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TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu - has got the Centre's environmental clearance for constructing the 'Pen memorial' for DMK patriarch and former chief minister M Karunanidhi at the Marina beach**



- ✓ An expert panel under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has granted the terms of reference for the project with some conditions
- ✓ The panel has asked the state government to look for alternative locations and conduct public hearings with fishermen community
- ✓ Further, the state government has been asked to submit detailed safety and risk assessment, disaster management plan including crowd management
- ✓ Tamil Nadu government has proposed to build the monument adjacent to the former Chief Minister Karunanidhi's Memorial in the Bay of Bengal off the Marina beach to honour the contributions of former Chief Minister Dr.M. Karunanidhi to Tamil literature.
- ✓ The total area of the proposed project is about 8,551 sq m and will feature a giant pen pedestal on reclaimed sea

- ✓ The proposed monument would be located at around 360 metres into the Bay of Bengal from the Marina beach coast
 - ✓ The project will include a pedestrian bridge at an elevation of six metres from the high tide line.
 - ✓ The bridge will be seven metres wide with three metres of glass flooring
 - ✓ The State government sought permission for the project under Section 4 (ii)(j) of the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notification amended in March 22, 2016.
 - ✓ Earlier, the State Coastal Zone Management Authority has recommended the project for coastal regulation zone (CRZ) clearance
 - ✓ Now, the state government has to submit the draft environment impact assessment report, with the environmental management plan, a draft risk assessment report with the disaster management plan, among other documents, to the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.
 - ✓ The proposed site for the “Muthamizh Arignar Dr. Kalaignar Pen Monument” falls under CRZ-IA, CRZ-II and CRZ-IVA areas, and the estimated cost of the project is over Rs.80 crore
 - ✓ There are similar monuments in other parts of the country, such as the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Memorial, currently being constructed by the Maharashtra government in the Arabian Sea, which has received the CRZ clearance.
 - ✓ According to the proposal, the pen pedestal above the sea would be over 42 metre in height, a few feet taller than the statue of Tamil poet-saint Thiruvalluvar in Kanyakumari.
- **On September 16, Chief minister M K Stalin - unveiled new schemes to facilitate growth of the MSME sector in the state at the ‘Thol Koduppom Thozhilkku’ regional conference held in Madurai**



- ✓ The Chief Minister launched an online facility of Sidco through which industrialists running their plants in its industrial estates can avail 12 services like NOC for bank loan, drinking water supply, sale deed and other things.
- ✓ **Further, the CM announced that the state's third Tidel Park would be set up at a cost of Rs. 600 crore in Madurai.**
 - ✓ The information technology park, which would create 10,000 jobs, would be built on five acres land near Mattuthavani in the first phase, and would be expanded by another five acres in the second phase
- ✓ The announcement was made at the south zone MSME conference 'FaMe TN' organised by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Department in Madurai.
 - ✓ The park would be constructed by TIDEL and the Madurai city corporation through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).
- ✓ During the event, the Indo-American Chamber of commerce and FaMe TN signed an MoU in the presence of Chief Minister for providing training to MSMEs on technology adoption for sustainable development and for developing MSMEs for Industry 4.0.
- ✓ **Further, the CM launched an online platform for filing and cancelling Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deed and Equitable Mortgage at free of cost.**
 - ✓ At present, entrepreneurs as well as people file MODs while pledging properties for industrial, farm and housing loans and personally visit registrar offices to carry out an MOD or to cancel them once the loan is repaid.
 - ✓ The scheme, which seeks to eliminate wastage of time and delayed loans, is likely to benefit around 6.50 lakh beneficiaries per annum.
 - ✓ The State Government has amended the Tamil Nadu Registration Act accordingly.
- ✓ **Further, the CM inaugurated the 'School Innovation Development Project' which will be implemented in government and aided schools to develop the vocational skills of the students**
 - ✓ In the first phase, around 1.56 lakh students from Class IX to Class XII and 3,120 teachers will be trained on entrepreneurship skills.
 - ✓ The best 40 innovative ideas by school student groups will be rewarded with cash prize ranging from Rs.25,000 to Rs.1 lakh.
 - ✓ The project is a joint initiative by the Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute-Tamil Nadu (EDII-TN), the education department and UNICEF
- ✓ **The CM also launched the CARE (Covid Assistance and Relief to Entrepreneurs) scheme that will provide monetary assistance to MSMEs affected by the pandemic**
 - ✓ During the launch, CM Stalin gave away Rs.8.80 lakh to a beneficiary.

- ✓ The state government has set aside Rs.50 crore grant to CARE scheme to help the industrialists affected by Covid-19.
- ✓ The Chief Minister added that Rs. 20.13 crore loan has been disbursed to 81 MSMEs without any collateral under the Tamil Nadu Credit Guarantee Scheme ever since the scheme was launched last month.
- ✓ **During the event, CM Stalin also released the "Compendium of Government Schemes for MSMEs-2022", which is a handbook of government schemes for MSME containing details of 97 schemes.**
- ✓ The CM distributed awards to three banks which had offered special loans for development of MSMEs, and eight best entrepreneurs in the State
- ✓ Orders for three micro clusters -- a doll cluster in Vilacheri, water hyacinth cluster in Thoothukudi and women loom cluster in Thalavaipuram -- to be set up at a total cost of Rs 9.05 crore were also issued during the event.
- ✓ The state's first Tidel Park was launched in Chennai by the then Chief Minister Dr. M Karunanidhi, while the second Tidel Park was set up in Coimbatore
- ✓ The state government is presently planning to set up Tidel Neo parks in Coimbatore, Ooty, Vellore, Tiruppur, Villupuram, Tuticorin, Salem and Thanjavur to extend the IT growth to Tier II cities

STATES

- **The city of Varanasi - has been named the first-ever SCO Tourist and Cultural Capital for the period 2022-2023 at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on September 16**



- ✓ The nomination was announced at the meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of States, which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ Several events would be organised by the Uttar Pradesh government in collaboration with the Centre to celebrate the recognition.
- ✓ The regulations for nominating SCO tourism and cultural capital were adopted at the Dushanbe SCO Summit in 2021 with an objective to promote cooperation between the SCO member states in the field of culture and tourism
- ✓ Varanasi is the parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- ✓ Uzbekistan has handed over the rotating presidency of the grouping to India for the year 2022-23

INTERNATIONAL

- **Kazakhstan's parliament - renamed the Central Asian nation's capital from Nur-Sultan to Astana**
- ✓ It is the latest move by government to distance it from the former Soviet republic's first president, Nursultan Nazarbayev
- ✓ The city, which became the capital in 1997, was renamed Astana the following year.
- ✓ Nursultan Nazarbayev wanted the capital to be located closer to the geographical centre of the vast nation.
- ✓ In 2019, when Nazarbayev resigned after 3 decades in power, his successor Kassym-Jomart Tokayev renamed Astana to Nur-Sultan in honour of the ex-leader.
- ✓ On September 16, the parliament voted to revert to the name Astana by changing the constitution

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **On September 16, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - held talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit being held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.**



- ✓ It is the first in-person meeting between the two leaders since Russia launched military operation on its eastern neighbour Ukraine in February this year.
- ✓ The two leaders discussed the ongoing war, besides bilateral, regional and other global issues.
- ✓ Putin, who spoke before PM Modi, acknowledged India's position on Ukraine and said Russia will do its best to stop the conflict as soon as possible.

- ✓ In his opening remarks before the meeting, PM Modi thanked not just Russia but also Ukraine for the evacuation of Indian students from Ukraine.
- ✓ Before this meeting, PM Modi held talks with Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on sidelines of SCO summit
- ✓ In his address, President Xi Jinping of China congratulated India for assuming the SCO presidency for a year and said China will support India's initiatives in the bloc.
- ✓ India will host the SCO summit under its presidency next year
- ✓ However, there was no formal bilateral meeting between Xi and PM Modi on the sidelines of the summit
- ✓ PM Narendra Modi, in his first bilateral meeting with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, reviewed the progress in the development of the Shahid Behesti terminal and Chabahar Port, key for India's access to central Asia.
- ✓ During the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended, along with other world leaders, the 22nd Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), in Samarkand

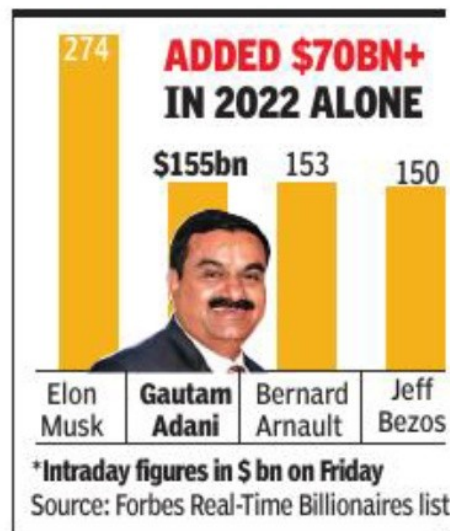


- ✓ PM Modi was given the opportunity to speak first by Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in the SCO summit
- ✓ During his speech, PM Modi said that one possible solution to the global food shortage problem was to promote the cultivation and consumption of millets
 - ✓ He reiterated that the year 2023 will be celebrated as the UN International Year of Millets and the SCO should consider organising a 'Millet Food Festival'
 - ✓ Further, the PM said that India is ready to share its experience on start-ups and innovation with SCO member-states by establishing a new Special Working Group.
 - ✓ The PM also announced that India would take the initiative for a new SCO Working Group on Traditional Medicine and called upon the grouping to increase cooperation in the field of medicine

- ✓ He mentioned about the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine, which was inaugurated in Gujarat in April 2022.
- ✓ This will be WHO's first and only global centre for traditional medicine, said the PM
- ✓ In the Samarkand Declaration, the member countries agreed to form a unified list of terrorist, separatist and extremist organisations whose activities are prohibited on the territories of the SCO countries.
- ✓ Like in the past, India was again the only country to not endorse China's BRI initiative in the declaration.
- ✓ The SCO Summit 2022 was held after three years after the 2019 Bishkek summit in Kyrgyzstan
- ✓ The summit was attended by the heads of states of the SCO members — India, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.
- ✓ The summit also decided to give permanent membership of the bloc to Belarus and Iran.

PERSONALITIES

- **Billionaire Industrialist, Gautam Adani - became the world's second richest person ahead of Amazon's Jeff Bezos for a brief period on September 16, according to the Forbes Real-Time Billionaires list.**



- ✓ With a net worth of \$155 billion, Adani was ahead of Bezos by about \$5 billion intraday.
- ✓ So far in 2022, Adani Group chairman's net worth has jumped by about \$70 billion, the biggest such increase among billionaires across the world.
- ✓ However, later in the day, as the Indian stock market crashed, French businessman Bernard Arnault, the owner of luxury brand house LVMH, with a net worth of \$153 billion, went past both Adani and Bezos to take the second spot.
- ✓ According to Forbes, Adani is still ahead of Bezos, who is at number four on the list.

- ✓ On the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, however, Adani, with a net worth of \$149 billion, is still the third richest in the world behind Bezos who is at \$150 billion.
- ✓ Elon Musk, the founder of electric vehicle major Tesla and space exploration firm SpaceX, is at the top in both the charts.
- ✓ According to Forbes, Musk's net worth was \$274 billion, while Bloomberg said it was \$264 billion.
- ✓ Bill Gates, the co-founder of software giant Microsoft, with a net worth of \$105.3 billion, is next in the list of people with wealth valued at over \$100 billion.

DEFENCE

- **The United States Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) Midgett - arrived at the Chennai Port for a four-day visit on September 16**

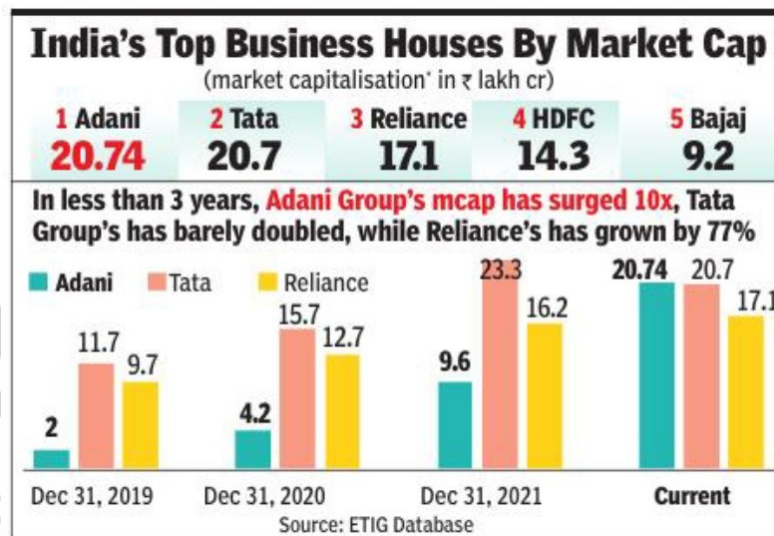


- ✓ The arrival of the Hawaii-based National Security Cutter (NSC) is part of goodwill gesture and to further collaboration between the Indian Coast Guard and the US Coast Guard
- ✓ The visit by USCGC Midgett is aimed at reiterating the 75 years of trusted partnership between the United States and India and strengthening the relationship between the Coast Guards of the two countries
- ✓ The USCGC Midgett intends to hold bilateral in-port and at-sea professional exchanges, sharing expertise and best practices in exercises in Coast Guard missions.
- ✓ The ship, which is outfitted with a UAS Scan-Eagle drone, an MH-65 helicopter, and other cutting-edge tools, will take part in the joint exercise off Chennai on September 19.
- ✓ It is commanded by Captain Willie Carmichael since August 2021.
- ✓ During Midgett's port visit, formal calls, reciprocal visits onboard ships, sporting events, cultural performances, and professional exchanges were planned between members of the two coast guards.
- ✓ The aim of the visit is to boost interaction between coast guards of both nations and enhance interoperability in the fields of maritime search and rescue, anti-piracy operations, and other maritime law enforcement tasks

- ✓ USCGC Midgett is the largest and most technologically advanced of the US Coast Guard's newest classes of cutter.
- ✓ It is named after Rear Admiral John Allen Midgett, who was awarded the Gold Lifesaving Medal, the country's highest award for saving a life, for rescuing 42 crewmen from a torpedoed British tanker in 1918.
- ✓ USCGC Midgett is the centerpiece of US Coast Guard's fleet, capable of supporting maritime homeland security and defence missions.
- ✓ Earlier in August 2019, US Coast Guard Cutter Stratton visited Chennai to further cooperation between personnel of both the countries' Coast Guards

ECONOMY/BUSINESS

- On September 16, Adani Group - emerged as the most valued business house in India with a total market valuation of Rs 20.74 lakh crore (about \$260 billion).

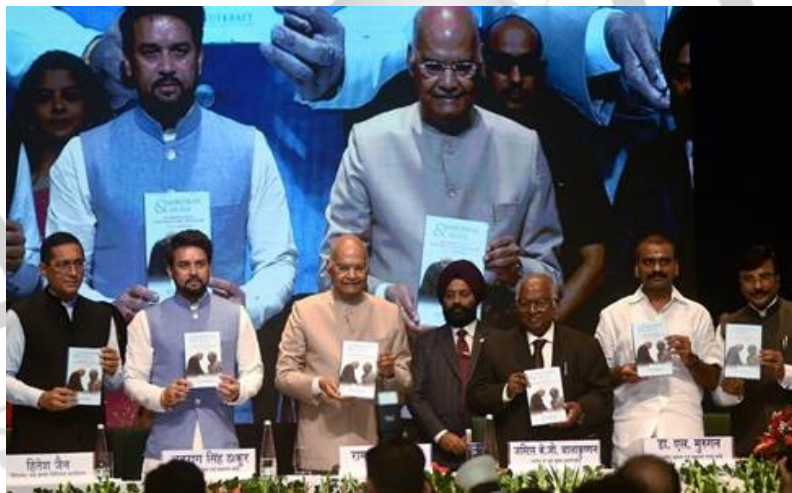


- ✓ The market value of the Ahmedabad-based group is for its nine listed firms starting with the family name Adani and also for the Ambuja Cements and ACC.
- ✓ In less than three years, the seven listed Adani Group companies have created shareholder wealth of about Rs 18.7 lakh crore (nearly \$234 billion).
- ✓ The Adani Group has overtaken the Tata Group (Rs 20.7 lakh crore) to achieve this feat.
 - ✓ Tata Group has 27 listed companies, of which Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) accounts for 53% of the conglomerate's market capitalisation
- ✓ In terms of market valuation, the Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance group has a total capitalisation of Rs 17.1 lakh crore, taking the third position.
 - ✓ The Mukesh Ambani group has nine listed companies, but Reliance Industries (RIL) accounts for 98.5% of the group's market capitalisation.
- ✓ Mortgage lender HDFC was ranked fourth with Rs 14.3 lakh crore, followed by Bajaj group, which holds Rs 9.2 lakh crore in m-cap.

- ✓ In 1988, Gautam Adani set up Adani Enterprises (then Adani Exports) to start a commodities trading business.
- ✓ In the last two decades, the Adani Group has entered into several new businesses spreading across trading, natural gas, petrochemicals, data centres, copper refining, thermal power generation, cements, real estate and financial services
- ✓ In 1995, Adani won a contract to build and operate a commercial shipping port at Mundra in Gujarat, which has since grown to become India's largest port.
- ✓ In 2000, the Group set up a JV with Singapore-based Wilmar International for food processing and today Adani Wilmar is one of the leading FMCG companies in India.
- ✓ About three years ago, the group entered the airports management business.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Former President Ram Nath Kovind - launched a book titled 'Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer's Ideas Performer's Implementation' on September 16**



- ✓ The book illustrates life, works and achievements of Dr. B.R Ambedkar.
- ✓ It presents a convergence between the ideals of Dr. Ambedkar and New India's development journey.
- ✓ The book has twelve chapters, which focus on infrastructure, education, socio-economic mobility, gender equality, and self-reliance.
- ✓ The book presents Ambedkar's vision of India and also deals with several achievements of PM Modi and his government.
- ✓ The book has been compiled by Bluekraft Digital Foundation and has a foreword by music composer and Rajya Sabha member Ilaiyaraaja
- ✓ The book was launched in the presence of Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur, former Chief Justice of India K. G. Balakrishnan and Union Minister of State of Information and Broadcasting Dr L. Murugan

- ✓ Ahead of the event, a three-day Digital Interactive Multi-media Exhibition with a focus on the life, teachings and contributions of Dr BR Ambedkar was inaugurated on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by the Central Bureau of Communication.

SPORTS

- **AR Ilamparthi, a 13-year-old from Chennai - won gold medal in the U-14 World Youth chess championships at Mamaia, Romania on September 16.**



- ✓ He scored 9.5 points from 11 rounds and clinched the title after defeating Filip Magold of Romania in the final round.
- ✓ Ilamparthi registered 9 wins, 1 loss and a draw in the tournament
- ✓ The strong show by the youngster, with an ELO rating of 2269, saw him increase his rating by 57 points.
- ✓ Ilamparthi is a class VIII student at Sree Sankara Bala Vidyalaya Golden Jubilee School in Chennai
- ✓ It was in 2017 when Ilamparthi was first noticed after winning two gold medals (rapid and blitz) and a silver in classical format at the Asian Youth championship held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- ✓ Two years later, he rose to become U-10 World No. 3.
- ✓ Later, Ilamparthi had won silver in the Commonwealth championships in New Delhi in 2019.

- **Bengaluru teenager Pranav Anand - won the World Youth (U-16) Chess Championship in Mamaia, Romania, on September 16.**



- ✓ After winning the title, the 15-year-old also became one of the youngest Grandmasters as he crossed the live ELO rating of 2,500 after bagging the three GM norms.
 - ✓ The class X student of Delhi Public School, Bengaluru East, is now the fourth GM from Karnataka and the 76th from the country.
 - ✓ He had scored the third and final GM norm at the 55th Biel Chess Festival in Switzerland in July.
 - ✓ His first two GM norms came in the Sitges Open (in January 2022) and Vezerkepso GM Round Robin (March 2022) tournaments
 - ✓ Pranav finished the tournament with a tally of nine points from 11 rounds
 - ✓ Augustin Droin of France ended second with 8.5 points, while India's Pranesh M shared the third spot.
- **The Indian cricket board (BCCI) - has decided to introduce a tactical player substitution rule in the T20 format with the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy starting on October 11, 2022**
- ✓ The substitute will be called 'impact player' and can be brought into play at any point before the end of 14th over of an innings
 - ✓ After being introduced, the impact player gets to bat and bowl his entire four overs quota.
 - ✓ The regulation has been brought keeping in mind the tactical changes allowed in other team sports like football, rugby, basketball and baseball.
 - ✓ The International Cricket Council (ICC) had previously experimented unsuccessfully with Super Sub rule in ODI cricket in 2005.
 - ✓ The BCCI's new playing conditions state that teams will have to name the playing XI and four substitutes at the time of toss.
 - ✓ However, only one substitute per team can be used to take a more active part in the game.
 - ✓ The player who is replaced can no longer take part in the remainder of the match and is also not permitted to return as a substitute fielder.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer – September 16**



- ✓ The day is observed every year to raise awareness about the importance of preserving the ozone layer, focusing on the depletion of the ozone layer and the dangers associated with it to the humanity
- ✓ According to the United Nations, the ozone layer, a fragile shield of gas, protects the Earth from the harmful portion of the rays of the sun, thus helping preserve life on the planet.
- ✓ In December 1994, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the day, September 16, as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- ✓ It commemorates the date of the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (resolution 49/114) in 1987
- ✓ In 1987, representatives from 24 countries met in Canada's Montreal to discuss the alarming situation of depleting the Ozone layer.
- ✓ The countries agreed on the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, calling for the world to get rid of the substances that cause Ozone depletion.
- ✓ This year marks the 35th year of implementation of the Montreal Protocol and hence the UN is observing the Ozone Day with the theme "Montreal Protocol@35"
- ✓ The theme announced by the UN Environment Programme for International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2022 is 'Global Cooperation Protecting Life on Earth.'
- ✓ The world celebrated the first International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer on September 16, 1995.
- ✓ The ozone layer absorbs about 97 to 99% of UV rays and also maintains the ozone-oxygen cycle.
- ✓ The very first ozone hole was discovered in May 1985 in Antarctica
- ✓ Among the most significant destroyers of the ozone layer are manmade chlorofluorocarbons (also known as CFCs).

