

# **RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-july 25,**

#### TAMIL NADU

- On July 24, the Tamil Nadu Medical Council has launched a new mobile application 'Doctor Search'
- The app will provide names, qualifications and contact information about licensed medical practitioners
- Using the App, patients can search the doctors using the pincode of the area they resides and also search according to their medical needs
- $\checkmark$  The app is not a commercial venture and will not rank or rate doctors
- During the event, the statutory body also launched two other mobile apps a certificate app and digital records software
- The certificate app is for doctors that seek to standardise the prescriptions and other documents like leave certificates and death certificates.
- The next App is a digital medical records software that helps doctors maintain outpatient (OP) and in-patient (IP) details for a period upto five years.
- ✓ It will also assist doctors to provide telemedicine consultations
- On July 24, School education minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi announced that the government is planning to introduce an online version of 'Manavar Manasu' complaint box
- ✓ The complaint box was launched to help the student community raise their grievances and share their suggestions and feedback.
- The DMK government had introduced the complaint boxes in the schools last year.
- ✓ Further, the government is planning to introduce a similar complaint box for teachers
- Sugarcane cultivation in Papanasam in Thanjavur district has been affected due to the onset of Pokkaboing disease.

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- ✓ Unable to safeguard their cultivation, farmers have started destroying the fivemonth-old crop on more than 1,000 acres in Thanjavur district
- The disease is marked by appearance of chlorotic patches towards the base of young leaves and later the entire leaf turns yellow
- $\checkmark\,$  The disease is caused by a complex fungal species.
- The growth of the crop has gradually diminished after being affected by the disease.
- Since there is no crop insurance for sugarcane, farmers won't get compensation in the event of unexpected loss.
- ✓ The cane varieties cultivated by farmers, which are affected by the disease includes Co 86032, Co 205 and Co 365.



The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) - has launched Aadhaar FaceRD App recently



✓ The application will enable the Aadhaar Authentication User Agencies (AUA) to capture a person's face for the authentication process

- ✓ The FaceRD works by capturing the real-time picture of the face of a person and then confirms whether the person's details match with the Aadhaar card or not.
- Now, with the help of this newly launched app, verification of Aadhaar card holders can be done anytime and at any place
- According to UIDAI, this app can be used for Aadhaar face authentication for various other purposes like Jeevan Praman App, PDS, Scholarship schemes, CoWIN and Farmer Welfare schemes

### **ECONOMY**

HDFC Bank - will be among the world's top 10 most valuable banks after its merger with parent HDFC at current valuations.



- $\checkmark$  It will also be the first Indian bank to make it to the top 10 club.
- $\checkmark\,$  HDFC Bank has a market capitalisation of about \$108 billion.
- $\checkmark\,$  It has recently surpassed Citigroup (over \$100. 5 billion), which was at number 17.
- ✓ HDFC Bank is worth more than UBS and DBS Group (both valued at around \$58 billion).
- ✓ The country's largest lender SBI (\$57 billion) is at number 32 ahead of BNP Paribas (\$55 billion) in terms of valuation.
- ✓ Post merger, the combined market cap of HDFC Bank and HDFC (\$52 billion) would be around \$160 billion.
- ✓ The Financial Stability Board, an international body which makes recommendations on financial regulation, had termed JP Morgan the most systemically important bank for 2021 followed by BNP Paribas, Citigroup and HSBC.
- ✓ The board publishes a list of 30 systemically important banks worldwide. While the 2021 list does not have any Indian bank, it has four Chinese lenders.
- $\checkmark$  China currently has five banks in the top 10, which is the most for any country.

## **SPORTS**

- On July 24, India's Neeraj Chopra created history by winning the silver medal at the finals of the men's javelin throw at the World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Oregon
- ✓ Neeraj's throw of 88.13m in his fourth attempt gave India's second medal at the World's after Anju Bobby George's bronze medal finish in the women's long jump way back in 2003.



- ✓ With the win, Neeraj has also become the first man from Asia to win a medal at the World Championships.
- ✓ Anderson Peters of Grenada won the gold with the best throw of 90.54 meters, and Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic won bronze with a best throw of 88.09 meters.
- ✓ Chopra's throws in the final were as follows 88.13m, foul, 82.39m, 86.37m, 88.13m, foul, foul.
- ✓ Earlier, Chopra had qualified for the javelin throw final with a throw of 88.39m on July 22.
- ✓ Besides Neeraj, India's second participant in the event Rohit Yadav finished 10th with a best throw of 78.62m.

✓ Germany's Johannes Vetter, who won gold in London in 2017 and has the second-longest throw of all time, did not compete in the World Championships due to a shoulder injury.



- ✓ Earlier, Chopra had claimed the gold medal at the Diamond League in Stockholm with a personal best and national record-breaking throw of 89.94m in the run-up to the Worlds.
- ✓ Prior to the event in Sweden, Chopra had bagged a silver medal at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland with a throw of 89.30m and a gold at the Kuortane after registering 86.69m.
- Neeraj had won the maiden gold for Indian athletics with a throw of 87.58m in his second attempt in Tokyo Olympics last year.
- ✓ After shooter Abhinav Bindra, who had won gold in 2008 in Beijing Olympics, Neeraj was the second Indian to win an individual gold in the Olympic games.
- ✓ The 24-year old javelin thrower from Haryana also became only the second Indian after Norman Pritchard (1900) and the first post-independence to win an Olympic medal in athletics.

## **INTERNATIONAL DAY**

#### National Income Tax Day – July 24



- ✓ National Income Tax Day is celebrated to highlight the importance of Income Tax for the nation-building exercise
- The Income Tax (I-T) department also releases commemorative stamps and coins on this day every year.
- The day is celebrated with several outreach programmes and events to promote the payment of taxes and educate potential taxpayers that payment of taxes is the duty of citizens
- The day is celebrated on July 24 because income tax was first levied as a duty in India in 1860 on this very day.
- ✓ In 2010, the I-T department for the first time decided to celebrate this day to mark 150 years of levy of the tax.
- The celebrations of the first ever IT day were inaugurated by then-Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee.
- ✓ The first income tax was imposed in India in 1860 by Sir James Wilson, just three years after the First War of Independence in 1857.
- Wilson did this to compensate for the losses suffered by the British regime during the first war of independence in 1857
- ✓ When the Income Tax Act 1922 was introduced it laid a proper framework for the direct tax administration in the country
- Headquartered in New Delhi, the Income Tax department is responsible for direct tax collection for the Government of India
- ✓ It functions under the Department of Revenue in the Ministry of finance, and is headed by an apex body called the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).
- ✓ In 1924, the Central Board of Revenue was constituted as a statutory body with functional responsibilities for administering the Income Tax Act.
- ✓ In 1963, the Central Board of Revenue was bifurcated, and a separate Board for Direct Taxes known as Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) was constituted under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963

