

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 9, 2022

TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu finance minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan - will present the state budget for 2022-23 at 10am on March 18 in the assembly hall at Fort St George.**
- ✓ Assembly Speaker M Appavu announced this at a press conference at the secretariat.
- ✓ It will be an e-budget for the second year and the presentation of the general budget and agriculture budget besides question hour would be telecast live.
- ✓ On the same day, the business advisory committee will decide on the date of presentation of the agriculture budget and the number of days to debate on the demand for grants for departments.
- ✓ The agri-budget will be presented by Agriculture minister MRK Panneerselvam and it will also be a paperless budget
- ✓ On March 24, the finance minister will present a vote on accounts for the first few months of the financial year, 2022-23 and final supplementary estimates for 2021-22.

STATES

- **Odisha - topped the country at national level in full immunisation coverage with 90.5% of full immunization, as per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5**
- ✓ The State has launched the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 4.0 on March 7 for boosting full immunization coverage of the targeted women and children
- ✓ Generally, full immunisation includes preventive doses against 12 different kinds of diseases including polio, tuberculosis, jaundice, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, HIV, brain fever, pneumonia, measles, rubella, diarrhoea, Japanese fever and others.
- ✓ Twenty districts of Odisha were above 90% in full immunisation, and the remaining 10 districts were below 90%.

- ✓ Intensified Mission Indradhanush was launched in October 2017 to improve immunisation coverage in select districts and cities to ensure full immunization
- ✓ IMI 4.0 seeks to reach unvaccinated and partially vaccinated children under the age of two and pregnant women.
- **India's first 100% women-owned industrial park - began operations in Hyderabad on March 8, International Women's Day**



- ✓ Telangana Industries Minister KT Rama Rao inaugurated this park in Sultanpur near Patancheru
- ✓ The FLO industrial park, the first-of-its-kind in the country, was established over 50 acres with an investment of Rs 250 crore.
- ✓ Promoted by the FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) in partnership with the State government, the park has 25 units, representing 16 diverse green category industries, all owned and operated by women.
- ✓ The park was conceptualized in 2013 exclusively for women entrepreneurs with participation open to Chapter Members and the national members of FLO.

NATIONAL

- **On March 8, the Ministry of Civil Aviation – announced the resumption of scheduled commercial flights to international destinations from March 27, 2022**
- ✓ The services will resume after a two-year gap following a decline in Covid-19 cases in the country
- ✓ Air Bubble arrangements - which allow two countries to operate flights into each other's territories subject to certain conditions - also stand revoked from March 27
- ✓ The government has suspended the scheduled international flight services since March 23, 2020 after the first wave started
- ✓ Later, the government began to operate flights under Air Bubble agreements and Vande Bharat Mission from July 2020 onwards
- ✓ India currently has an agreement with 37 countries under air bubble arrangements.

- ✓ An earlier plan to resume flights from December 15, 2021 was shelved by the government following the emergence of the Omicron variant of Covid-19.

AWARDS

- **President Ram Nath Kovind - conferred the Nari Shakti Puraskars on 29 outstanding individuals for 2020 and 2021 on March 8, International Women's Day**



- ✓ Twenty-eight awards -- 14 each for 2020 and 2021 -- were given to the women in recognition of their exceptional work towards women empowerment, especially the vulnerable and marginalised.
- ✓ Among the 2020-2021 awardees are Jaya Muthu and Tejamma, tribal artisans from Nilgiris district in Tamil Nadu.
 - ✓ They were awarded for their extraordinary contribution in promoting the age-old Toda embroidery.
- ✓ The award was also given to renowned psychiatrist Thara Rangaswamy, who is the co-founder and vice-chairperson of Schizophrenia Research Foundation in Chennai.
- ✓ Among the awardees is Vanita Jagdeo Borade, the country's first woman snake rescuer
 - ✓ Borade founded 'Soyre Vanchare Multipurpose Foundation' for nature and wildlife protection and promoting pollution-free environment
 - ✓ Borade is known as "Snake Friend" and the Indian postal department honoured her by releasing a stamp.
 - ✓ She has rescued and released over 50,000 snakes to their natural habitat.
 - ✓ Borade has also conducted snake awareness programmes that included topics such as first aid for snake bite victims, safety considerations, among others
- ✓ Down syndrome-affected Kathak Dancer Saylee Nandkishor Agavane, who is also a recipient of the award, has performed in more than 100 events.
 - ✓ At the Global Olympiad Dance competition, she received a bronze medal.

- ✓ Visually challenged social activist Tiffany Brar was awarded for her exemplary work for visually impaired rural women.
- ✓ Organic farmer Ushaben Dineshbhai Vasava was awarded for her outstanding contribution in organic farming and assistance in educating women farmers at the ground level
- ✓ Nivruti Rai, country head, Intel-India, has been awarded for excellence in the field of technology, for representing the 21st century women and empowering students to build artificial intelligence-enabled hi-tech future for India
- ✓ Shobha Gasti, who started Mahilla Abhivrudhi Mattu Samrakshana Samasthe (MASS) that works in 360 villages across three talukas in Belgaum, Karnataka, has been awarded for her exemplary contribution for the cause of empowerment of women and girls.
 - ✓ She has been instrumental in abolishing devadasi system and brought into mainstream more than 3600 devadasis



- ✓ Tage Rita Takhe, an entrepreneur who produces 'Naara Aalba', India's first organic kiwi wine, with an annual capacity of approximately 60,000 litres and a turnover of ₹ 4.5 crore, was also awarded.
 - ✓ Takhe was also awarded the United Nations Women Transforming India Award.
 - ✓ She founded 'Lambu Subu Food and Beverages', Naara-Aaba "wine" in 2016 in Lower Subansiri, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ From Karnataka, the awardees include Dharwad's Radhika Menon who is the first woman Captain with the Merchant Navy.
- ✓ Apart from that, mathematician Neena Gupta, social entrepreneur Anita Gupta, Kashmiri innovator Naseera Akhtar who developed biodegradable plastic, Dr Ela Lodh obstetrician and gynaecologist from Tripura, Chhattisgarh's Madhulika Ramteke who started a women's banking cooperative with 5,372 branches and folk artiste Batool Begum were some of the awardees
- ✓ Jodhaiya Bai Baiga, "Baiga" tribal art form exponent, whose artworks have been displayed in exhibitions at renowned galleries in France and Italy was also among the recipients

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with these awardees a day earlier

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **The Gujarat government - has marked 100 years of the Pal-Dadhvav killings on March 7, calling it a massacre “bigger than the Jallianwala Bagh”.**
- ✓ The massacre took place on March 7, 1922, in the Pal-Chitariya and Dadhvaav villages of Sabarkantha district, then part of Idar state
- ✓ Villagers from Pal, Dadhvav, and Chitariya had gathered on the banks of river Heir as part of the ‘Eki movement’, led by one Motilal Tejawat.



- ✓ The movement was to protest against the land revenue tax (lagaan) imposed on the peasants by the British and feudal lords.
- ✓ Tejawat had been ‘wanted’ by the Udaipur state, which had announced Rs-500 reward on his head.
- ✓ The Mewad Bhil Corps (MBC), a paramilitary force raised by the British that was on the lookout for Tejawat, heard of this gathering and reached the spot
- ✓ The MBC commanding officer, HG Sutton, ordered his men to fire upon the tribals, killing about 1,000 of them
- ✓ Tejawat was shot at twice, but was taken to safety by the villagers on a camel.
- ✓ He later “returned to the spot to christen it ‘Veerbhumi’.”
- ✓ While the British claimed some 22 people were killed, the Bhils believe 1,200-1,500 of them died
- ✓ The Pal-Dadhvav massacre was brought into focus by the Gujarat Government at the Republic Day parade 2022.
- ✓ In the Jallianwala Bagh massacre of April 13, 1919, 500-1,000 people are said to have been killed after General Reginald Edward Dyer’s forces opened fire on peaceful protesters.