
- ✓ According to the Minister, new medical facilities in the government medical college hospitals, government hospitals, Primary Health Centers, Sub-Health Centers, Siddha Hospital and Ayurvedic medical centers in the State will be set up at a cost of Rs 917.68 crore

- ✓ The Health Minister announced that a new Centre of Excellence for Cancer in the Government Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital in Karapettai in Kancheepuram at a cost of Rs 120 crore and will have 750 beds.
- ✓ Among other announcements, community-based screening for cancer detection in Erode, Tirupattur, Kanyakumari and Ranipet districts will be taken up at a cost of Rs 3.31 crore
- ✓ To reduce deaths due to heart attack, first aid tablets will be given to diabetic and hypertension patients who are at risk of heart attack in all PHCs and health sub centres at a cost of Rs 3.37 crore.
- ✓ To promote physical activity for a healthy life, 8-km stretch will be designated as 'health walk street' in all 38 districts of Tamil Nadu and training will be provided to walkers every week.
- ✓ Master health check-up will be conducted for every sanitary worker once a year at government medical college hospitals.
  - ✓ A special sanitary workers medical camp will be conducted at urban health centres for 60,587 sanitary workers in municipality and corporations.
  - ✓ A separate room will be created for sanitary workers at all government hospitals.
- ✓ To strengthen the 'Innuyir Kaapom - Nammai Kaakum 48' scheme, critical care blocks with 50 beds will be created at a cost of Rs 118.75 crore at five government hospitals
  - ✓ At least 1,53,091 people have been benefitted by the scheme and Rs 135.01 crore has been spent for the same so far in 683 hospitals.
- ✓ To reduce caesarean deliveries, a midwifery-led care and training unit will be established at Government Kasturba Gandhi Hospital for Women and Children.
- ✓ With 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' scheme benefitting 1,00,46,429 people in the State after being launched in August 2021, Rs 25 crore will be provided as additional funds.
  - ✓ The scheme also received Rs 681.64 crore as special fund allocation for the scheme
- ✓ The Minister also announced a centre of excellence at the Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine at KK Nagar in Chennai at a cost of Rs 11.3 crore for the purchase of advanced equipment.
- **On April 18, Chief minister M K Stalin - announced in the state assembly that a centenary memorial would be constructed for social activist and former TNCC president L Ilaya Perumal in Chidambaram in Cuddalore district.**
- ✓ Making a statement under Rule 110 of the State Assembly, the CM said that the Dravidian model government considers it a duty to celebrate a social revolutionary like Ilayaperumal who valiantly fought for social reform like Ayothidas Pandithar, Rettamalai Srinivasan, MC Raja, N Sivaraj and LC Gurusamy



- ✓ The chief minister said champion of Dalit rights, Ilaya Perumal had worked relentlessly for the abolition of untouchability from a very young age.
  - ✓ According to the CM, Ilayaperumal led major social struggles in the integrated south Arcot district (Thanjavur) that triggered an uprising among the scheduled caste people.
  - ✓ It was due to Ilayaperumal's efforts that the double pot system ended in Chidambaram.
  - ✓ The CM also recalled that the Ilayaperumal Commission report titled 'Untouchability: The Economic and Educational Development of Scheduled Castes' formed the basis of the Prevention of Atrocities Act.
  - ✓ Ilayaperumal had served as the MLA of Egmore from 1980 to 1984, MP for three terms, president of the state Congress and All India Untouchability Eradication Committee president.
- **On April 18, the Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA) - signed a deal with Indian Bank to integrate its payment aggregator with the e-governance applications of government departments.**
- ✓ This will aid online payment using debit/credit cards, UPI payment wallets, net banking, e-challans and e-UPI.
  - ✓ Indian Bank has agreed to offer its services on a pay-per-use model priced cheaper than other options in the market
  - ✓ The deal was signed in the presence of state minister for information technology and digital services (IT & DS) Mano Thangaraj, IT&DS secretary J Kumaragurubaran and Mahesh Kumar Bajaj, executive director, Indian Bank.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

- **On April 18, the European Commission - announced a 1.1-billion-euro (\$1.2 billion) plan to counter growing cybersecurity threats involving a series of high-profile hacking incidents.**
- ✓ Under the plan named 'Cyber Shield', EU will set up centres that will link cyber security capabilities of its member states.

- ✓ Expected to be operational by 2024, these centres will utilise AI and advanced data analytics to counter cyber threats
- ✓ The aim of plan is to help deal with a large-scale attack targeting multiple countries.
- ✓ The initiative also seeks to set up a "cybersecurity reserve" of private providers that would be able to intervene to help a country targeted by a major attack.
- ✓ The Cyber Solidarity Act will require agreement from EU countries and European Parliament before it can become law.

## SPORTS

- **Tamil Nadu - will be hosting an International Surf Open, part of the World Surf League (WSL), at Mahabalipuram from August 14-20 this year**
- ✓ It will be the first such event organised in India.
- ✓ The International Surf Open, a WSL QS 3000 event would see participants from some 12-14 countries and about 80-100 surfers, in addition to 15 Indians (10 men and five women) who will be given wild cards



- ✓ Though it was already announced in the state assembly a few days ago, on April 18, Tamil Nadu sports minister Udhayanidhi Stalin formally vetted it and extended the government's full support to the Surfing Federation of India (SFI) and Tamil Nadu Surf Association (TNSA) in conducting the international event.
- ✓ He added that this will be the second International sporting event to be hosted in the iconic seaside town, after the FIDE International Chess Olympiad in 2022.
- ✓ On the occasion, a cheque for Rs 2.67 crore sanctioned by the Tamil Nadu government for the event was handed over by the Minister to SFI president Arun Vasu
- ✓ The upcoming event is titled 'International Surf Open - Tamil Nadu' and is expected to expose foreign surfers to the sport in Indian waters, popularise the niche sport in India and offer a huge platform for the country's emerging surfing talent.



- ✓ Out of 20 top national surfers, 19 are from Tamil Nadu.
  - ✓ The QS 3000 event carries a total prize money of \$45,000 and 3,000 Tour points and would feature top surfers from Asia and Australia.
  - ✓ The qualifying series comprises QS 10,000, QS 5,000, QS 3,000, QS 1,500 and QS 1,000 level events.
  - ✓ The qualifying series events would be held at Pondicherry (Pondicherry Surf Challenge — July 29 and 30); Mahabalipuram Point Break Challenge (August 5 and 6) and the Covelong Classic (August 12 and 13).
  - ✓ Portugal, the US and Japan are the other countries that are hosting similar qualifying events.
  - ✓ The World Surf League is the governing body for professional surfers and their WSL Championship Tour is the premier surfing event for top talent
  - ✓ A four-member Indian team (three from Tamil Nadu and 1 from Karnataka) would be taking part in the ISA World Surfing Games 2023 in El Salvador in May-June.
- **India's leading female taekwondo player, Kashish Malik - has been banned for two years by the Nada's anti-doping disciplinary panel (ADDP)**



- ✓ Kashish returned positive for diuretics and masking agent in an out-of-competition testing by dope control officers (DCOs) in Lucknow earlier this year.
- ✓ Kashish Malik had finished fifth in the women's 57kg category at the Jakarta Asian Games in 2018
- ✓ It was the best-ever by an Indian taekwondo player at the Jakarta Asiad
- ✓ The 22-year-old Delhi girl was handed the ban from the date of her ADPP order, which came into effect earlier this month
- ✓ Kashish currently trains under former world champion Sayed Hassan Rezay at the Peace Taekwondo Academy and is supported by Virat Kohli Foundation
- ✓ She has won several international medals for India, including gold at the Malaysia Open in Kuala Lumpur in 2018 and South Asian Games (SAG) in Kathmandu in 2019.

- ✓ In her first international assignment in 2018, the Indian had returned with a silver medal at the Fujairah Open in UAE.
- ✓ She is currently placed at the 70th position in the world taekwondo rankings and 19th at the Asian level.

## RANKINGS

- **New York City topped a new list of the world's wealthiest cities in 2023 with 58 billionaires, according to London-based investment migration firm Henley & Partners**
- ✓ Japan's Tokyo and Silicon Valley's Bay Area claimed the second and third spots, followed by London and Singapore

**Wealthiest Cities in the World**  
 NYC had the most millionaires in 2022, but Bay Area had more billionaires

City/Area	Millionaires	Billionaires	HNWI Change (2012-2022)
New York City	340,000	58	+40% ▲
Tokyo	290,300	14	-5 ▼
Bay Area	285,000	63	+68 ▲
London	258,000	36	-15 ▼
Singapore	240,100	27	+40 ▲
Los Angeles	205,400	42	+35 ▲
Hong Kong	129,500	32	-27 ▼
Beijing	128,200	43	+70 ▲
Shanghai	127,200	40	+72 ▲
Sydney	126,900	15	+35 ▲

Source: Henley & Partners, New World Wealth  
 Note: Figures as of Dec. 31, 2022. 'Millionaires' includes only HNWI's (over one million USD in investable wealth) living in each city as residents. Bay Area includes San Francisco and Silicon Valley.

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- ✓ The Indian cities that made it to the list were Mumbai with 29 billionaires, followed by Delhi with 16 billionaires, Bengaluru with 8 billionaires, Hyderabad with 5 billionaires and Kolkata with 7 billionaires.
- ✓ Bengaluru got a special mention as one of the fastest-growing cities in the Asia Pacific.
- ✓ The list ranked the cities by taking into account the number of resident millionaires with an investable wealth of over \$1 million as of December 31, 2022.
- ✓ In the top 10, the US dominated with four of its cities listed (New York City, The Bay Area, Los Angeles and Chicago), while China had two of its cities listed (Beijing and Shanghai.)
- ✓ Only one European city, London, made it onto the Top 10 list, dropping down to the fourth place.
- ✓ Hangzhou in China topped the charts as the fastest-growing city for resident millionaires, with 105% growth between 2012 and 2022.
- ✓ The World's Wealthiest Cities Report 2023 covered 97 cities across the world, using data from wealth intelligence firm, New World Wealth

# NATIONAL DAY

- President Droupadi Murmu - inaugurated the National Panchayat Awards Week and conferred the National Panchayat Awards at the 'National Conference on Incentivisation of Panchayats-cum-Award Ceremony' in New Delhi on April 17.



- ✓ On the occasion, the President addressed more than 1,500 delegates from across the country.
- ✓ The Ministry of Panchayati Raj will be celebrating National Panchayat Awards Week from April 17-21, as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) 2.0
- ✓ The Ministry has conceptualized a series of Thematic Conferences based on the theme of "Panchayaton ke Sankalpon ki Siddhi ka Utsav" to celebrate this monumental occasion
- ✓ A new app 'Gram Sabha NIRNAY' was launched on the occasion by Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj.
  - ✓ The new mobile application 'GS NIRNAY, National Initiative for Rural India to Navigate, InnovAte and Resolve PanchaYat decisions' has been developed to record and upload Gram Sabha proceedings open for public view
  - ✓ It aims to further strengthen Gram Sabha for ensuring participatory democracy and making empowered people and accountable Panchayats
  - ✓ The app will also serve as a valuable repository of information for future reference.
- ✓ The National Panchayat Awards–2023 comprises various categories namely

- ✓ Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP) for the performance under individual LSDG themes
- ✓ Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (NDSPSVP) for the aggregate performance under all 9 LSDG themes and
- ✓ Green initiative related Special Categories of
  - ✓ Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar and
  - ✓ Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar.
- ✓ The National Panchayati Raj Day will be celebrated on April 24, 2023 to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 that institutionalized Panchayati Raj in India.

