



## **FVF** **RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS - October**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **The land acquisition for a new space launch port at Kulasekarapattinam in Tamil Nadu - has been completed and work is commencing to build a state-of-the-art space launch port there**
- ✓ This was announced by Dr Mylswamy Annadurai , vice president of Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology on October 15.
- ✓ The space scientist was speaking at the inauguration of a space technology conclave hosted by IIT-Madras, the US Consulate General, Chennai and Indian Space Association.
- ✓ The space tech conclave brings together major stakeholders in the sector to explore ways to improve business opportunities and collaboration across the Indo-Pacific region.
- ✓ The gathering also saw the launch of a new industry body - Association of Space Entrepreneurs in the Indo-Pacific (ASEIP)
- ✓ The new launch pad will help Indian Space Research Organization (SRO) save significant amounts of fuel and also act as a dedicated space for launching Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV).
- ✓ Once completed, Kulasekarapattinam will be the country's second spaceport after Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

### **INTERNATIONAL**

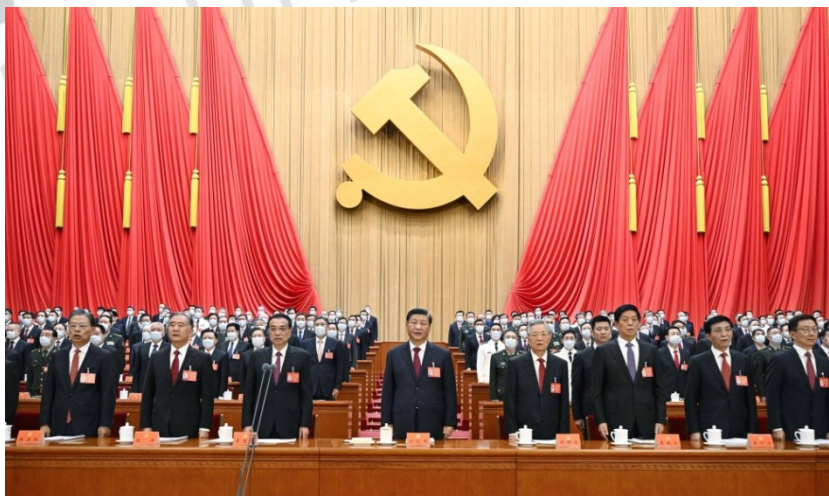
- **Thousands of Buddhist devotees and monks – gathered in Myanmar to celebrate Thadingyut Festival from October 8 to 10, 2022**
- ✓ The Burmese festival of lights is celebrated every year on the full moon day of the lunar month of Thadingyut, which is the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the traditional Burmese calendar
- ✓ This is the second most popular festival in Myanmar after the traditional 'Thingyan' New Year Water Festival



- ✓ The festival marks Buddha's descent from heaven and is celebrated by fireworks displays, with candles and colourful lanterns lighting up streets and homes.
- ✓ During the festival, the monks visit gold-plated Shwedagon pagoda, which is said to be Myanmar's most important Buddhist site and believed to be containing strands of Buddha's hair.
- ✓ This festival is celebrated for three days - the day before the full moon day, the full moon day, and the day after the full moon day.

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) – to commence on October 16 at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing and conclude on October 22, lasting 7 days**



- ✓ The party congress of China's Communist Party is held every five years where party delegates decide future policies, any amendments in the party constitution and announce new leadership roles.
- ✓ This highly anticipated, week-long gathering is expected to cement Xi Jinping's third term along with the likely replacement of the current premier, Li Keqiang.

- ✓ With Xi Jinping ready to begin his third term, the 20th Party Congress breaks a 30-year tradition of limiting presidential terms to a maximum of ten years.
- ✓ Since the death of founder Mao Zedong in 1976, successive leaders of the party followed a rule that the party will have a leadership transition at the top and provincial levels every ten years to ensure collective leadership principle.
- ✓ On 25 September, the party stated that 2,296 delegates from various provinces, the military, numerous ministries, divisions of government, and society had been chosen to attend this year's event.

## ECONOMY

- **On October 15, the Centre - raised windfall tax on crude produced from domestic fields, doubled the export tax on diesel and restored the levy on outbound jet fuel shipment**
- ✓ This intends to raise part of the benefit accruing to the producers from the recent increase in global oil prices.
- ✓ According to a government notification, the wind-fall tax on domestic crude pumped by companies such as state-run ONGC and Oil India Ltd was raised to Rs.11,000/ tonne from Rs.8,000/tonne.
- ✓ The export tax on diesel was increased to Rs.12 a litre from Rs.5 a litre, which includes Rs. 1.5 a litre road infrastructure cess.
- ✓ A levy of Rs.3. 5 a litre was introduced on jet fuel exports, which had been made tax-free in the last fortnightly revision at the beginning of the month.
- ✓ The government had slapped the windfall tax and export tax in July, using India's June crude cost of \$116 as the base.

## SPORTS

- **India - defeated Sri Lanka in the Women's Asia Cup 2022 final to bag their seventh title in eight editions at Sylhet International Cricket Stadium on October 15**





- ✓ In the final game, Sri Lanka managed just 65 runs for nine wickets in 20 overs - the lowest ever total batting first in the history of Women's Asia Cup.
  - ✓ Chasing a target of 66 runs, India cruised to 71 for two in 8.3 overs, in a rather one-sided affair.
  - ✓ India's Renuka Singh has been named as the Player of the Final, while Deepti Sharma was named as the Player of the Tournament
  - ✓ The only time India failed to lift the Asia Cup was back in 2018 at Kuala Lumpur, losing the title to Bangladesh
  - ✓ They defeated Pakistan twice and Sri Lanka five times to become champions of this tournament in the last 18 years.
- **Telangana's Esha Singh - clinched gold in junior women's 25m pistol event at the ISSF World Championships in Cairo on October 15.**



- ✓ Esha, 17, became the junior world champion, after defeating China's Sixuan Feng, while the bronze went to Hungary's Miriam Jako
  - ✓ Further, India's Udhayveer Sidhu won gold in both the junior men's 25m and standard pistol titles during the day
  - ✓ Apart from this, Sameer bagged the bronze in the standard pistol event, while Tejaswini bagged another bronze in junior women's 25m standard pistol event
  - ✓ India ended the day with four gold and three bronze medals to be ranked behind China who have eight golds and a total of 16 medals.
  - ✓ Earlier, the Indian trio of Naamya Kapoor, Vibhuti Bhatia and Esha Singh won the bronze medal match against Team Germany on October 14
  - ✓ India have also picked up one Paris 2024 Olympics quota place after Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil became the 10 air rifle men's world champion on October 14
  - ✓ The ISSF World Championship kicked off in Cairo on October 12 and is set to conclude on October 25
- **Tamil Nadu's Rosy Meena Paulraj - set her second national record in two weeks to win gold medal on the opening day of the 61st National Open Athletics Championships at Bengaluru on October 15**



- ✓ She cleared 4.21m on her way to winning the title at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru, bettering her previous record of 4.20m.
- ✓ Earlier, the 25-year-old from Thanjavur set up a new national record at the 36th National Games in Gandhinagar.
- ✓ She had then gone past V S Surekha's earlier national mark of 4.15m set in 2014.

## RANKINGS

- **The Global Hunger Index 2022 - ranked India at 107 out of 121 countries with a score of 29.1**
- ✓ This indicates the level of hunger in the country to be under "serious" category
- ✓ The ranking triggered an aggressive response from the Indian government which, for a second consecutive year, challenged the Index
- ✓ The index was released by non-governmental organisations Concern Worldwide (Ireland) and Welthungerhilfe (Germany)
- ✓ As per the report, the global hunger situation looks "grim" and mentions India's child wasting rate (acute undernutrition leading to low weight) at 19.3% is the highest in the world.
- ✓ The ultimate aim of the report is to help the world achieve "Zero Hunger by 2030" – one of the SDGs of the United Nations.
- ✓ The report focuses on 4 main parameters – undernourishment (inadequate food), child wasting (acute undernutrition among children), child stunting (chronic undernutrition) and child mortality (inadequate nutrition and unhealthy environment).
- ✓ In Asia, Afghanistan with a rank of 109 is the only country behind India while Pakistan (99), Bangladesh (84), Nepal (81) and Sri Lanka (64) have fared better than India.
- ✓ In 2021, India was ranked 101 out of 116 countries on the GHI and was placed at 94 in 2020.
- ✓ The government rejected the findings, saying the index suffers from serious methodological issues and is an "erroneous measure" of hunger.
- ✓ According to the report, GHI scores are based on the values of four component indicators - undernourishment, child stunting, child wasting and child mortality.

- ✓ India's child stunting rate was 35. 5% in 2017-21, while undernourishment prevalence rose in India from 14. 8% in 2013-2015 to 16. 3% in 2019-2021 and child wasting got worse from 15. 1% in 2012-16 to 19. 3% in 2017-21
- ✓ India, however, noted improvement in two parameters of child stunting from 38. 7% in 2012-16 to 35. 5% in 2017-21 and child mortality from 4. 6% in 2014 to 3. 3% in 2020.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

### ➤ International Day of Rural Women – October 15



- ✓ The day is observed every year to raise awareness about the achievements and contributions of women living in remote rural regions.
- ✓ Theme 2022 - "Rural Women, key for a world free from hunger and poverty".
- ✓ During the Fourth World Conference on Women, which was held in 1995 in Beijing, the UN suggested the creation of the Day to honour the role of women in agriculture, food production and food safety.
- ✓ The UN declared this day on December 18, 2007.

### ➤ World Students' Day – October 15, 2022



- ✓ The day commemorates the birth anniversary of former President of India, Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam.
- ✓ Theme 2022 - “the transformation of education begins with teachers”
- ✓ World Students Day is observed to honour the achievements of the former Indian President APJ Abdul Kalam, who made major contributions in the field of education and inspired students
- ✓ During his lifetime, he was received Bharat Ratna – the highest civilian honour conferred by the Indian Government.
- ✓ APJ Kalam also received Padma Bhushan and the Padma Vibhushan in recognition for his contributions as scientific advisor of the Indian Government.
- ✓ He worked as a scientist and science administrator in Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).

