

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-APRIL 6, 2022

### TAMIL NADU

- **The Tamil Nadu government - constituted a 13-member panel to evolve its own State Education Policy (SEP).**
- ✓ The panel is to be headed by former chief justice of Delhi high court Justice D Murugesan
- ✓ This was announced by the Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on April 5
- ✓ The panel members include former chess world champion Viswanathan Anand, prominent Carnatic musician T M Krishna and former Vice-Chancellor of Saveetha University L Jawaharnesan



- ✓ Other members of the expert panel include Retired professor from the Institute of Mathematical Science R Ramanujam; state planning commission members Sultan Ismail and Rama Sreenivasan; former education specialist with the UNICEF Aruna Ratnam; Tamil writer S Ramakrishnan; educationists Tulsidas and S Madasamy; headmaster of Government Panchayat Union Middle School, Kichankuppam, Nagapattinam district, R Balu; and Jayashree Damodaran from Agaram Foundation.
- ✓ The panel would submit its recommendations to frame SEP within a year
- ✓ Tamil Nadu had opposed National Education Policy 2020 for the proposal to conduct common exams for Classes III, V and VIII, conduct common entrance

examinations for all UGC courses, introduction of a three-language formula and the introduction of a four-year degree with options of multiple exits

- ✓ The state has been following two language policy of Tamil and English since 1968
  - ✓ The idea of a new State Education Policy, announced in 2021-22 state budget, was mooted first in response to the ongoing move by the Centre to implement the National Education Policy.
  - ✓ It has to be recalled that the state government has the power under Article 246 List II of Seventh Schedule of Constitution to frame its own admission policies and regulations.
- **The state labour department - has started a survey in Chennai and 10 other districts under the Central sector scheme to identify bonded labourers in various sectors.**
- ✓ The department, based on the survey-cum-study, would carry out targeted intervention to rescue the bonded labourers and frame policies to regulate industries to eradicate bonded labourer system.
  - ✓ The exercise has been launched in Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Vellore, Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai, Namakkal, Erode, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, and Pudukottai.
  - ✓ The survey focuses on sectors like brick kilns, stone quarries, rice mills, charcoal making units, goat grazing and agriculture sector, especially in the delta region.

## NATIONAL

- **On April 5, the Rajya Sabha - passed by voice vote the Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2022**



- ✓ The Bill seeks to further amend the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 and proposes to unify the three existing Municipal Corporations of Delhi into one Municipal Corporation of Delhi.
- ✓ The former Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) was trifurcated in 2012, creating North, South and East Delhi Municipal Corporations, which have a total of 272 seats.

- ✓ The bill was passed in Lok Sabha on March 30 and will now be sent to President for his assent in order to become law

## INTERNATIONAL

- **Tesla CEO Elon Musk - has acquired a 9.2% stake in Twitter, purchasing approximately 73.5 million shares worth \$2.89 billion**



- ✓ The stake would make Musk the company's largest shareholder
- ✓ Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey currently holds a 2.25% stake in the social media company
- ✓ Musk's term on the board is set to expire at Twitter's 2024 annual meeting.

## SPORTS

- **Punjab athlete Kirpal Singh Batth - broke a 22-year-old meet record in men's discus throw to defend his gold medal**



- ✓ Kirpal thrown the discus to a distance of 61.83 metres to win the gold medal in his fourth attempt at the 25th Federation Cup athletics championship in Calicut on April 5
- ✓ It was the first time since Vikas Gowda in 2017 that an Indian athlete breached the 60-metre mark in men's discus throw.

## RANKINGS

- **Mukesh Ambani, promoter of India's most valued company Reliance Industries - is ranked as the richest Asian, according to the latest billionaire list released by Forbes.**
- ✓ Ambani is followed closely by Gautam Adani, the promoter of Adani Group



- ✓ Compared to Ambani's total net worth at \$90.7 billion, Adani's was \$90 billion, Forbes estimated, based on data till March 11.
- ✓ In the global rich list, Ambani is the 10th richest, followed by Adani at the 11th spot.
- ✓ The latest list also showed that Adani's net worth had increased nearly \$40 billion since April 2021, the third-biggest addition by anyone in the world.
- ✓ As per the recent rankings of Forbes, there were 166 Indian billionaires.
- ✓ Of these, the list featured Falguni Nayar, the main promoter of fashion retailer FSN e-Commerce Ventures (owner of Nykaa brand) who has a net worth of \$4.5 billion.
- ✓ The global list was topped by Elon Musk, the founder of electric vehicles major Tesla and also space exploration & tourism company SpaceX.
- ✓ With a net worth of \$219 billion, Musk topped the Forbes annual billionaire list for the first time
- ✓ He replaces Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, who's at the second spot with a net worth of \$117 billion.
- ✓ Musk also topped the list of billionaires who saw their net worth increase the most during the last one year.
- ✓ Since April 2021, he has added \$68 billion to his fortunes.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **International Day of Sport for Development and Peace – April 6**
- ✓ The Day is observed every year to recognize the positive role of sport and physical activity in people's lives.





- ✓ Theme 2022 - "Securing a Sustainable and Peaceful Future for All: The Contribution of Sport"
- ✓ The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace was first celebrated in 2014 after the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution for the same in 2013.
- ✓ The United Nations decided to mark the day on 6 April as on this very same day in 1896, the first-ever modern Olympics were held in Athens in 1896
- ✓ International Olympic Committee proposed and supported the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace to the UN General Assembly

