

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS - AUGUST 4,2023

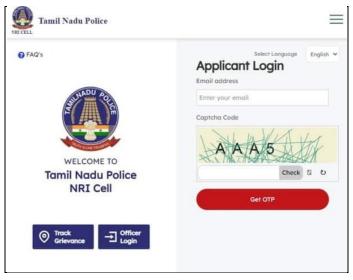
TAMIL NADU

- Tamil Nadu has won the best-performing state award for organ donations at the national level
- Health minister Ma Subramanian received the award from union minister Mansukh Mandaviya at an event held to commemorate the 13th National Organ Donation Day on August 3.



- ✓ Health secretary Gagandeep Singh Bedi, and member secretary of Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu, N Gopalakrishnan were also present at the event.
- The National Organ Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) under the Union Health Ministry announces the award every year for best performance in organ donation and transplantation
- ✓ Until 2020, Tamil Nadu received the award for the best State for the excellence in the organ donation program in India for six consecutive years
- The state has registered 26 medical colleges as organ retrieval centers and 13 transplant hospitals.
- ✓ In addition to these centres, there are 120 private hospitals that have been registered with the state.

- Transplants worth about Rs.20 lakh are performed free of cost under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme in both government and empanelled hospitals
- The state formalized organ transplantation in 2008 making it mandatory for all medical colleges to declare brain deaths.
- It also created an authority, TRANSTAN, for networking with hospitals for organ donation.
- ✓ There were seven donations made in 2008, which has increased to 156 donations, including 51 from GHs, in 2022.
- The state has also launched an app Vidyal for the registration and allocation of the organs
- TN-based NGO, MOHAN foundation, also received the award for best NGO working in the organ donation sector.
- The Tamil Nadu police have developed an application (App) enabling nonresident Indians (NRIs) to lodge complaints and track its status stage by stage



- ✓ A separate app will make registration of complaints by NRIs hasslefree, and enable them to receive notifications relating to progress of inquiry from police.
- Chief Minister M K Stalin first announced the formation of an exclusive NRI cell in the assembly on September 13, 2021.
- The unit was formally inaugurated on April 4, 2022 and has been functioning out of the DGP office in Chennai since July 2022.
- The desktop application will be available on the official website of Tamil Nadu police from August 4, 2023.
- ✓ Using this desktop app, reports can be generated, date-wise, country-wise, category-wise, and stagewise.
- The link to the application will be available in the Tamil Nadu police website https://eservices.tnpolice.gov.in/

NATIONAL

On August 3, the Lok Sabha - passed the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023 by a voice vote



- Union Minister Amit Shah had introduced the bill in the lower house to replace the Delhi services ordinance.
- ✓ The bill was tabled by home minister Amit Shah in Parliament on August 1.
- The bill will give the central government primacy over the Delhi government on appointment of officers belonging to the all India services and Delhi, Andaman Nicobar Island, Lakshadweep, Daman Diu, Dadra Nagar Haveli Civil Service (DANICS).
- ✓ It also has a provision regarding the constitution of the National Capital Civil Service Authority, consisting of the Delhi Chief Minister, the Chief Secretary of Delhi, and the Principal Home Secretary of Delhi.
 - The Authority will make recommendations to Delhi Lieutenant Governor regarding transfers and postings of officials and disciplinary matters.
- ✓ The legislation will reverse the effect of the Supreme Court verdict on May 19 that gave the Delhi government power over administrative services.
- The apex court handed over the control of services in Delhi excluding police, public order and land to the elected government headed by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.
- The Bill seeks to amend the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act 1991
- On August 3, Union Communications, Electronics, and Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw - introduced the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023, in the Lok Sabha.
- The bill aims to regulate the processing of digital personal data while ensuring individuals' right to protect their data and the need to process it for lawful purposes.



- ✓ The Bill requires entities that collect personal data called data fiduciaries to maintain the accuracy of data, keep data secure, and delete data once their purpose has been met.
- It gives powers to the central government to order blocking of an internet platform (data fiduciary) when it is found to be engaging in repeated and serious violations on data handling
- The bill proposes to set up a data protection board that will adjudicate on matters related to violations of the provisions including data breaches
- ✓ There will also be penalties of up to Rs.500 crore on big data companies if they fail to report a data breach, or fail to protect or are found to be leaking or misusing personal data of individuals.
- The Union government first constituted a Committee of Experts on Data Protection chaired by Justice B. N. Srikrishna to examine issues relating to data protection in 2017.
- ✓ The Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 was introduced in the Lok Sabha in December 2019 on the basis of the recommendations of the committee report which was submitted in July 2018.
- The Bill was then referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee which submitted its report in December 2021
- Last August, the government withdrew from Parliament an earlier version of the data protection Bill
- ✓ In November 2022, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology released the Draft Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022 for public feedback.
- On August 3, the government added laptops, tablets and personal computers to a list of imports that are restricted, joining the ranks of tyres, television sets and air conditioners.
- ✓ These items can now be imported only after getting a licence from the Directorate General for Foreign Trade (DGFT).
- China and South Korea are among the largest sources of imports, along with Vietnam.
- Among other items, tyres, television sets and air conditioners are already in the list of restricted imports.

- ✓ Earlier, the government's PLI scheme for hardware failed to find any takers despite the incentive amount being increased by 131% to Rs 17,000 crore.
- ✓ Overall imports of automatic data processing machines or "HS Code 8471", which includes laptops, tablets and PCs, added up to \$10 billion last year, 13% lower than 2021-22.

SPORTS

India's 17-year-old Grandmaster Gukesh D - has become India's number one chess player after overtaking Viswanathan Anand.



- ✓ Currently, in Live Ratings, Gukesh is ranked 9th in the world in classic chess with a rating of 2755.9 while Anand (ELO rating 2754) is at 10th place.
- ✓ This comes after Gukesh D qualified for the third round of FIDE World Cup by defeating Azerbaijani Grandmaster Misratdin Iskandarov at Baku, Azerbaijan
- Gukesh became the youngest player to reach the 2750 rating recently, breaking the record held by Magnus Carlsen
- ✓ The Chennai-born Gukesh, who made it to the top 100 in the World in April 2022, was ranked 11th in the World with a rating of 2751 when the FIDE Rankings were last published on August 1.
- ✓ In October 2022, at the age of 16, Gukesh became the youngest player ever to defeat then-world champion Magnus Carlsen in a game at the Aimchess Rapid Tournament.
- However, this is not the first time that any Indian has overtaken Anand's live rating as an elite player.
- ✓ Earlier, in March 2016, Pentala Harikrishna has overtaken Anand in live rating as India's No.1 chess player
 - Harikrishna was India's No.1 chess player for just one day as Anand won his game the next day and took back the position.
- Anand, a five-time World Champion, was the highest ranked Indian chess player for 37 years since 1986.

- ✓ The next higher-ranked Indian in the FIDE rating list is Vidit Gujarati, who is No 23 in the list at 2723, Pentala Harikrishna, No 27 with a rating of 2711 and R Praggnanandhaa with a rating of 2707 and ranked No 29 on the list.
- South Zone clinched the Deodhar Trophy title for the ninth time on August
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- ✓ They have defeated East Zone by 45 runs in the final at Puducherry
- ✓ Kerala's Rohan Kunnummal scored a sensational century a 75-ball 107 with four sixes and 11 fours – in the final game.
- Having won the Duleep Trophy final recently against the East Zone, this is South Zone's second national title inside a month.
- South Zone had won all their five league round matches of Deodhar Trophy as well.
- Clifford Miranda was appointed as the head coach of the Indian men's U-23 team by the All Indian Football Federation (AIFF).



- The AIFF technical committee also recommended other appointments of Nallappan Mohanraj as assistant coach, Raghuvir Khanwalkar as the goalkeeping coach and Gavin Elias Araujo as the fitness coach of the team.
- ✓ Miranda represented India for nine years from 2005 to 2014.

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 Miranda is the first Indian coach to win a major title with an ISL team when he guided Odisha FC to Super Cup win.



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