



## **EVE** **RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-july 11,**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **Tangedco - set a new record by absorbing 120.25 million units (MU) of wind energy in a day on July 9**
- ✓ This is probably the maximum ever harnessed across the country, which no other state has ever achieved.
- ✓ Till July 9, Tangedco has absorbed 935.74 million units of wind energy this month alone, in which 100MU mark was achieved six times.
- ✓ In the same period, Tangedco also beat its previous records twice.
- ✓ In Tamil Nadu, wind energy absorption crossed the 100 mark for the first time on July 3 with 103.96MU.
- ✓ On July 5, the consumption peaked to 111.71MU, beating its all-time high record of 107MU registered in 2020.

### **NATIONAL**

- **On July 10, Prime Minister Narendra Modi – took part in the birth centenary celebrations of Swami Atmasthananda, the fifteenth head of Ramakrishna Mission**



- ✓ The Prime Minister paid his tributes to Swami Atmasthananda via video message by reminiscing the time he spent with Swami

- ✓ The Prime Minister also recalled that after the Kutch earthquake, relief work was carried out under the guidance of Swami
- ✓ Noting that Atmasthananda received initiation from Swami Vijnanand, a disciple of Ramakrishna Paramhansa, PM Modi said the awakened state and spiritual energy of Ramakrishna Paramhansa was clearly visible in him
- **Six-year-old 'Chinoo', the only white tiger in Rajasthan - died on July 10 after prolonged illness at the Nahargarh Biological Park, 12 kms from Rajasthan's capital Jaipur**



- ✓ Under the zoo exchange program, Chinoo was brought from Nandankanan Zoological Park in Odisha on March 17, 2021
- ✓ The white tiger was suffering from acute renal failure and had stopped eating for the past four days
- ✓ Five tigers and five lions have died at the park since 2019.
- ✓ Further, three white tigers died at the park in the recent past.
- ✓ In 2019, white tigress 'Sita' died due to canine distemper virus, while in August 2020, a male white tiger 'Raja' died due to leptospirosis.

## INTERNATIONAL

- **Allies China and Pakistan - kicked off 'Sea Guardians-2' drills off the Shanghai coast on July 10**



- ✓ New high-tech naval ships and fighter jets were deployed as part of the exercise to “jointly deal with maritime security threats”
- ✓ The two navies held an opening ceremony for the second edition of the drills on July 10
- ✓ The PLA navy sent the frigate Xiangtan, the corvette Shuozhou, the comprehensive supply ship Qiandaohu, a submarine, an early warning aircraft, two fighter jets and a helicopter for the drill while the Pakistan navy’s frigate Taimur joined the exercise
- ✓ Taimur is the second of four powerful Type 054A/P frigates built by China.
- ✓ It was delivered to the Pakistan navy on June 23.
- ✓ The exercise is being held under the theme “jointly dealing with maritime security threats”
- ✓ It will feature training courses including the joint strike against maritime targets.
- ✓ The drill’s goal is to enhance defence cooperation, deepen traditional friendship between the two countries

## DEFENCE

- **On July 10, the Army - issued a notification to invite applications for Mandarin experts in the Territorial Army (TA) units after acquiring the requisite approvals**
- ✓ The force will recruit five civilian candidates and one ex-serviceman through this notification.
- ✓ Chinese language experts are a functional requirement at the tactical level, and are also required for providing analysis at the operational and strategic levels.
- ✓ In order to accomplish this, the Army has concluded MoUs with Rashtriya Raksha University, Central University of Gujarat and Shiv Nadar University for imparting Mandarin proficiency to its personnel.
- ✓ The 12-lakh strong Army has taken several measures to address the gap in Mandarin proficiency as well as Tibetology amidst the over two-year-long military confrontation with China in eastern Ladakh
- ✓ The aim is to empower junior and senior military commanders to engage with People’s Liberation Army (PLA) personnel as and when the situation arises like sector-level talks, flag and border personnel meetings.

## SPORTS

- **Novak Djokovic - won a seventh Wimbledon title and 21st Grand Slam crown with a four-set triumph over Nick Kyrgios in the men’s singles final at the Centre Court on July 10**
- ✓ This was Djokovic’s 32nd Grand Slam and eighth Wimbledon final to his Australian opponent’s first.



- ✓ With the win, Djokovic has become only the fourth men's player in the open era to win a fourth-consecutive Wimbledon title, after Bjorn Borg, Pete Sampras, and Roger Federer



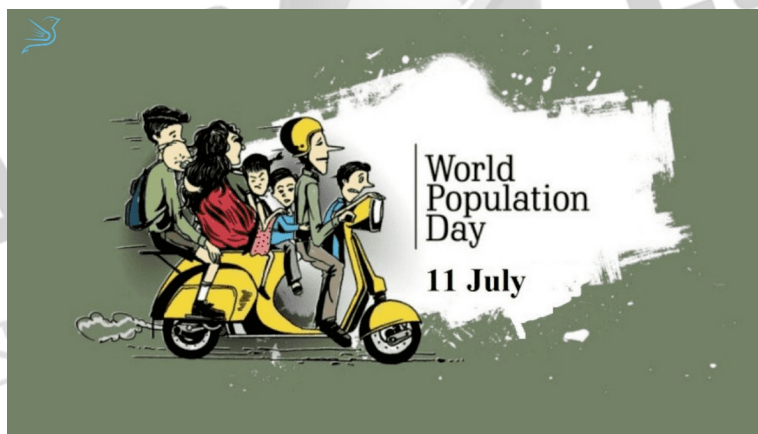
- ✓ The Serb, Djokovic, is now second in the all-time men's Grand Slam triumphs with a 21st title, trailing Rafael Nadal's total of 22, and ahead of Roger Federer's total of 20.
  - ✓ Further, the 35-year old Djokovic equalled Pete Sampras's mark of seven titles at the All England Club and moved within one of the men's record of eight held by Roger Federer.
  - ✓ The world No 3 becomes the first player to win seven or more titles at two different Grand Slams
- **The Indian compound mixed team archery duo of Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam - won a bronze medal at the World Games 2022 in Birmingham (USA).**



- ✓ The Indian duo started off with a perfect first round, but faced resistance from Andrea Becerra and Miguel Becerra, who levelled the second end.
- ✓ The Indian pair finally won a bronze after beating their rivals from Mexico by one point in a perfect final round
- ✓ This is India's first World Games medal in archery and its fifth overall since the event's start in 1981.
- ✓ India has previously won medals in snooker, powerlifting, and badminton
- ✓ According to an Archery Association of India statement, this was India's first ever medal at the World Games and for former World Cup gold medallist Verma, this was his 50th podium finish at the international level.
- ✓ Verma is now the only Indian archer to win medals at all stages of compound archery -- World Games, World Championship, World Cup Final, World Cup, Asian Games, Asian Championship.
- ✓ Last month, Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam won gold in the Archery World Cup in Paris.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

### ➤ World Population Day - July 11



- ✓ World Population Day is observed annually to highlight the problems of the global population issues, including population control and raise awareness about the effects of overpopulation on the environment and development.
- ✓ Theme 2022 - "A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all."
- ✓ The first World Population Day was marked on 11th July 1989 and in 2022, the World will mark its 33rd Population Day.
- ✓ World Population Day was established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989.
- ✓ It was inspired by the public interest in Five Billion Day, the approximate date on which the world's population reached five billion people on July 11, 1987
- ✓ On July 11, 1990, the day was first observed in more than 90 nations.
- ✓ After China, India ranks second-largest in terms of world population



- ✓ According to Census 2011, the population of India was 1.21 billion
- ✓ The most populous state in India is Uttar Pradesh with an estimated population of 23.32 crore while Sikkim is the least populated with 6.83 lakh approximately.
- ✓ India is expected to surpass China as the world's most populous country in 2023, according to UN's World Population Prospects 2022 released on World Population Day
- ✓ In India, a soft launch of the edition was held at the International Institute for Population Sciences in Mumbai.

## SRILANKAN ECONOMIC CRISIS - A REPORT

How a country whose economy was once seen as a model for the developing world was reduced to its people skipping meals, enduring blackouts and queuing up for scarce fuel

### WHY LANKA'S ECONOMY COLLAPSED & WHAT'S NEXT

Sri Lanka owes **\$51 billion** and is unable to make interest payments on its loans

Finance ministry says Lanka has only **\$25 million** in usable foreign reserves

Suspended repayment of about **\$7 billion** in foreign loans due this year out of **\$25 billion** to be repaid by 2026

Currency has collapsed by **80%**; Sri Lankan rupee has weakened in value to about 360 to the US dollar

Inflation reached **54.6%** last month and could rise to **70%**, the central bank says



#### HOW IT IS AFFECTING PEOPLE

The UN World Food Program says nearly **nine of 10 families are skipping meals** or otherwise skimping to stretch out their food, while 3 million are receiving emergency humanitarian aid. **Doctors have resorted to social media to try to get critical supplies of equipment and medicine.** Growing numbers of Sri Lankans are seeking passports to go overseas in search of work. Government workers have been given an extra day off for three months to allow them time to grow their own food

#### WHAT DID THE GOVERNMENT DO?

Rajapaksa government initially held off talks with the IMF. Eventually, the government did seek help from countries, including India and China. **In all, New Delhi says it has provided support worth over \$3.8 billion this year.** China has intervened less publicly but said it supports efforts for the island nation to restructure its debt. Other governments like the US, Japan and Australia have provided a few hundred million dollars in support

#### HOW SRI LANKA SPIRALLED INTO CRISIS

- **Economic mismanagement** by successive governments has left national expenditure in excess of income and the production of tradable goods and services at inadequate levels. The situation was exacerbated by deep tax cuts enacted by Rajapaksa govt in 2019
- **Covid-19 pandemic** struck months later, wiping out much of the country's revenue base, most notably from the lucrative tourism industry
- Rating agencies **downgraded credit ratings** from 2020 onwards, eventually locking the country out of international financial markets
- **Ban on imports of chemical fertilizers** in April 2021 decimated staple rice crops, driving prices higher
- **Foreign exchange reserves eroded by more than 70%** in two years by the govt to keep the economy afloat



**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?** A sitting president being ousted by street protests is unprecedented in Sri Lanka's post-independence history. The constitution dictates that should a president resign, the PM will assume the role. But incumbent Ranil Wickremesinghe has said he too will stand down. So **it is likely that the parliament speaker, Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, will assume temporary charge of the country, until lawmakers elect a new president** to complete the rest of Rajapaksa's term, due to end in 2024

