



## **FVF RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-september**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- Chief Minister M K Stalin - launched the Students in Responsible Police Initiatives (Sirpi) at Kalaivanar Arangam on September 14.



- ✓ The scheme, designed by the police and school education department, is being implemented at a cost of Rs 4.25 crore
- ✓ The programme will be first rolled out by Greater Chennai Police.
- ✓ The announcement to launch the scheme was made by the Chief Minister on the floors of the state Assembly on September 13, 2021
- ✓ Under SIRPI, officers will offer classes in physical fitness, sports and drills to inculcate discipline and social awareness among school students

- ✓ The initiative will also focus on gaining knowledge in current affairs, good habits, patriotism and other aspects including about social evils such as drugs, alcohol etc.
  - ✓ Two police officers have been appointed to each school and they will meet about 50 students on every Wednesday in presence of two coordinators from the school.
  - ✓ In the first phase, 5000 students belonging to Class 8 have been enrolled from 100 government schools for the programme.
  - ✓ Under the scheme 2,764 boys and 2,236 girls will benefit from nutritious food and excursions to eight tourist places in a year for special training on history and general knowledge.
  - ✓ Students will also be given special training on working of the police department, their organization, their work, emergency control rooms and explored to the work done by Greater Chennai Police
  - ✓ Information Minister MP Saminathan, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Minister PK Sekar Babu, School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi, Greater Chennai Corporation Mayor R Priya, Chief Secretary V Irai Anbu, and DGP C Sylendrababu were present.
- **On September 14, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi - approved a proposal to grant scheduled tribe (ST) status to the Narikoravan and Kurivikkaran communities in Tamil Nadu.**



- ✓ In this regard, Chief Minister M K Stalin had written a letter to the PM on March 19 this year, mentioning about the Lokur committee's recommendation in 1965 and seeking the inclusion of the two communities in the ST list.
- ✓ In 1981, the then chief minister M G Ramachandran sent a recommendation to the Union government to include the Narikoravan and Kurivikkaran communities on the list of STs.
- ✓ Former chief minister J Jayalalithaa had requested the Union government twice in 2012 and 2013 to include the community in the ST list

- **Tamil Nadu government - has made plan approval 'mandatory' for all government departments and agencies to start construction.**
- ✓ In this regard, a seven-member committee has released a new set of guidelines, which has come into immediate effect.
- ✓ Accordingly, foundation stone may not be laid to any government/ local authority building unless it possess planning clearance and the building may not be inaugurated till the completion certificate, fire NOC (if applicable) are obtained
- ✓ As per the new guidelines, the authority concerned should first confirm the permissibility of the proposed development in the site with the respective land use plans in the Master Plan as well as Zoning Regulations and then submit the drawings for online scrutiny.
- ✓ These agencies should also adhere to the provisions of TN Combined Development and Building Rules, 2019.

## **NATIONAL**


- **On September 14, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi - approved a Constitution amendment bill to include several tribal communities in the category of Scheduled Tribes in Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.**
- ✓ This was announced by union tribal affairs minister Arjun Munda
- ✓ In Tamil Nadu, the Union Cabinet approved the proposal of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the inclusion of 'Narikoravan' along with the 'Kurivikkaran' community in the category of ST.
- ✓ In a landmark development, the Cabinet granted tribal status to the "Hattee" community of the Trans-Giri region of Himachal Pradesh's Sirmaur district
  - ✓ The ST status is set to benefit around 1.6 lakh people of the community.
  - ✓ The Cabinet approval follows the Registrar General of India's nod to the proposal for grant of ST status to the Hattee community after rejecting proposals in 1995, 2006 and 2017.
  - ✓ The Hattee are a close-knit community, who earn their living by selling home-grown crops, vegetables, meat, and wool at small-town markets known as 'haats'.
  - ✓ The Hatti community in the Jaunsar region of Uttarakhand had already been given tribal status.
- ✓ The Cabinet has also approved 12 communities, including Binjhia, from Chhattisgarh in the ST list for the state, which was pending for 15 years.
- ✓ In Karnataka, the Cabinet grants the Tribal status to the 'Betta-Kuruba' community as a synonym of 'Kadu Kuruba'.
- ✓ Further, 'Gonds' along with its five sub-castes in the Bhadohi (earlier Sant Ravidas Nagar) district of Uttar Pradesh were included in the Scheduled Tribes list of UP.



- ✓ The newly listed communities in the ST list will have several benefits including post-matric scholarship, overseas scholarship and the national fellowship, concessional loans from the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, and hostels for students, apart from reservation in services and educational institutions
- ✓ Now, the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Third Amendment) Bill 2022 will be introduced for approval in Parliament to become an Act
- ✓ It has to pass through both houses of the Parliament, the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha
- ✓ The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950

## SUPREME COURT VERDICT

- **A Supreme Court bench – has recorded its concern over a new case listing mechanism introduced by new Chief Justice of India U U Lalit**
- ✓ The new case listing method was introduced for speedy disposal of matters pending for years and to clear the backlog in due course
- ✓ However, the bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Abhay S Oka in its judicial order said that the new listing system gave inadequate time to the judges to take up the matters.

<b>'NO. OF MATTERS IN AFTERNOON SESSION'</b>	
<p>➤ While adjourning hearing in a case titled 'Nagesh Chaudhary Vs State of UP' to Nov 15, a <b>bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul &amp; Abhay S Oka</b> says, "New listing system not giving adequate time to take up matters fixed for hearing like present case as there are a number of matters within span of 'afternoon' session"</p> <p>➤ New system introduced by CJI Lalit means two distinct shifts for 30 judges. <b>On</b></p>	 <p><b>Monday and Friday</b>, they assemble in <b>15 different benches to hear freshly filed cases</b>, which number over 60 each day</p>  <p>➤ On <b>Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday</b>, judges in the morning session (10.30am-1 pm) <b>hear old cases in a combination of three-judge benches</b></p> <p>➤ In the <b>afternoon</b>, <b>two-judge benches are assigned 30-odd after-notice cases</b>. However, the CJI has already reduced the case count from 30 to 20</p>

- ✓ The court was hearing an appeal against an Allahabad High Court order refusing to quash an FIR
- ✓ After taking oath as the 49th CJI, Justice Lalit had vowed to streamline listing of cases as his predecessor Justice N V Ramana accepted that he could not give much attention to this area
- ✓ CJI Lalit-introduced listing system involves two distinct shifts for the 30 judges.
- ✓ On Mondays and Fridays, they assembled in 15 different benches to hear freshly filed cases, which numbered more than 60 each day.

- ✓ On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, the judges in the morning session (from 10-30 am till 1pm) will hear old cases involving important questions of law in a combination of three-judge benches.
- ✓ In the afternoon, the two-judge benches were assigned 20-odd after-notice cases, to be dealt in 120 minutes, which amounted to each case getting on average six minutes of judicial attention.
- ✓ The top court with the new system in place has managed to dispose of over 5,000 cases in total, since Justice Lalit took over as the Chief Justice on August 27.

## INTERNATIONAL

- **The European General Court - has imposed a €4.125 billion (about \$4.13 billion) fine on Google for using its Android mobile operating system to overpower its rivals**
- ✓ On September 14, the European Union's second highest court upheld the bloc's largest antitrust fine issued to Google in 2018
- ✓ The court's fine is only one of three antitrust penalties given to Google by the European Commission between 2017 and 2019, totalling over \$8 billion
- ✓ This is the second court defeat for US tech giant Alphabet's Google which lost its challenge to a €2.4 billion fine last year, the first of a trio of cases.
- ✓ In its original decision in 2018, the European Commission said Google's practices restrict competition and reduce choices for consumers.
- ✓ It held that Google broke EU rules by requiring smartphone makers to take a bundle of Google apps if they wanted any at all and prevented them from selling devices with altered versions of Android.
- ✓ The bundle included 11 applications such as YouTube, Maps and Gmail.
- ✓ Meanwhile, South Korea's privacy watchdog has fined Google and Meta a combined 100 billion won (\$72 million) for tracking consumers' online behaviour without their consent and using data for targeted advertisements.
- ✓ The watchdog said it fined Google \$50 million and Meta \$22 million.
- ✓ The fines were the biggest ever penalties imposed by South Korea for privacy law violations.

## INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **President Droupadi Murmu - will attend Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral in London on September 19 and offer condolences on behalf of the Indian people.**
- ✓ President Murmu will be among the nearly 500 Heads of State and foreign dignitaries who have been invited to attend the former British monarch's state funeral at London's Westminster Abbey.
- ✓ President Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and PM Narendra Modi expressed condolences at the demise of the queen on September 8.



## QUEEN'S FUNERAL

### WHO HAS BEEN INVITED?

#### EUROPEAN ROYAL FAMILIES:

Belgium's King Philippe and Queen Mathilde, King Willem-Alexander and his wife, Queen Maxima, along with his mother, former Dutch queen Princess Beatrix. King Felipe and Queen Letizia of Spain, the royal families of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.

#### COMMONWEALTH LEADERS:

President Droupadi Murmu, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

#### OTHER WORLD LEADERS:

Irish Taoiseach Micheal Martin, German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Italian President Sergio Mattarella, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, South Korean President Yoon Suk-Yeol, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro,

Japanese Emperor Naruhito, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, and French President Emmanuel Macron. It is not confirmed whether Chinese President Xi Jinping will receive an invite or would accept it.

**NOT INVITED:** Russia, Belarus and Myanmar.

#### US PRESIDENTS:

President Joe Biden along with First Lady Jill Biden. Some former presidents and first ladies might receive private invites.



- ✓ External affairs minister S Jaishankar visited the British high commission in New Delhi on September 12 to convey India's condolences.
- ✓ During her three-day UK visit from September 17-19, Murmu is expected to attend the lying-in-state of the queen's coffin at Westminster Hall, sign a condolence book, and deliver a condolence message on behalf of the government.

## ECONOMY

- **Chennai-based Munoth Industries Limited's lithium cell manufacturing facility – to start its pre-production run at the electronics manufacturing cluster – 2, Tirupati**
- ✓ The first phase of the proposed facility will come up with an investment outlay of Rs.165 crore near Tirupati



- ✓ Union minister of state for electronics & IT Rajeew Chandrasekhar will flag off the trial production of the facility on September 16, 2022.
- ✓ The factory will focus on manufacturing lithium cells for the consumer electronics industry
- ✓ It is a first of its kind in India, developed and operated by an Indian company.
- ✓ At present, India imports complete requirements of lithium ion cells primarily from China, South Korea, Vietnam and Hong Kong.
- ✓ The demand for lithium batteries in non-automotive applications is forecasted to increase from 0.3 GWh to 12 GWh by 2030 driven by telecom towers, data centres, grid-scale renewable energy integration and rooftop solar.
- ✓ The installed capacity in Phase I is 270 MWh and can produce 20,000 cells of 10Ah capacity daily and employ 250 people.
- ✓ The company plans to quickly follow up with the construction works for the phase 2 to cater to energy storage segment by March, 2023 and phase 3 to cater to EV segment by September, 2023 with further investments of Rs.635 crore.

## OBITUARY

- **Acclaimed Indian tennis coach, Naresh Kumar - passed away at the age of 93 on September 14.**



- ✓ Born on December 22, 1928 in Lahore in undivided India, Kumar belonged to that generation of Indian players who did well in the international arena in the 1950 and 60s.
- ✓ However, he will perhaps be better remembered as a coach mainly because of nurturing and mentoring one of India's all-time great player Leander Paes.
- ✓ In 1990, it was Kumar as a non-playing captain who revealed a raw talent by including a 16-year-old Paes in the Davis Cup team.
- ✓ Kumar became the first tennis coach to receive Dronacharya Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000 apart from winning the Arjuna Award too.
- ✓ His eight-year long Davis Cup journey started in 1952 as he went on to captain the side while developing a formidable partnership with Ramanathan Krishnan.
- ✓ Kumar began and ended his tennis journey at the Asian Championships playing it for the first time in 1949 and ending it in 1969.

### **NARESH KUMAR: 1928-2022**

**Born:** December 22, 1928 in Lahore

- First big tournament: Asian Championships in 1949
- Davis Cup: 1952-60 (46 matches)
- Won Five career titles
- Played 101 matches at Wimbledon over a period of 19 years. Reached last-16 stage in 1956
- Receptient of Arjuna (1962) and Dronacharya Lifetime Achievement Award (2020)
- He picked Leander Paes for Davis Cup side for the first time in 1990

- ✓ As an amateur, Kumar has played an Indian record number of 101 Wimbledon matches making it to the singles main draw for nine consecutive years
- ✓ His best performance came in 1955 when he reached the pre-quarterfinals before losing to the eventual champion and American No. 1 Tony Trabert.
- ✓ Later, he also reached the third round of the French Open in 1958.
- ✓ In the doubles, Kumar made the Wimbledon quarterfinals in 1953, 1955 and 1958.
- ✓ He won a total of five career titles that included Irish Championships (1952, 53), Welsh Championships (1952), Essex Championships (1957) and the Wengen tournament in Switzerland in 1958.

## **SPORTS**

- **Indian wrestler and Commonwealth Games 2022 gold medalist Vinesh Phogat - won a bronze medal in the women's 53 kg category at the ongoing World Wrestling Championships 2022 in Belgrade on September 14**



- ✓ Vinesh defeated European champion Emma Malmgren from Sweden to win the bronze medal.
- ✓ The three-time CWG gold-medalist overpowered her opponent to win the match 8-0.



- ✓ Vinesh had won two of her repechage matches against Asian Games silver-medallist Zhuldyz Eshimova of Kazakhstan in the first repechage round and Azerbaijan's Leyla Gurbanova.
- **On September 14, the Supreme Court - has allowed amendments to the constitution of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to waive off mandatory three year cooling-off period for its president, secretary and office bearers**



- ✓ The order paves the way for BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah to continue for another term in office
- ✓ A bench of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and Hima Kohli ruled that an office bearer can have continuous tenure of 12 years which includes six years (two three-year terms) in State Association and six years (two three-year terms) in BCCI before the cooling-off period of three years begins.
- ✓ Before the appointment to the BCCI, Ganguly had served as president of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) since 2014, while Jay Shah was an office bearer in Gujarat Cricket Association since 2013.
- ✓ Ganguly took over as the new BCCI president on October 23, 2019 while Jay Shah took over as the BCCI secretary on October 24, 2019
- ✓ The court also agreed to redefine the scope of 'public servants' that are barred from holding positions in the BCCI.
  - ✓ According to the SC, only ministers and government employees will come under this new ambit
  - ✓ Hence, members of parliament and legislative assemblies are eligible to hold positions in the BCCI.
  - ✓ This is a relief for vice-president Rajiv Shukla who recently became a member of the Rajya Sabha.
- ✓ Earlier, based on the recommendations of the Lodha Committee, BCCI officials were to undergo a mandatory cooling-off period of three years after one three-year term — with a maximum of three terms allowed in all.

- ✓ Lodha Committee was set up by the Supreme Court in 2015 to bring reforms in cricket administration
- ✓ In 2018, on a plea by BCCI, the Supreme Court allowed its constitution to be amended to give office-bearers a combined unbroken stint of six years, combining tenures in state bodies and the BCCI

## NATIONAL DAY

### ➤ Engineer's Day – September 15



- ✓ The day is observed every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of the country's greatest engineer Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya
- ✓ It is a day to honour and recognise the hard work of all engineers who have made significant contributions towards the growth and development of the country.
- ✓ Born on September 15, 1861, in the Muddenahalli village of Karnataka, Visvesvaraya completed his school education in his hometown
- ✓ Later, he went to study Bachelor of Arts (BA) at the University of Madras and pursued a diploma in civil engineering at the College of Science in Pune
- ✓ He was the Diwan of Mysore from 1912 to 1919, as well as a great scholar, civil engineer and statesman.
- ✓ Popularly known as Sir MV, he undertook several complex projects and delivered remarkable infrastructural results during his engineering career.
- ✓ He patented and installed an irrigation system with water floodgates at the Khadakvasla reservoir near Pune to raise the food supply level and storage to the highest levels known as 'block system' in 1903
- ✓ The irrigation system was later installed at Gwalior's Tigras Dam and Mysuru's Krishnaraja Sagara (KRS) dam, the latter of which created one of the largest reservoirs in Asia at the time
- ✓ Visvesvaraya was involved in the Pune suburban water supply project, the installation of the Deccan Plateau irrigation system and also served as the chief designer of Hyderabad's flood protection framework.

- ✓ The Mysore Soap Factory, Bangalore Agricultural University, State Bank of Mysore, Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Government Engineering College, and several industries were created by Sir M Visvesvaraya
- ✓ His contributions and works also led to TATA Steel engineers inventing an armoured vehicle, which was used in World War II and which could withstand bullets
- ✓ Because of his contributions to society, he was popularly referred to as the "Father of Modern Mysore."
- ✓ His books, "Reconstructing India" and "Planned Economy of India" were published in 1920 and 1934, respectively.
- ✓ In recognition of his services to the community, King George V knighted him as a Knight Commander of the British Indian Empire (KCIE) in the year 1915
- ✓ In 1955, he was awarded the highest civilian award of India, the Bharat Ratna and passed away in 1962.
- ✓ It was in 1968 the government had declared to observe the birth anniversary of M Visvesvaraya as National Engineers Day
- ✓ Along with India, Visvesvaraya's great works are also celebrated in Sri Lanka and Tanzania on September 15 as Engineer's day
- ✓ World Engineers Day is celebrated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on March 4.

