

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 28, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **FaMe Tamil Nadu, an autonomous agency of the Tamil Nadu government - has entered into MoUs with 100 MSME companies to attract investments up to Rs.1,510 crore.**
- ✓ These units are to be established in multiple sectors including automobile, aerospace, defence, electric vehicles (EV), pharma and textile across the state
- ✓ They are expected to generate employment opportunities for around 7,400 people.
- ✓ The MoUs were exchanged in the presence of chief minister M K Stalin on June 27 to mark International MSMEs Day at an event held at the trade centre in Nandambakkam in Chennai
- ✓ FaMe Tamil Nadu, an MSME trade and promotion organization, also signed an MoU with SIDBI to facilitate loans for MSMEs.
- ✓ **During the event, CM Stalin launched a new initiative named ‘Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme for SC/STs’.**



- ✓ According to the CM, 'Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme' offers 35% capital subsidy on the project cost including land, plant, machinery, testing equipment and computing devices for small business owners from Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities.
 - ✓ Besides, the beneficiaries can also get 6% interest subvention for loans offered for a period of 10 years under the scheme
 - ✓ CM Stalin handed over the order sanctioning funds to 100 entrepreneurs for a cumulative value of Rs 18.94 crore during the event.
 - ✓ Apart from manufacturing, entrepreneurs from industries like service and trading are also eligible under the scheme and a maximum subsidy of Rs 1.5 crore each will be awarded.
 - ✓ The scheme was introduced by the state government, which has set aside Rs 100 crore for it in the budget for 2023–24
 - ✓ According to the state government guidelines, a committee headed by district collectors will evaluate and select the entrepreneurs.
 - ✓ The state also has schemes such as Unemployed Youth Employment Generation Program implemented by the MSME department and dedicated allocation for SC/ST entrepreneurs under Startup TN scheme
 - ✓ According to the N Sundaradevan committee's recommendations, the government is adopting immediate, long-term, and intermediate initiatives to promote the growth of the MSME sector, according to CM Stalin.
 - ✓ Further, the CM inaugurated three new industrial estates at Kodur in Chengalpattu, Manapparai in Tiruchy, and Sakkimangalam in Madurai district built at a total cost of Rs 153.22 crore.
 - ✓ He also opened the first micro cluster at Kadampuliyur in Panruti, Cuddalore district, under the micro cluster development scheme.
 - ✓ The projects launched, worth Rs.1,723 crore, have the potential to create jobs for 30,000 people.
 - ✓ MSME minister T M Anbrasan, school education minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi, MSME secretary V Arun Roy and industries commissioner Sigy Thomas Vaidhyan are present during the occasion.
- **Minister for health and family welfare Ma Subramanian - launched a new scheme in the state to facilitate availability of life-saving cardiac drugs on June 27**
- ✓ Under the scheme, lifesaving drugs to treat heart attacks will be stocked at 8,713 sub-primary health centres, 2,286 primary health centres and urban health centres across the state at a cost of Rs.3.37 crore.
 - ✓ The scheme was launched with the objective of preventing deaths during or before heart attacks by providing drugs
 - ✓ It has been launched at Malumichampatti village in Coimbatore after a surge in heart attack cases after Covid-19.



- ✓ Besides, drugs to cure snake and dog bites have been made available at 2,286 PHCs and urban PHCs.

STATES

- **On June 27, the Bihar cabinet – approved the decision to remove the domicile clause in the teacher recruitment policy**
- ✓ Accordingly, candidates from any part of the country can now apply for a teaching job in government schools in Bihar
- ✓ The cabinet meeting was presided over by chief minister Nitish Kumar
- ✓ During the meeting, the cabinet approved the Bihar State School Teachers' (Appointment, Transfer, Disciplinary Action & Service Conditions) Rules, 2023
- ✓ Under the new Rules, the teacher's post in Bihar will be open to all Indians.
- ✓ Earlier, only Bihar residents were eligible to apply.
- ✓ The rules also state that the new teachers to be appointed will have status equivalent to state government employees.

NATIONAL

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - flagged off five Vande Bharat trains connecting important cities in different parts of the country from Rani Kamalapati railway station in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on June 27.**
- ✓ These trains will now connect the states of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa, Bihar and Jharkhand.
- ✓ With these, the total number of Vande Bharat Express trains has increased to 23, since they were first launched by the Prime Minister in February 2019 to connect Delhi and Varanasi.
- ✓ This will for the first time so many Vande Bharat trains were launched in one-day.
- ✓ Among the five new trains, two of them are for Madhya Pradesh, where assembly elections are scheduled later this year.



- ✓ The five Vande Bharat trains are -- Bhopal (Rani Kamalapati)-Indore Vande Bharat Express, Bhopal (Rani Kamalapati)-Jabalpur Vande Bharat Express, Ranchi-Patna Vande Bharat Express, Dharwad-Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express and Goa (Madgaon)-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express.
 - ✓ Ranchi-Patna Vande Bharat Express will be the first Vande Bharat for Jharkhand and Bihar, while Goa (Madgaon)-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express will be Goa's first Vande Bharat Express.
 - ✓ The new semi-high-speed trains launched are part of the government's initiative to modernise the Indian railway network and provide faster and more comfortable travel options to passengers.
 - ✓ The trains can accelerate from 0 to 100 km per hour in just 52 seconds, and reach a maximum speed of 160 km per hour.
 - ✓ Vande Bharat trains are also equipped with 'KAVACH', a train collision avoidance system
 - ✓ The launch was attended by railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Governor Mangubhai Patel and Union ministers Narendra Singh Tomar and Jyotiraditya Scindia.
- **The National Medical Commission (NMC), for the first time - shared a tentative timeline for conducting the National Exit Test (NExT), a common centralised qualifying exam for medical graduates.**
- ✓ Accordingly, the National Exit Test will be held in India in two phases.
 - ✓ The first phase, likely to be held in May next year, will be based on multiple choice questions (MCQs).
 - ✓ The second phase, to be conducted in November, after the completion of internship, will be a comprehensive practical/clinical examination.
 - ✓ It will evaluate competencies in clinical diagnosis, patient examination and clinical decision-making, practical and communication skills necessary for practice of the modern system of medicine.

- ✓ NExT will act as a licentiate exam to practice modern medicine and for merit-based admission to postgraduate courses and a screening exam for foreign medical graduates who want to practice in India.
- ✓ Until now, all MBBS graduates had to clear a final exam which included both theory and practical that was conducted by respective colleges/universities.
- **Twelve start-ups from 9 Indian states - emerge winners at Youth Co:Lab National Innovation Dialogue 2022**
- ✓ The winning 12 start-ups receive seed funding of up to \$5,000 to scale up their innovations and ideas into tangible products or services.
- ✓ Youth Co:Lab was co-created in 2017 by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Citi Foundation
- ✓ It aims to establish a common agenda for countries in the Asia-Pacific region to empower and invest in youth, so that they can accelerate the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through leadership, social innovation, and entrepreneurship.
- ✓ Youth Co:Lab was launched in India in 2019 in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog

SPORTS

- **The International Cricket Council (ICC) - announced the final schedule of the 2023 edition of the ODI World Cup in Mumbai on June 27.**
- ✓ The ODI World Cup will be played in India from October 5 to November 19
- ✓ It will be the first time that India will hold the prestigious ODI World Cup 2023 on its own, without involving other countries
- ✓ The fixtures have been announced just 100 days before the start of the event given the uncertainty over Pakistan's willingness to visit India or play at certain venues.
- ✓ The World Cup kicks off on October 5 with reigning champions England taking on runners-up New Zealand at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, a rematch of the 2019 World Cup final.
- ✓ Hosts India begins their campaign on October 8 against five-time World Cup winners Australia in Chennai.
- ✓ The much-anticipated India-Pakistan clash is scheduled on October 15 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad
- ✓ Each team plays the other nine in a round-robin format with the top four qualifying for the knockout stage and semi-finals.
- ✓ The first semi-final will be played on November 15 at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai while the second semi-final will be played on November 16 at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata.
- ✓ The final will be played on November 19 at the world's largest cricket stadium accommodating 1,32,000 spectators, the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

- ✓ The 2023 World Cup will be played at a total of 10 venues including Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Dharamsala, Delhi, Chennai, Lucknow, Pune, Bengaluru, Mumbai and Kolkata

ICC WORLD CUP 2023 SCHEDULE BY VENUES



AHMEDABAD
5 October | England vs New Zealand
15 October | India vs Pakistan
4 November | England vs Australia
10 November | South Africa vs Afghanistan
19 November | **Final**

HYDERABAD
6 October | Pakistan vs Qualifier 1
9 October | New Zealand vs Qualifier 1
12 October | Pakistan vs Qualifier 2

DHARAMSALA
7 October | Bangladesh vs Afghanistan (Day Game)
10 October | England vs Bangladesh
17 October | South Africa vs Qualifier 1
22 October | India vs New Zealand
28 October | Australia vs New Zealand (Day Game)

DELHI
7 October | South Africa vs Qualifier 2
11 October | India vs Afghanistan
14 October | England vs Afghanistan
25 October | Australia vs Qualifier 1
6 November | Bangladesh vs Qualifier 2

CHENNAI
8 October | India vs Australia
14 October | New Zealand vs Bangladesh (Day Game)
18 October | New Zealand vs Afghanistan
23 October | Pakistan vs Afghanistan
27 October | Pakistan vs SA

LUCKNOW
13 October | Australia vs South Africa
16 October | Australia vs Qualifier 2
21 October | Qualifier 1 vs Qualifier 2 (Day Game)
29 October | India vs England
3 November | Qualifier 1 vs Afghanistan

PUNE
19 October | India vs Bangladesh
30 October | Afghanistan vs Qualifier 2
1 November | New Zealand vs South Africa
8 November | England vs Qualifier 1
12 November | Australia vs Bangladesh (Day Game)

BENGALURU
20 October | Australia vs Pakistan
26 October | England vs Qualifier 2
4 November | New Zealand vs Pakistan (Day Game)
9 November | New Zealand vs Qualifier 2
11 November | India vs Qualifier 1

MUMBAI
21 October | England vs South Africa
24 October | South Africa vs Bangladesh
2 November | India vs Qualifier 2
7 November | Australia vs Afghanistan
15 November | Semifinal 1

KOLKATA
28 October | Qualifier 1 vs Bangladesh
31 October | Pakistan vs Bangladesh
5 November | India vs South Africa
12 November | England vs Pakistan
16 November | Semifinal 2

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Total venues | **10**
Match days | **46**
Total number of matches | **48**

- ✓ Moreover, warm-up matches will be played in Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram and Hyderabad from 29 September to 3 October.
- ✓ Mohali — which staged the 1996 and 2011 World Cup semifinals — Nagpur, Rajkot, Indore and Vizag will not stage any World Cup game.

- ✓ Like in the last World Cup, there will be 10 teams in this edition too - hosts India, Afghanistan, Australia, England, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Pakistan, and South Africa - while two other teams will make it to the World Cup through the qualifiers.
- ✓ Sri Lanka, West Indies, Ireland, Nepal, Netherlands, Oman, Scotland, UAE, USA and Zimbabwe will play the qualifiers vying for the two slots.
- **Former India Captain Tushar Khandker - has been appointed as the Coach of the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team**



- ✓ Between 2014 and 2016, Khandker was part of the Indian men's team as a coach
- ✓ He has achieved numerous feats including a Champions Trophy 2016 silver medal in London, a gold at Asian Champions Trophy, a bronze at the World Hockey League 2015 in Raipur among others.
- ✓ Khandker was also part of the team's coaching staff for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.
- ✓ He was also part of the women's team support staff for their first FIH Pro League 2021-22 season.
- ✓ Khandker replaced Harvinder Singh, who was named coach on an interim basis after Eric Wonink left the position in January.
- ✓ At present, the junior women's side is preparing for the FIH Women's Junior Hockey World Cup 2023 in Santiago, Chile, which is scheduled to take place from November 29 to December 10.

RANKINGS

- **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), one of the world's leading higher education specialists - has released their global university rankings for the year 2024 on June 27.**
- ✓ Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has emerged at the top of the rankings for the 12th year in a row this year.
- ✓ University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, Harvard University, Stanford University, Imperial College London, ETH Zurich-Swiss Federal Institute of

Technology, National University of Singapore, University College London and University of California Berkeley complete the Top 10 rankings

- ✓ Institutions in both Europe and America dominate the top 10 rankings, many of which received perfect scores of 100 in indicators such as: 'Academic reputation', 'Employer reputation' and 'Faculty/Student ratio'.
- ✓ National University of Singapore (NUS), is the only institution from Asia to be ranked in the top 10
- ✓ University of California (UCB) is the only institution to have earned a perfect score of 100 in the new 'Sustainability' indicator
 - ✓ It is followed closely by the University of Pennsylvania (ranked 12th), University of Toronto (ranked 21st) and University of British Columbia (ranked 34th) – all with scores of 99.9
- ✓ This year features 85 new entrants – more than half are from Asia, with Bangladesh (11 new institutions), Indonesia (10), India and Malaysia (five each) and Kazakhstan (four) having the highest representation.
- ✓ National University of Singapore and University of California, Berkley are the two new entrants are in the Top 10 rankings

BEST OF THE BEST

Top educational institutes in India and globally

India

Global Ranking	Institute
149	IIT Bombay
197	IIT Delhi
225	IISc Bangalore
271	IIT Kharagpur
278	IIT Kanpur
285	IIT Madras
364	IIT Guwahati
369	IIT Roorkee
407	University of Delhi
427	Anna Univ.

World

Global Ranking	Institute
1	MIT
2	University of Cambridge
3	University of Oxford
4	Harvard University
5	Stanford University
6	Imperial College London
7	ETH Zurich
8	NUS Singapore
9	University College London
10	University of California

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B) is recognised as the top higher educational institution in India by replacing the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru

- ✓ It is ranked at 149th place in QS World University Rankings 2024, as against 172nd place last year, while, the third highest ranked institution IISc has lost its place in the top 200 universities and ranked 225th place this year
 - ✓ While IIT Bombay achieved its highest rank ever, this is the first time in eight years that an Indian higher education institution has made it to the top 150 list.
 - ✓ The last time this happened was when the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore achieved 147th ranking in 2016.
- ✓ IIT Delhi has been ranked second in India, slipping to 197th rank from 174 last year.
- ✓ Among Indian Universities, IITs at Kharagpur, Kanpur, Madras, Guwahati and Roorkee were ranked at 271, 278, 285, 364 and 369th places respectively.
- ✓ India has two entrants in the world's top 500 universities with the University of Delhi (407) and Anna University (427) making their debut.
- ✓ IIT-Indore, University of Madras and IIT-BHU Varanasi are the other highly ranked Indian institutions at 454, 526 and 571th places respectively.
- ✓ Among the deemed universities, VIT has improved its position from the 1001-1200 band to the 851-900 band.
- ✓ With 45 Indian universities making it to the rankings, up from 41 last year, India is the seventh most-represented country globally and the third in Asia.
- ✓ With a score of 38.6, India surpassed the global average of 17 and secured the second highest position in Asia among higher education systems with more than 10 ranked universities, only trailing behind China (Mainland).
- ✓ QS Ranking has been analysing top-performing universities across the globe for the past 20 years.
- ✓ The UK-based ranking agency, Quacquarelli Symonds runs the QS World University Rankings, which analyses 1500 universities across 104 locations
- ✓ The company takes insights from 17.5 million academic papers and 2,40,000 academic faculty and employers.
- ✓ It has introduced three new indicators - sustainability, employment outcomes, and international research network – this year and recalibrated the weightage of three existing indicators — academic reputation, employer reputation and faculty-student ratio

