



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS\_ **September**

### TAMIL NADU


- The new electricity tariff revision proposed by Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (Tangedco) - will come into effect from September 10.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission has also given its approval for the revision.
- ✓ According to the new tariff, the rates are fixed 12% to 52% higher than the previous tariff for this year

# METERS BEING RESET

➤ First 100 units free for domestic consumers regardless of the slabs

➤ No 50% subsidy for second 100 units for those who consume above 500 units

➤ For domestic consumers, the



base price per unit has been fixed at ₹4.50

➤ It will increase to ₹6 per unit on consumption of more than 400 units

➤ Households consuming 500 units paid ₹1,130 earlier. It will now go up to ₹1,725

## FIRST 100 UNITS FREE

Units	Old Tariff in ₹	Proposed Tariff in ₹
Up to 200	170	225
300	530	675
400	830	1,125
500	1,130	1,725
600	2,440	2,730
700	3,100	3,650
800	3,760	4,550
900	4,420	5,550

- ✓ The new tariff, however, retained the existing scheme of providing 100 units free to domestic, multi-tenements, old age homes and handlooms consumers
- ✓ Further, free power supply will also continue for hut service, agriculture, power loom and handloom
- ✓ The minimum tariff for domestic consumers for two months will now be Rs 4.50 per unit, up to 400 units.
- ✓ For above 400 and up to 500 units, the tariff will be Rs 6 per unit, as against Rs 3 so far.
- ✓ A tariff of Rs 8 per unit will be charged for units between 500 and 600, Rs 9 for between 600 and 800, Rs 10 between 800 and 1,000 and Rs. 11 above 1,000 units.

- ✓ The common supply for lighting and motor pump in small apartments and additional connections in individual apartments are brought under the new category LT Tariff -1D where each unit is charged Rs 8
- ✓ The gymnasiums, swimming pools, sewage treatment plant, water treatment plant and fire hydrant systems are brought under common supply tariff instead of commercial tariff.
- ✓ Further, Tangedco has introduced a peak hour system for LT tariff II-B (1), IIB (2), IIIB and V.
  - ✓ Under the new tariff system, the power utility will collect energy charges 25% extra from the commercial consumers.
- ✓ The tariff for the high-tension consumers including industries, factories, information technology services, government educational institutions, government hospitals, railway traction, CMRL, lift irrigation societies, private educational institutions, and construction activities has been hiked to Rs 6.50 per unit to Rs 12 per unit power.
- ✓ From now on, the power tariff will also be revised on July 1 every year till 2027 based on inflation for all consumer categories
- ✓ The new tariff was proposed by Tangedco on July 18.
- ✓ The electricity tariff was last revised in Tamil Nadu in the year 2014.

## STATES

- **A military station in Arunachal Pradesh and a road leading to it – have been named after the country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) late General Bipin Rawat**



- ✓ The Indian Army's military camp base in Kibithu has been renamed as General Bipin Rawat Military Garrison
- ✓ Further, a 22km road leading to the camp has been renamed General Bipin Rawat Marg
- ✓ The event was attended by state's governor, Brigadier BD Mishra (Retd), Pema Khandu, senior military and civilian dignitaries along with daughters of the late CDS Rawat.

- ✓ During the ceremony, a grand gate built in local traditional architectural style was inaugurated by Arunachal Pradesh Governor Brig BD Mishra (Retd).
  - ✓ The 22-km road stretch from Walong to Kibithu was dedicated to General Rawat by Arunachal Pradesh chief minister Pema Khandu.
  - ✓ Meanwhile, Tarini, the daughter of Gen Rawat, unveiled a life size mural of Gen Bipin Rawat at Kibithu.
  - ✓ Kibithu is a small town on the banks of the Lohit Valley at around 15km from the China border in Arunachal Pradesh's Anjaw district
  - ✓ Gen Rawat had commanded his 5/11 Gorkha Rifles battalion as a colonel from 1999 to 2000 in Kibithu, the easternmost town in Arunachal Pradesh
  - ✓ On December 8, 2021, General Bipin Rawat was killed in a helicopter crash near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu along with his wife Madhulika Rawat and 12 other military personnel
- **India's first-ever 'night sky sanctuary' - will be set up within the next three months in Hanle, Ladakh**
- ✓ This is a unique and first-of-its-kind initiative by the Indian government that seeks to boost astro tourism in the country
  - ✓ The night sky sanctuary will be set up as part of the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary, the world's second-largest nature reserve.
    - ✓ Charthang in Ladakh has over 4 lakh animals, mainly pashmina goats, besides sheep and yaks
  - ✓ In this regard, an MoU was recently signed among the Union Territory administration, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)
  - ✓ The new project will be located at one of the world's highest-located sites for optical, infrared, and gamma-ray telescopes like the Himalayan Chandra Telescope (HCT), High Energy Gamma Ray telescope (HAGAR), the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment Telescope (MACE) and GROWTH-India telescopes
  - ✓ The night sky sanctuary will have activities to help boost local tourism and economy through initiatives of science and technology.
  - ✓ Hanle is ideally suited for the project as it is located in Ladakh's cold desert region with clear sky and dry weather conditions throughout the year and away from human disturbance
- **Warangal from Telangana, Thrissur and Nilambur from Kerala - have joined the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC)**
- ✓ They are among the 77 cities from 44 countries which have joined this network of the world body
  - ✓ Some of the most developed cities, such as Beijing, Shanghai, Hamburg, Athens, Incheon, Bristol, and Dublin, are among the global cities on this list.

- ✓ Thrissur, Nilambur and Warangal are the first Indian cities to join the list maintained since 2015.
- ✓ They were named in the list in recognition of their outstanding efforts to make lifelong learning a reality for all at the local level
- ✓ UNESCO GNLC, consisting of 294 cities in 76 countries across the world, is an international network of cities that successfully promote lifelong learning across their communities

## NATIONAL

- **The fourth edition of the auction of mementos received by PM Narendra Modi - will be open to the public on September 17**
  - ✓ To mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday on September 17, the Ministry of Culture will organize an e-auction of gifts and mementos received by the PM
  - ✓ Some of the over 1,200 gifts received by PM Modi and which are part of the auction are on display at the National Gallery of Modern Art from September 17 to October 2
  - ✓ The lowest starting bid this year starts from Rs 100
  - ✓ A copper vessel containing soil from the Ram Janam Bhoomi in Ayodhya, a scaled down version of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's statue at India Gate, a rudra veena in pure silver and a 6-inch pencil with Mahatma Gandhi engraved on its lead are some of the items that will be in auction
  - ✓ The highlight of this year's display are sports memorabilia from the Commonwealth Games
  - ✓ This includes jerseys autographed by the Indian men's and women's lawn bowling and Deaflympics teams, a Yonex badminton racquet bag signed by the 2022 Thomas Cup championship team, a badminton racquet autographed by Thomas Cup championship gold medallist K Srikanth and a table tennis racquet autographed by gold medallist Bhavina Patel.
  - ✓ The items also include a cross section of mementos ranging from art works and statues of deities to shawls, stoles, headgear, and portraits of PM Modi, including an artwork that depicts Mahatma Gandhi as the Father of the Nation and Modi as the Son of the Nation.
  - ✓ As has been tradition, this year too, the proceeds of the auction of PM mementos will go to the Namami Gange Mission to conserve and rejuvenate the Ganga.
  - ✓ Since Narendra Modi became PM in 2014, three such auctions have been conducted by the Ministry of Culture – in the years 2015, 2019 and 2021
- **On September 9, President Droupadi Murmu – virtually launched an anti-TB campaign 'Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan'**
  - ✓ The President also launched the Nikshay Mitra initiative which forms a vital component of the TB elimination program



- ✓ The initiative of Nikshay Mitra is based on the concept of community support for TB extinction.



- ✓ The Nikshay Mitra portal provides a platform for donors to provide various forms of support to those undergoing TB treatment
  - ✓ Nikshay Mitras are those who would support TB patients and they could be different stakeholders from elected representatives, political parties, to corporates, NGOs, and individuals.
  - ✓ The three pronged support includes nutritional, additional diagnostic, and vocational support
  - ✓ The Nikshay Mitras can choose the duration of support ranging from one year to three years and they can also choose the state, district, block, health facilities.
  - ✓ The district TB officer will facilitate the process of become Nikshay Mitras
- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan has been launched to bring together all community stakeholders to support those on TB treatment and accelerate the country's progress towards TB elimination
- ✓ There are roughly 13.5 lakh TB patients registered in the Nikshay portal, out of which 8.9 lakh active TB patients have given their consent for community adoption
- ✓ Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of State for Health Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar were present at the launch event.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave the clarion call to end TB in the country five years ahead of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) target of 2030 at the Delhi End TB Summit in March 2018.
- ✓ The National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP), previously known as the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP), aims to strategically reduce the TB burden in India by 2025
- ✓ In 2020, the RNTCP was renamed as the National TB Elimination Program (NTEP)

- **Union Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah – recently announced the constitution of a National level committee for drafting the National Cooperation Policy**
  - ✓ The 47-member committee will be headed by former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu.
  - ✓ It comprises experts of the cooperative sector, representatives of National / State / District & Primary Cooperative Societies, Secretaries (Cooperation) & Registrars of Cooperative Societies of States / UTs, and Officers from Central Ministries / Departments
  - ✓ The existing National Policy on Cooperatives was formulated in 2002 to facilitate all round development of cooperatives and to provide necessary support, encouragement and assistance to them
  - ✓ As on date, India has around 8.5 lakh co-operative societies with a member base of around 29 crore
  - ✓ These co-operatives are engaged in varied activities like agro-processing, dairying, fisheries, housing, weaving, credit, marketing, among others
- **The Centre - has granted approval to the proposals for setting up three bulk drug parks in Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh**
  - ✓ The proposals under the Scheme for “Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks” have got 'in-principle' approval by the Department of Pharmaceuticals.
  - ✓ The scheme, notified in 2020 at an outlay of Rs 3,000 crore, is a key initiative of the Centre to support the bulk drugs manufacturing in the country
  - ✓ This scheme is expected to encourage domestic manufacturing of bulk drugs to reduce dependence on imports
  - ✓ The financial assistance to the proposed Bulk Drug Park in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh would be 70% of the project cost of common infrastructure facilities.
  - ✓ In case of Himachal Pradesh, being categorised as a 'hilly state', the financial assistance would be 90% of the project cost.
  - ✓ The maximum assistance under the scheme for one Bulk Drug Park would be limited to Rs 1000 crore
  - ✓ Under the scheme, proposals were received from 13 States, while only 3 states were chosen by the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
  - ✓ As per the proposals submitted by these states, the Bulk Drugs will be established in 1402.44 acres of land at Tehsil Haroli, District Una, Himachal Pradesh, 2015.02 acres of land at Tehsil Jambusar, District Bharuch, Gujarat and 2000.45 acres of land at K.P. Puram & Kodhada of Thondagi Mandal of East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh
  - ✓ The bulk drug parks to be developed under the scheme will provide common infrastructure facilities in one place, thereby creating a strong ecosystem for bulk drug manufacturing at reduced cost

- ✓ Indian pharmaceutical industry is the third largest in the world by volume, with the country exporting pharmaceuticals worth Rs 1,75,040 crore in the financial year 2021-22, including bulk drugs/ drug intermediates
- **India's National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and the UK government - successfully conducted a virtual ransomware drill for 26 countries on September 6, 2022**
  - ✓ The exercise was part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative (CRI)- Resilience Working Group which is being led by India under the leadership of National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC).
  - ✓ The exercise has been facilitated by BAE Systems via the Immersive Labs platform, specifically for the participants based on threat intelligence and operational experiences.
  - ✓ The theme of the exercise is based on Energy Sector in which the respective National Cyber Crisis Management Teams of the CRI Partner Nations will have to deal with a ransomware attack on multiple electricity distribution companies.
- **The government – has launched a new I-STEM initiative called "Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology (WEST)" recently on September 5, 2022**
  - ✓ The WEST programme will cater to women with a STEM background and empower them to contribute to the science, technology, and innovation ecosystem.
  - ✓ I-STEM (Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map) is a national web portal for sharing research equipment/facilities among researchers
  - ✓ It is the umbrella under which many programmes for promoting collaborations in R&D and technological innovation among and between academia and industry, especially startups, are undertaken
  - ✓ Accordingly, women may join the WEST program and explore opportunities to become stakeholders in various domains and pursue careers in R&D at various levels

## INTERNATIONAL

- **King Charles III - was officially proclaimed monarch on September 10 in the first accession council ceremony to be held in 70 years.**
  - ✓ The ceremony, a highly choreographed ritual which dates back to at least 1837, was held at St. James's Palace, a Tudor royal residence near Buckingham Palace.
  - ✓ For the first time, the public was able to see the process as the proclamation of King Charles III was broadcast live online and on air
  - ✓ Charles became the new monarch automatically upon the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II



- ✓ Queen Elizabeth's funeral will be held on September 19 at Westminster Abbey
- ✓ This will be the first state funeral in UK since the service in 1965 for Winston Churchill, Britain's PM during World War II
- **On September 9, New York - declared a disaster emergency after poliovirus samples were found in wastewater in three counties outside of New York City (NYC)**
  - ✓ The state of emergency will remain in effect until October 9 this year
  - ✓ With this declaration, the NYC health authorities will now increase the number of people authorised to administer polio vaccines, besides taking other steps to boost inoculation
  - ✓ The virus was found in wastewater samples which were collected from Orange, Rockland and Sullivan counties
  - ✓ The samples tested positive for poliovirus can cause paralysis in humans
  - ✓ In July, the first confirmed case of polio in the United States in nearly a decade was found in a person in Rockland County, north of New York City
  - ✓ According to the World Health Organization (WHO), polio mainly affects children aged 5 years and below, though people of all ages are under threat
  - ✓ Polio spreads between people when the virus enters the mouth, typically through hands contaminated with the stool of an infected person

## COMMITTEES

- **The government - has set up a committee under the chairmanship of former planning commission member Kirit S Parikh to moderate the LPG gas prices**





- ✓ The panel will review the formula that decides the pricing of LPG gas produced by companies like ONGC and Reliance and suggest a "fair price to the end consumer"
- ✓ It will include representatives of the gas producers association as also producers ONGC and OIL
- ✓ Further, it also has a member from private city gas operators, state gas utility GAIL, a representative of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and a member from the fertiliser ministry
- ✓ The panel has been asked to submit its report by the month-end.
- ✓ The prices, which are payable to producers like Reliance Industries as well as state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), are due for revision on October 1
- ✓ In 2014, the government had used prices in gas surplus countries to arrive at a formula for locally produced gas
- ✓ The new formula would be implemented once the Cabinet gives a go-ahead

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **On September 10, Prime Minister Narendra Modi – inaugurated the first-of-its-kind Centre-State Science Conclave via video-conferencing**

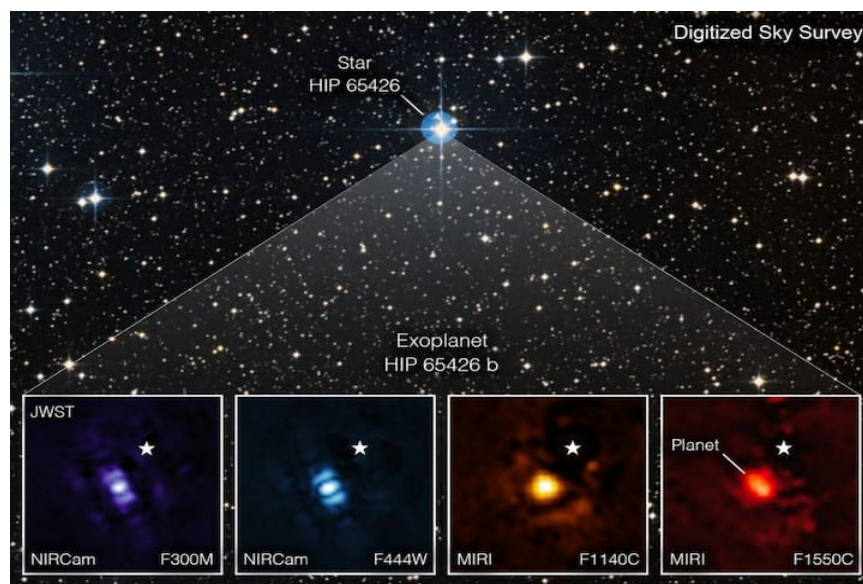


- ✓ The conclave seeks to strengthen Centre-State coordination and collaboration mechanisms – in the spirit of cooperative federalism – to build a robust science, technology and innovation (STI) ecosystem across the country.
- ✓ The two-day Conclave is being organised at Science City, Ahmedabad on September 10-11
- ✓ During the inauguration of the Conclave, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh were present.
- ✓ The Conclave will include sessions on different thematic areas including STI Vision 2047, doubling private sector investment in R&D by 2030, clean energy, hydrogen mission and deep ocean mission
- ✓ It will witness the participation of Science and Technology Ministers and Secretaries of States and Union Territories, industry leaders, entrepreneurs, NGOs, young scientists and students

- **India - has opted out from joining the 'trade pillar' of 14-nation Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)**
- ✓ However, India has decided to join the remaining three pillars of the US-led IPEF pertaining to supply chains, clean economy and fair economy
- ✓ Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal was in Los Angeles to attend the first official in-person IPEF ministerial on September 8-9, 2022
- ✓ Apart from India and the US, the 12 other members of the IPEF are Australia, Brunei, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- ✓ All the other member nations, apart from India, have joined the four pillars -- trade, supply chains, clean economy, and fair economy (issues like tax and anti-corruption).
- ✓ The IPEF was launched jointly by the US and other partner countries of the Indo-Pacific region on the sidelines of the Quad Summit in Tokyo on May 23
- ✓ IPEF is also seen as an economic initiative to counter China's influence in the South and Southeast Asian nations.
- ✓ It seeks to strengthen economic partnership among participating countries with the objective of enhancing resilience, sustainability, inclusiveness, economic growth, fairness and competitiveness in the region
- ✓ IPEF partner countries represent over 40% of the global GDP and 28% of global goods and services trade

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) - has recently captured its first-ever image of an exoplanet, which refers to a planet outside the solar system**



- ✓ The exoplanet HIP 65426b does not have a rocky surface, but is not habitable, as it is a gas giant.
- ✓ The telescope has used four different filters in different bands of infrared light to capture the image of the exoplanet
- ✓ Exoplanet HIP 65426 b is about six to 12 times the mass of Jupiter and twice as massive as the Sun
- ✓ The exoplanet is about 15 to 20 million years old, and is considered young, compared to Earth, which is 4.5 billion years old
- ✓ It is located 350 light-years away from Earth in the constellation Centaurus.
- ✓ However, this is not the first direct image of an exoplanet taken from space, as NASA's Hubble Space Telescope has captured direct images of exoplanets in the past
- ✓ Webb is an international collaboration between NASA, European Space Agency (ESA) and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA).
- ✓ It was launched into space on December 25, 2021, atop an Ariane 5 rocket from the Guiana Space Centre located near Kourou, French Guiana.
- ✓ Webb will examine every phase of cosmic history, from the first luminous glows after the Big Bang to the formation of galaxies, stars, and planets, and the evolution of our own solar system.

## DEFENCE

- **In a first, the Border Security Force (BSF) - has developed a drone-based 'tear smoke launcher' to control riots and other crowd protests**



- ✓ The “drone tear smoke launcher” can be used for launching the tear gas shells from an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) or drone
- ✓ The new system was tested recently at the BSF’s tear smoke unit (TSU) in Tekanpur, Madhya Pradesh
- ✓ The TSU was established in 1976 and it develops and manufactures anti-riot tear smoke munitions for supply to both central and state police forces
- ✓ The BSF is primarily deployed to guard the Indian borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh, besides playing various roles in the country’s internal security domain.



- ✓ Last month, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) said it was working on an AI-driven multi-role, advanced and long-endurance drone for strategic missions in high-altitude areas, including along the frontiers with China.

## APPOINTMENTS

- On September 8, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres - appointed Volker Turk of Austria as the next United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, following approval by the General Assembly.



- ✓ From 2019 to 2021, Turk served as Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination in the UN chief's Executive Office.
- ✓ Previously, he was the Assistant High Commissioner for Protection at UN refugees, UNHCR, in Geneva where he played a key role in the development of the landmark Global Compact on Refugees.
- ✓ Turk will succeed Michelle Bachelet of Chile, who served as High Commissioner from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2022.

## AWARDS

- Indian Army chief General Manoj Pande - was conferred the title of Honorary General of the Nepali Army by Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari in Kathmandu recently on September 5





- ✓ General Pande was honoured at a special ceremony at the President's official residence 'Shital Niwas' in the capital city of Nepal during his ongoing visit to the Himalayan nation
- ✓ The practice follows a seven-decade-old tradition of decorating army chiefs of each other's country with the honorary title.
- ✓ General Manoj Pande arrived in Kathmandu on September 4, for a five-day official visit to Nepal, on the invitation of General Prabhu Ram Sharma, Chief of Army Staff, Nepali Army
- ✓ Commander-in-Chief General KM Cariappa was the first Indian Army chief to be decorated with the title in 1950.
- ✓ In November last year, the Chief of the Nepali Army, General Prabhu Ram Sharma was also made the Honorary General of the Indian Army by President Ram Nath Kovind at a ceremony in New Delhi.
- ✓ Gen Pande took charge as the 29th Chief of the Army Staff on April 30 after Gen MM Naravane retired from service
- ✓ Nepal shares a border of over 1,850 km with five Indian states – Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand and relies heavily on India for the transportation of goods and services.

## OBITUARY

- **Veteran archaeologist, Braj Basi Lal - passed away at the age of 101 on September 10**



- ✓ BB Lal led an excavation at the Ramjanmabhoomi site in Ayodhya in the mid-1970s.
- ✓ Lal, who served as the director general of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) from 1968 to 1972, found temple-like pillars beneath the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, where the Ram temple is being built now.
- ✓ He also spent considerable part of his career working on the Harappan civilisations and sites believed to be associated with 'The Mahabharata'.
- ✓ Lal authored several books that became part of curricula of several universities and was one of the youngest directors general of ASI

- ✓ Lal was born in 1921 in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh and completed his Masters degree in Sanskrit from the Allahabad University,
- ✓ He began his career in 1943 as a trainee under renowned British archaeologist Mortimer Wheeler.
- ✓ He started his early work from site of Taxila and in the course of his career spanning over 50 years, wrote 50 books and 150 research papers published in national and international journals.
- ✓ Some of his most notable books include, 'The Saraswati flows on: The continuity of Indian culture' published in 2002, and 'Rama, His Historicity, Mandir and Setu: Evidence of Literature, Archaeology and other Sciences' published in 2008.
- ✓ Between 1950 and 1952, Lal excavated a number of sites believed to be associated with 'The Mahabharata', where he discovered a number of Painted Grey Ware sites in the Indo-Gangetic divide and upper Yamuna-Ganga Doab.
- ✓ The veteran archaeologist had led a project named Archaeology of Ramayana between 1975 and 1976 to examine certain sites having references in Ramayana
- ✓ In a career spanning over five decades, Lal excavated several landmark sites, including Hastinapura (Uttar Pradesh), Sisupalgarh (Odisha), Purana Qila (Delhi) and Kalibangan (Rajasthan) and served on several UNESCO committees
- ✓ Lal also served as the Director of the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies.
- ✓ He was awarded the Padma Bhushan Award in the year 2000 and was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan in 2021

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **The Ministry of Women and Child Development - is celebrating the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 across the nation from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September.**



- ✓ The main focus of the initiative this year is on the themes of "Mahila aur Swasthya" and "Bacha aur Shiksha", focusing on women and children
- ✓ To ensure speedy and intensive outreach, the entire month has been subdivided into weekly themes for focused approach towards improving holistic nutrition.
- ✓ The theme for the first week of 'Nutrition month' in September is plantation activity referred as "Poshan Vatika".

- ✓ This year, the initiative is planned to be converted from Jan Andolan (public movement) into Jan Bhagidari (people's participation) to fulfill the Prime Minister's vision
- ✓ Besides, health camps for anemia check-ups will also be held at Anganwadi Centres for adolescent girls.
- ✓ A special drive for height and weight measurement for children (under 6 years of age) during the Poshan Maah will also be conducted
- ✓ Under the month long event, a national level toy-creation workshop will also be organized to promote use of indigenous and local toys for learning in Anganwadi Centres
- ✓ The Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition - POSHAN Abhiyaan - is the centre's flagship scheme to improve nutritional outcomes for children under six years of age, adolescent Girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched the programme from Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan on 8 March, 2018
- ✓ The aim of POSHAN Abhiyaan, celebrated annually in the month of September, is to address the challenge of malnutrition in a mission mode
- ✓ Further, the government has launched Mission Poshan 2.0 as an integrated nutrition support program to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes

