

## RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-september

#### **TAMIL NADU**

- ➤ Chief minister MK Stalin to inaugurate the Green Tamil Nadu Mission at Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Vandalur on September 24.
- ✓ The Mission aims to increase forest cover in the state by 10% in the next 10 years
- ✓ As part of the mission, about 500 saplings will be planted near the parking lot of the zoological park in the first stage.
- ✓ A total of 1,800 saplings will be planted totally under this initiative.
- ➤ On September 23, Chief Minister M K Stalin launched a new online facility of the Revenue department enabling the public to apply for patta (land documents) transfer of lands from any part of the State



✓ The facility titled 'Engirunthum Enthanerathilum' (Anytime Anywhere) has been made available on https://tamilnilam.tn.gov.in/citizen

- ✓ Henceforth, the applicants need not visit the common service centres and the sub-registrar offices to apply for the transfer of patta, which involves sub-division transfer and name transfer
- ✓ They also need not visit the banks to pay the required fee as the method of online payment has been made available.
- ✓ After authorisation of transfer of patta, the applicants can also download documents like the copy of authorisation order and patta without paying any fee.
- ✓ However, the automatic transfer of patta upon sale of new properties at registration offices will continue.
- ✓ The Chief Minister also launched the service of downloading urban land maps that were computerised between 2014 and 2017.
- ✓ The urban land maps can be downloaded from https://eservices.tn.gov.in for free.
- ✓ Revenue and Disaster Management Minister K K S S R Ramachandran, Principal Secretary of Revenue and Disaster Management Department Kumar Jayant, Director of Land Survey T G Vinay and other officials were present during the launch event held at the Secretariat
- > Tamil Nadu government has increased the upper age limit for archakas to join service in HR&CE temples from 35 years to 45 years.
- ✓ The relaxation in the rules is expected to benefit about 170 trained archakas, belonging to the first batch of government archakas' schools.
- ✓ The government had amended the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious Institutions Employees (Conditions of Service) Rules 2020 to give effect to the relaxation in age.
- ➤ The Tamil Nadu government has decided to conduct an exam, instead of interviews, to fill assistant professor posts in government arts and science colleges
- ✓ This was announced by higher education minister K Ponmudy in Chennai on September 23.
- ✓ Till 2000, assistant professors for government colleges were appointed after conducting recruitment test.
- ✓ Based on the exam, the government will fill 4,000 vacancies in government arts and science colleges in the state.
- ✓ Accordingly, the Teachers Recruitment Board would issue a fresh notification for the recruitment.
- ➤ The third phase of excavations at Sivagalai in Tuticorin district to finish next week.
- ✓ More than 700 artefacts have been discovered at site till now.
- ✓ These findings have confirmed the presence of an ancient civilization more than 3200 years ago.



- ✓ Many interesting artefacts including terracotta spindle wheels, terracotta smoking pipe, sharpened tools, hopscotches, and bangles in glass, shell and terracotta among others have been found at the site.
- ✓ Out of the 120 burial urns found in this site so far, 80 were found in this third phase which started in February this year.
- ✓ A large number of terracotta utensils with markings on them have also been found here.
- ✓ Meanwhile, an intricately designed terracotta seal, a metal bangle and a copper coin with markings on it have been found in Vembakottai in Virudhunagar district
- ✓ It has to be recalled that the state archaeological department took up excavation for the first time in Vembakottai this year.

#### **STATES**

- ➤ The Maharashtra government has appointed the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) to probe overall condition of Muslims in Maharashtra.
- ✓ The government has sanctioned Rs 33.9 lakh for TISS to carry out a study and recommend measures to improve conditions in the community
- ✓ The Muslim community make up 11% of the total population in the state.
- ✓ The study will also see how much the community has benefited from schemes launched after submission of the Mahmoodur Rahman Committee report in 2013.
- ✓ In 2008, then CM Vilasrao Deshmukh had appointed retired IAS Mahmoodur Rahman to head a panel which looked into socio-economic and educational status of Muslims.
- ➤ The Union minister of Home Affairs, Amit Shah extended the time for completion of Internally Displaced Bru People (IDBPs) rehabilitation procedure across Tripura.
- ✓ The Minister reviewed the implementation of the Bru agreement with Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha recently on September 20
- ✓ Over 3,600 IDBP families have resettled and secured resident registration certificate in Tripura and has been included in the electoral rolls till now.
- ✓ On January 16, 2020, Tripura government signed an agreement with the Union Home Ministry regarding the resettlement of IDBPs in Tripura

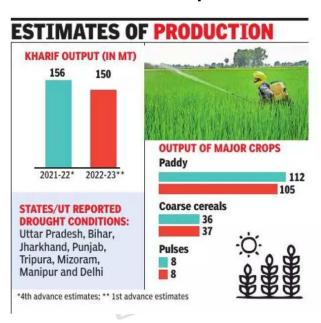


- ✓ Altogether, 6,159 families were found eligible for settling permanently after the quadripartite agreement.
- ✓ These people fled from Mizoram after an ethnic tension in 1997 and set six relief camps in Tripura's Kanchanpur and Panisagar under the northern district.
- ✓ The Bru, who returned to Mizoram in the eight phases of repatriation since 2009, cannot return to Tripura under this agreement.
- ✓ The union government had declared Rs 700 crore rehabilitation package for the Bru displaced people of Mizoram in Tripura
- ✓ As per the package, each family was supposed to get Rs 1.5 lakh in three installments for construction of the house, beside a free land plot of 30'X50' square feet, fixed amount of Rs 4 lakh, Rs 5000 per month and free ration for two years.
- ✓ These families were also to be provided a permanent residence certificate, AADHAR card, and MGNREGA card besides benefits of all central and state government schemes.
- ✓ The resettlement of the Brus, which started in April 2021, was supposed to end by August 31, 2022 but due to several reasons it could not be done within the specified timeline
- ✓ The deadline was a part of the quadripartite agreement signed between the Government of India, state governments of Mizoram and Tripura and the Bru migrants in January, 2020
- ✓ Bru is an indigenous community in the North East India, who are concentrated mainly in Tripura, Mizoram and Assam

#### **NATIONAL**

➤ On September 23, the home ministry - announced a further six-month extension in validity of registration certificates issued to NGOs under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA)

- ✓ The extension will be applicable to the licences which were or are due to expire between September 29, 2020 and September 30, 2022
- ✓ Further, an application for renewal should also have been submitted to the home ministry before the expiry of the validity.
- ✓ The FCRA registration of all such NGOs will now be valid until March 31, 2023 or till disposal of their application, whichever is earlier.
- ✓ Earlier on June 22, the validity of registration certificates of such NGOs was extended until September 30.
- ✓ Already, the government has extended validity of NGOs' five-year licences from time to time, to enable a smooth transition to the stricter FCRA regime
- ➤ The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare released recently the first advance estimates of production of major Kharif crops for 2022-23



#### PRODUCTION CHART

(in million tonnes)

Crops	2021-22	2022-23	%Chg
Sugarcane	431.81	465.04	7.69
Rice	111.76	104.99	-6.05
Pulses	8.37	8.37	
Oilseeds	23.88	23.57	-1.29
Jute	10.31	10.09	-2.31
Total foodgrains	156.04	149.92	-3.9
Cotton	31.2	34.19	9.58
Coarse cereals	35.91	36.56	1.81

Note: Cotton is in million bales and 1 bale equals 170 kgs while jute is million bales where 1 bale equals 180 kgs Source: Ministry of Agriculture

- ✓ The estimates predict the foodgrains production of the country to be at 149.92 million tonnes for 2022-23
- ✓ This is higher by 6.98 million tonnes than the average foodgrain production of previous five years' 2016-17 to 2020-21.
- ✓ According to the estimates, the rice production stood at 104.99 million tonnes, maize production stood at 23.10 million tonnes, pulses production to be at 8.37 million tonnes, nutri/coarse cereals production is expected at 36.56 million tonnes and tur production stood at 3.89 million tonnes.
- ✓ The oilseeds production, as per the estimates, stood at 23.57 million tonnes, groundnut to be at 8.37 million tonnes and soyabean at 12.89 million tonnes.
- √ The estimated rice production is higher by 4.40 million tonnes than the previous five years' (2016-17 to 2020-21) average Kharif rice production of 100.59 million tonnes.

➤ Union Minister of Education and Skill Development Dharmendra Pradhan unveiled the SCALE (Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees) App recently



- ✓ The app was launched during the visit of the Minister to CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai on September 20, 2022
- ✓ This app offers a one-stop service for the skilling, learning, assessment, and employment needs of the leather industry.
- ✓ The Leather Skill Sector Council has developed the Android App SCALE to change the way skill development programmes are designed and delivered to trainees in leather industry.
- ✓ The SCALE studio App allows people from all age groups interested in leather craft to access online live streamed classes from the state-of-the-art studio at its office.
- ➤ The Centre has approved the setting up of an Export Promotion Council (EPC) for Medical Devices under the aegis of the Department of Pharmaceuticals
- ✓ The move is expected to boost the exports of medical devices from India
- ✓ The Council will be headquartered in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, with regional offices in Andhra Pradesh (in AMTZ, Visakhapatnam) and Telangana (in Hyderabad).
- ✓ The headquarters will be set up with initial funding of Rs. 3 crore, in free office space of around 5,000 swift area at the upcoming Medical Devices Park Common Facility Centre in Greater Noida
- ✓ The Regional Office at Visakhapatnam is expected to be set up by the end of 2023, and the regional office at Hyderabad will be set up by 2025.
- ✓ The Council's administration and management will be through the Committee of Administration, with elected and nominated members.
- ✓ The office in Visakhapatnam is expected to have jurisdiction over Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, and Chhattisgarh, and the office in Hyderabad will have jurisdiction over the States of Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, and Maharashtra.

- ✓ The headquarters will cater to the requirements of the member exports across the entire country till the regional facilities come up.
- ✓ The entire range of medical device goods and services could be broadly qualified into sub-groups named panels, such as disposables, consumables, orthopedic implants, IVD equipment and reagents, and surgical instruments.
- ✓ India currently exports Rs. 23,766 crore (2021-22) of medical devices, up from the previous year's Rs. 19,736 crore.
- ➤ The post-mortem of Comedian-Actor Raju Srivastava, who passed away recently was done through a novel technique called 'virtual autopsy' at Delhi's AIIMS.
- ✓ He had been under treatment for 41 days for cardiac arrest and severe brain damage at the Indian Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi.
- ✓ Virtual autopsy is a new technique of post-mortem (PM) examination, which does not involve dissection
- ✓ It is a non-invasive method where PM is done with the help of hi-tech digital X-rays and CT scans
- ✓ The technique, which is very expensive, is said to be time-saving when compared
  to traditional postmortem examinations and even minute details can be noticed in
  this method.
- ✓ These kinds of autopsies can be done easily in cases like road traffic accident deaths and in cases where the cause of death was known to the doctors and there was no suspicion of foul play
- ✓ It can be recalled that former Union health minister Dr Harsh Vardhan in 2019 called virtual autopsy a "dignified management of dead body" as there is no need to cut open the body to establish the cause of death.
- ✓ AIIMS is currently the only place that has conducted more than 1,500 virtual autopsies in the country.
- ✓ It started this technique in India in March 2021 and it was the first medical institution in Southeast Asia to have the facility
- ✓ AIIMS set up the virtual autopsy lab in association with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the apex body in India that promotes biomedical research.
- ✓ However, in March 2022, St John's Hosptial in Bengaluru began piloting the virtual postmortem

#### **INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES**

- ➤ PM Narendra Modi will visit Japan on September 27 to attend the state funeral of former Japanese PM Shinzo Abe
- ✓ PM Modi will also separately meet Japanese PM Fumio Kishida during the visit.

- ✓ More than 50 world leaders, including Canadian PM Justin Trudeau, Australian PM Anthony Albanese and US Vice President Kamala Harris, are expected to attend the funeral.
- ✓ Abe, Japan's longest-serving PM who enjoyed a great personal rapport with PM Modi, was shot on July 8 while delivering a campaign speech in western Japan ahead of the House of Councillors election on July 10.
- ✓ Abe designed and formalised Quad and was also the chief architect of Japan's Free and Open Indo-Pacific policy that aligns closely with India's own 'Act East' policy.
- ➤ India's presidency of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) was unanimously extended for one more year
- ✓ This was unanimously decided by the AIBD member countries at the two-day General Conference held in New Delhi.
- ✓ Currently, Chief Executive Officer of Prasar Bharati and Director General of Doordarshan Mayank Kumar Agrawal is the President of AIBD.
- ✓ The conference was inaugurated by Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur on September 19
- ✓ The Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), established in 1977, is a regional inter-governmental organisation of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) in the field of electronic media development.
- ✓ AIBD currently has 26 countries as full members represented by 43 organizations and 52 affiliate members
- ✓ The UN-ESCAP is one of the five regional commissions of the UN Economic and Social Council.
- ✓ It was established in 1947 to boost economic relationship between countries in Asia and the Far East as well as other regions across the globe.
- ✓ It currently has 53 member states and 9 associate members, mostly from Asia and Pacific

#### **COMMITTES**

- ➤ The Centre to set up a national commission to study the social, economic and educational status of members of the Schedule Castes who converted to religions other than Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism.
- ✓ This move comes against the backdrop of several petitions pending in the Supreme Court which seek SC reservation benefits for Dalits who had converted to Christianity or Islam.
- ✓ The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, under Article 341 stipulates that no person professing a religion different from Hinduism, Sikhism or Buddhism can be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste.

- ✓ The original order under which only Hindus were classified as SCs was amended in 1956 to include Sikhs, and in 1990 to cover Buddhists.
- ✓ The proposed commission may have three or four members with its chairman holding the rank of a Union Cabinet Minister and a possible timeframe of well over a year to submit its report.
- ✓ The commission will study the changes in status and situation of Dalits who have converted to Christianity or Islam alongwith analyzing the impact of adding more members to the current SC list.
- ✓ The key benefits available to the SC community include 15% reservation for direct recruitment in Central government jobs.
- ✓ Earlier, in October 2004, the then UPA Government headed by Dr Manmohan Singh constituted the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities
  - ✓ It was headed by former Chief Justice of India Justice Ranganath Misra
  - ✓ The commission was mandated to recommend measures for the welfare of socially and economically backward sections among religious and linguistic minorities.
  - ✓ In May 2007, the Ranganath Misra Commission submitted its report, recommending that SC status be completely delinked from religion and be made religion-neutral like STs.
  - ✓ The then UPA Government did not accept the recommendation on the grounds that it was not substantiated by field studies.
- ✓ Separately, a study commissioned by the National Commission for Minorities in 2007 concluded that Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims need to be accorded SC status.

#### **CONFERENCES & SUMMITS**

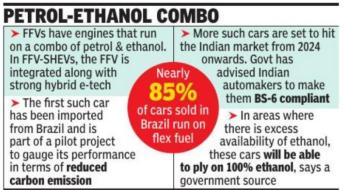
- ➤ The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has organized a National level Hackathon 'KRITAGYA 3.0' recently to promote 'Accelerated Breeding for Crop Improvement'.
- ✓ The hackathon was organized in collaboration with the Division of Crop Science
- ✓ In the name 'KRITAGYA', KRI stands for Krishi, meaning agriculture, while TA stands for Taknik, indicating technology and GYA for Gyan, meaning knowledge.



- ✓ Earlier, during 2020-21 and 2021-22, 'KRITAGYA' Hackathon 1.0 and 2.0 was organized with the National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) in association with Agricultural Engineering and Animal Science Divisions of ICAR.
- ✓ The earlier hackathons focused on innovation in farm mechanization and animal science
- ✓ The National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) was launched in 2017 by ICAR in association with the World Bank with a total outlay of \$165 million for five years

# SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ India - will get its first flex-fuel car which can run on ethanol-blended petrol and battery soon.



- ✓ The flex fuel strong hybrid electric vehicle (FFV-SHEV) imported from Brazil will be used as part of a pilot project to assess its performance in terms of reduced carbon emission.
- ✓ The car will be flagged off by Union road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari in the second week of October.
- ✓ The first flex-fuel car has already landed in India for research purposes and these vehicles will hit the Indian market in 2024.
- ✓ In Brazil, nearly 85% of the cars sold run on flex fuel.
- ✓ These type of cars can run on ethanol-blended petrol of up to 100% and also on electricity generated during the drive.
- > Scientists in China have successfully created the world's first cloned arctic wolf 'Maya'
- ✓ The clone was developed by researchers working for a Beijing-based gene firm, Sinogene Biotechnology Co. Ltd.
- ✓ The Arctic wolf, also known as the white wolf or polar wolf, is native to the High Arctic tundra of Canada's Queen Elizabeth Islands
- ✓ The cloning is considered a milestone achievement in conserving rare and endangered species

✓ The donor cell of the wolf came from the skin sample of a wild female Arctic wolf
and its oocyte was taken from a female dog



- ✓ The dog was selected as the surrogate as it shares genetic ancestry with ancient wolves and hence, ensures success in cloning.
- ✓ Cloning, the process of creating copies of living organisms, including cells, tissues, etc, was first used to create a sheep named Dolly in 1996 by a Scottish scientist from an udder cell of an adult sheep.
- ✓ More recently, in July 2022, scientists from Japan succeeded in cloning mice using freeze-dried skin cells.
- ➤ World's first registry of fossil fuel reserves, production and emissions was launched recently on September 19, 2022
- ✓ Named the Global Registry of Fossils Fuels, the inventory includes data from more than 50,000 oil, gas and coal fields in 89 countries, covering 75% of global production.
- ✓ The release of the database coincided with two critical sets of climate talks at the international level the United Nations General Assembly in New York which began on September 13, and the COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, that will take place in November.
- ✓ The analysis of the fossil fuel reserves has been conducted by the Carbon Tracker and Global Energy Monitor
- ✓ Of the 50,000 fields included, the most potent source of emissions is the Ghawar oil field in Saudi Arabia, which produces some 525 million tonnes of carbon emissions each year
- ✓ The top 12 most polluting sites were all in the Gulf or Russia, as per the inventory
- ✓ The inventory shows that the United States and Russia have enough fossil fuel reserves to exhaust the world's remaining carbon budget to stay under 1.5 degrees Celsius warming

### **ECONOMY/BUSINESS**

➤ RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das - launched three key initiatives during the Global Fintech Fest 2022

✓ The initiatives launched include RuPay Credit Card on UPI, UPI LITE and Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments.



- ✓ Customers of Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India, and Indian Bank will be the first to be able to use their RuPay Credit Cards with UPI and the BHIM App.
- ✓ RuPay Credit Cards will be connected to a Virtual Financial Address (VPA), also known as a UPI ID, allowing for safe and secure payment transactions
- ✓ UPI Lite will enable consumers to conduct low-value transactions more quickly
  - ✓ Canara Bank, HDFC Bank, Indian Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Punjab National Bank, State Bank of India, Union Bank of India, and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank are among the eight institutions that have implemented the function.
- ✓ Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments would make bill payments easier for persons who live outside of India yet own property in India.
  - ✓ The service would allow NRIs to pay utility, water, and telephone bills on behalf of their Indian relatives.
  - ✓ Federal Bank, in collaboration with the UAE's Lulu Exchange, would be the first to accept Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments.
- ✓ The world's fastest-growing digital banking enterprise, Open Financial Technologies was awarded the Best Digital Banking Solution at the Global Fintech Awards 2022
  - ✓ Open's Co-founder and COO, Mabel Chacko also won the Fintech Woman of The Year Award at this inaugural edition of the fintech awards
  - ✓ Open, the country's 100<sup>th</sup> Unicorn, was launched as a neobanking platform that empowers SMEs, startups and freelancers to manage everything from banking to automated accounting, payments, bookkeeping, expense management, compliance and payroll in one single platform
- ✓ The Global Fintech Fest 2022 was jointly organized by National Payments
  Corporation of India (NPCI), the Payments Council of India (PCI) and the Fintech
  Convergence Council (FCC).
- ✓ It was organized from September 19 to 22 with the theme "Creating A Sustainable Financial World Global, Inclusive, Green" in Mumbai

#### **AWARDS**

➤ On September 21, India - won a United Nations (UN) award for its 'India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI)'



- ✓ The '2022 UN Interagency Task Force, and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award' was announced at the UN General Assembly side event at New York, USA.
- ✓ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya informed about the award through his Twitter handle.
- ✓ IHCI is a large-scale hypertension intervention under the National Health Mission
- ✓ Under the initiative, around 3.4 million hypertensive people were identified and put on treatment at various government health facilities, including Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centres (HWCs)
- ✓ It is a collaborative initiative of the health ministry, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), state governments, World Health Organization-India and Resolve to Save Lives (Technical partner).
- ✓ The initiative was launched in 2017, and expanded in a phased manner to cover more than 130 districts across 23 states
- ✓ Hypertension is called a silent disease, and estimates suggest that one in four adults in India has high blood pressure and only 12% of these adults have hypertension under control.
- ✓ India is set to achieve a 25% reduction in the cases of hypertension by 2025
- ➤ Union Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has presented INSPIRE awards to 60 Start-Ups and financial support to over 53 thousand students recently



- ✓ The award is instituted by the Department of Science and Technology
- ✓ The award-winning innovators will be provided with complete incubation support for their innovative ideas
- ✓ During the year 2020-21, the annual INSPIRE Awards MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) competition attracted an unprecedented 6.53 Lakh ideas and innovations from 702 districts (96%) in India
- ✓ The Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) scheme has been implemented by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) to encourage people aging 10 to 32 years to pursue science and a career in research.
- ✓ It has three components Scheme for Early Attraction of Talent (SEATS), Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE) and Assured Opportunity for Research Careers (AORC).

#### **OBITUARY**

➤ British Novelist and the best-selling author of the award-winning Wolf Hall trilogy, Hilary Mantel - died at the age of 70 on September 22.



- ✓ Mantel won the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction twice, for "Wolf Hall" in 2009 and its sequel "Bring Up the Bodies" in 2012.
- ✓ Bring up the bodies was also awarded the Costa Book of the Year for 2012.
- ✓ Mantel was the first woman to receive the Booker Prize twice.
- ✓ Both the award winning books together sold more than 5 million copies worldwide and it was a rare instance of an unprecedented Booker win for two books in the same trilogy.
- ✓ To date, The Wolf Hall trilogy has been translated into 41 languages and its TV adaptation became a hit West End show and won a Golden Globe.
- ✓ The final in the series, The Mirror & the Light, was published in March 2020 and was longlisted for The Booker Prize 2020.
- ✓ In total, Mantel authored 17 books, including non-fiction work.
- ✓ Mantel studied Law at the London School of Economics and Sheffield University
- ✓ In the 1970s and 1980s she lived in Botswana and Saudi Arabia, before returning to Britain

- ✓ Her first novel, Every Day is Mother's Day, was published in 1985.
- ✓ Mantel was made a Dame for her services to literature in 2014 and was awarded a Commander of the order of the British Empire (CBE) in 2006.

#### **SPORTS**

➤ Three-time Olympian, Dilip Tirkey - was elected unopposed as the Hockey India (HI) president on September 23 after Jharkhand Hockey's Bhola Nath Singh withdrew his nomination for the post.



- ✓ Bhola Nath Singh was elected the secretary general and Hockey Tamil Nadu's chief Sekar J Manoharan treasurer.
- ✓ Born in Sundergarh district, Tirkey went on to captain the Indian national side and played as many as 412 international matches still the highest by an Indian.
- ✓ Tirkey will be handling the 2023 men's World Cup which will be held in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 13-29.
- ✓ The player-turned-politician has already served as the chairman of the OHPC and one of the selectors in the HI's national selection committee.
- ✓ With the elections, the mandate of the three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) has also come to an end.
- ✓ The CoA was headed by Justice (retd) Anil R Dave as its chairman, with Dr S Y Quraishi and Zafar Iqbal as the other two members.

