

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 6, 2022

### TAMIL NADU

- Chief minister M K Stalin - kicked off the 'People's Movement for Clean Cities' drive in Royapuram, Chennai on June 5



- ✓ On the occasion of the 99th birth anniversary of former Chief Minister M Karunanidhi, Chief Minister MK Stalin announced the initiative on June 3
- ✓ The cleanliness drives and awareness programmes will be undertaken in 21 Corporations, 138 Municipalities and 490 town panchayats on second and fourth Saturdays.
- ✓ Under the movement, the civic body will hold mass cleanliness drives and awareness programmes with public participation including NGOs, resident welfare associations, national green corps, school and college students
- ✓ The corporation will create a data base of volunteers and update it with more members as the initiative progresses.
- ✓ The drives features activities such as wall poster removal, garbage collection, cleaning waterbodies and beautifying the city.
- ✓ The locations identified include public areas such as bus stands, parks, surroundings, religious places, railway stations, tourist spots, TNUHDB tenements, burial grounds, among others.

- ✓ As per the standard operating procedures framed by the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, source segregation must be sensitised through elected representatives, volunteers and influencers.
- ✓ The civic body has been asked to conduct talks and events related to solid waste management in schools and colleges
- ✓ They are also advised to hold competitions such as drawing, oration, writing slogan and creating digital posters on the cleanliness drive.
- ✓ The corporation will award and facilitate institutions, residents, trade association and sanitary workers for exemplary efforts in solid waste management .

## NATIONAL

- **On June 5, PM Narendra Modi - launched a global initiative 'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE)' movement on the eve of World Environment Day via video conferencing**



- ✓ Prime Minister also delivered a keynote address during the programme.
  - ✓ The movement aims to promote an environment-conscious lifestyle that focuses on “mindful and deliberate utilisation” instead of “mindless and destructive consumption”.
  - ✓ The launch will initiate ‘LiFE Global Call for Papers’ inviting ideas and suggestions from academics, universities and research institutions etc
  - ✓ The suggestions should influence and persuade individuals, communities and organisations across the world to adopt an environment conscious lifestyle.
  - ✓ The programme also witnessed participation of Bill Gates, Co-Chairman of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, climate economist Lord Nicholas Stern, Nudge theory author Cass Sunstein, World Resources Institute CEO and president Aniruddha Dasgupta, UNEP Global Head Inger Andersen, UNDP Global Head Achim Steiner and World Bank president David Malpass, among others.
  - ✓ The idea of LiFE was introduced by the Prime Minister during the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow last year.
- **The ministry of railways - has decided to disband five out of the six units of the Railways Territorial Army**
  - ✓ The Army is an auxiliary force that was raised in 1949 under the Territorial Army Act, 1948

- ✓ It acts as a second line of defence by maintaining rail communications in forward areas during active hostilities and essential rail transportation in the country “in the event of a grave national emergency”.
  - ✓ The five units of the railway engineers regiments that will be disbanded as per the ministry’s June 3 order are located at Jhansi, Kota, Adra, Chandigarh and Secunderabad.
  - ✓ Only one Railways Territorial Army unit at Jamalpur, Bihar, will be kept operational on the 361-kilometre route connecting New Jalpaiguri to Rangiya in Assam
  - ✓ It will cover the critical rail link through the Siliguri corridor up to Rangiya, as per the “endorsement” of the defence ministry.
  - ✓ A voluntary force of personnel drawn from the citizenry, the Territorial Army (TA) comprises non-departmental TA units and departmental TA units.
  - ✓ Non-departmental units include Infantry Battalions
- **The Centre - has urged all states and Union territories to ensure that urban local bodies (ULBs) or municipal entities ban single-use plastic within their jurisdictions by this month-end.**
- ✓ As of now, out of the 4,700-odd ULBs, only 2,591 have notified the ban from July 1.
  - ✓ The government’s flagship Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (cleanliness mission) aims to put an end to the circulation of single-use plastic
  - ✓ In this regard, the housing and urban affairs ministry has also issued a detailed advisory to the states and Union territories
  - ✓ They are advised to take up a range of activities including large-scale cleaning and plogging drives, with special emphasis on plastic waste collection, as well as large scale tree plantation drives, with participation of all citizens.
  - ✓ The ministry said ULBs will have to identify alternatives to single-use plastic — such as cloth, jute, plastic bags and degradable cutleries readily available in the market — and create awareness about them among citizens.
- **On June 3, Union Minister of social Justice and empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar - launched the “SHRESHTA” scheme for residential education for students in high schools in targeted areas.**



- ✓ The scheme will be beneficial for SC students who could not reach higher quality education
- ✓ The Scheme for Residential Education for Students in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) has been formulated with the objective to provide quality education and opportunities for the poor Scheduled Caste students, as per the Constitutional mandate.
- ✓ It aims to provide quality education to the meritorious SC students who cannot afford the fee of such schools in CBSE-affiliated reputed private residential schools across the country
- ✓ Approximately 3,000 seats are provided each year for admission in class 9th and 11<sup>th</sup> under the initiative
- ✓ The entire cost of the school fee and residential charges are borne by the Department till completion of their academic upto class 12th
- ✓ The students, belonging to Scheduled Castes, studying in class 8th and 10th in the current academic year are eligible for availing the benefits of scheme
- ✓ They are selected through a transparent mechanism through a National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA (NETS)
- ✓ NETS is conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for admission in class 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Students belonging to marginalized income group within the SC community, whose parental annual income is upto Rs.2.5 Lakh are eligible.

## **SUPREME COURT VERDICT**

- **On June 3, the Supreme Court - directed that each protected forest, including all wildlife sanctuaries and national parks, should have an Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of 1 kilometre from its demarcated boundary**
- ✓ The Court further directed that no permanent structure will be allowed within the ESZ
- ✓ If the existing ESZ goes beyond 1 km buffer zone or if any statutory instrument prescribes a higher limit, then such extended boundary shall prevail, said the SC
- ✓ A bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao, B R Gavai and A S Bopanna said mining within the national parks and wildlife sanctuaries shall not be permitted.
- ✓ The top court also directed the Chief Conservator of Forests of all states and UTs to prepare a list of existing structures within the ESZs and submit a report to it within a period of three months.
- ✓ It also said that no developmental work shall be allowed within the ESZs, and any work underway in such areas can continue only after obtaining permission from the concerned State's Chief Forest Conservator
- ✓ ESZ are areas that are notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and lies across the Protected Areas, National Park and Wildlife sanctuaries



- ✓ ESZs could go up to 10 Kms around Protected Areas or beyond and act as “shock absorber” for protected areas

## PERSONALITIES

- **An 83-year-old Japanese adventurer, Kenichi Horie – became the oldest person to successfully complete solo, nonstop voyage across the Pacific**



- ✓ Kenichi arrived in the Kii Strait off Japan’s western coast, completing his trans-Pacific voyage in 69 days after leaving a yacht harbour in San Francisco in March.
- ✓ In 1962, Kenichi became the first person in the world to successfully complete a solo nonstop voyage across the Pacific from Japan to San Francisco.
- ✓ Horie has completed other long-distance solo voyages, including sailing around the world in 1974
- ✓ His latest expedition was the first since his 2008 solo nonstop voyage on a wave-powered boat from Hawaii to the Kii Strait

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **India - has achieved 10% ethanol blending of petrol five months ahead of schedule**
- ✓ This was announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 5 during a ‘Save Soil’ programme organised by the Isha Foundation run by spiritual leader Sadhguru to mark the World Environment Day.



- ✓ The programme marked the 75th day of the global 'save soil' movement, launched by Sadhguru from London in March.
- ✓ Sadhguru, who has been on a 100-day motorcycle journey covering 27 countries to increase awareness about deteriorating soil health, presented the 'Save Soil' policy handbook to the Prime Minister
- ✓ The handbook carries details of practical scientific solutions that governments across the globe can put into action to revitalise the soil in their respective countries.
- ✓ The blending achievement has reduced carbon emission by 27 lakh tonne, saved the country Rs. 41,000 crore in foreign exchange spending (on oil imports) and boosted income of farmers by Rs. 40,000 crore in eight years
- ✓ For consumers, the achievement means that they will not have to pay an additional Rs. 2 per litre pollution tax from October 1
- ✓ The Budget had proposed the additional tax on unblended petrol from October to speed up adoption of the cleaner fuel as part of the country's energy transition and climate action plan.
- ✓ During the 2021 World Environment Day address, PM Modi had advanced the date for 20% blending of petrol by five years to 2025 and launched a pilot project at three petrol pumps in Pune for running vehicles fully on the 'swadeshi' fuel.
- ✓ A blending roadmap, prepared jointly by the oil ministry and government thinktank Niti Aayog, released on that occasion laid out an annual plan for gradual rollout of 'E20' (20% ethanol-blended petrol) by 2025-26.
- ✓ It also set a 2030 target for 5% blending of biodiesel with diesel.
- ✓ Ethanol blending was started by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee's NDA-1 government under then oil minister Ram Naik's watch.
- ✓ However, the programme was discontinued during the two UPA governments due to supply constraints of ethanol and its procurement pricing.
- ✓ As a result, blending stood at 2.3% at the time the present government began its first tenure in 2014.

## DEFENCE

- **Indian Naval Ships (INS)-'Nishank' and 'Akshay' - were decommissioned after rendering 32 years of glorious service to the nation on June 3, 2022**



- ✓ The decommissioning ceremony was held at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai in a traditional ceremony
- ✓ During the ceremony, the national flag, the ensign of the Navy and the decommissioning pennant of the two ships were lowered for the last time at sunset
- ✓ While INS Nishank was commissioned on 12 September 1989, INS Akshay was commissioned a year later on 10 December 1990 at Poti, Georgia
- ✓ INS Nishank and INS Akshay were part of 22 Missile Vessel Squadron and 23 Patrol Vessel Squadron respectively under the operational control of Flag Officer Commanding, Maharashtra Naval Area.
- ✓ During their illustrious voyage, the ships participated in several naval operations including Operation Talwar during the Kargil War, Operation Parakram in 2001 and post Uri attack in 2017.
- ✓ Nishank, the fourth of the Veer Class Missile Corvette armed with surface-to-surface missiles, has operated on both the eastern as well as the western seaboard.
- ✓ Akshay, which was primarily involved in anti-submarine warfare and coastal patrol, was equipped with long-range torpedoes and anti-submarine rockets.

## SPORTS

- **World No. 5 Rafael Nadal - defeated first-time finalist Casper Ruud in straight sets to win his 14th French Open championship and 22nd Grand Slam title at the Philippe Chatrier in Paris on June 5**

### FEAT OF CLAY: RAFA WINS RECORD 14<sup>TH</sup> FRENCH OPEN

There are three certainties in life —death, taxes and Rafael Nadal winning the French Open. The Spaniard secured a record 14th title at Roland Garros with a 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 rout of Norway's Casper Ruud on Sunday

➤ Nadal, the **oldest ever champion in Paris at 36**, now has 112 match wins on the famous clay court against just three defeats in 17 years (he first won the title in 2005). Nadal has lost only seven sets in 13 previous Roland Garros finals

➤ Nadal's 14 titles at Roland Garros are the **most any player**

**has won at a single Slam.** Other double-digit winners at a single Slam are Margaret Court who won the Australian Open title 11 times

**WINNERS OF 20-PLUS SLAMS:** Margaret Court (24), Serena Williams (23), Steffi Graf (22), Rafael Nadal (22), Novak Djokovic (20), Roger Federer (20)

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- ✓ 36-year-old Nadal became the oldest title winner in the history of the clay-court tournament, going past Andres Gimeno's record of 34 years and 305 days in 1972
- ✓ It is also the first time that Nadal is holding both the Australian Open and the French Open titles in a season.
- ✓ The Spaniard had won his 2nd Australian Open crown earlier this year, beating World No. 2 Daniil Medvedev in the final in Melbourne.
- ✓ With the Roland Garros victory, Nadal took his tally to 22 Grand Slam titles, 2 more than Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic who are tied on 20 Grand Slams each
- ✓ Nadal extended his French Open win-loss record to 112-3 and also became only the third player – after Mats Wilander and Federer – to beat four top-10 opponents en route to a Grand Slam triumph
- ✓ Nadal claimed his first French Open as a 19-year-old in 2005
- ✓ Nadal's 22 Grand Slam titles are dominated at Roland Garros with the Spaniard winning 14 French Open titles.
- ✓ This is the most for a single Grand Slam by any player in the history of the sport.
- ✓ Apart from his 14 French Open titles, Nadal has won the US Open four times, Wimbledon twice, and the Australian Open twice in 2009 and 2022.

