



## **EVE** **RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS-august**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin - hoisted the national flag from the ramparts of Fort St George in Chennai on August 15**



- ✓ Cabinet ministers, senior bureaucrats and other officers participated in the event
- ✓ During his address, the CM said that Tamil Nadu was the first region to raise its voice for freedom in the Indian sub-continent
- ✓ He further added that the Dravidian Ideologue EVR Periyar wanted the nation to be named as 'Gandhi Desam' after the Father of the Nation was assassinated by religious fundamentalists
- ✓ CM Stalin recalled the sacrifices made by freedom fighters from Tamil Nadu like Pooli Thevan, Khan Sahib Maruthanayagam, Kattabomman, Sundaralingam, Velu Nachiyar, Kuyili, Maruthu brothers, Dheeran Chinnamalai, V O Chidambaram Pillai and Subramania Bharati
- ✓ During the celebrations, Chief Minister MK Stalin presents State awards to achievers, best-performing government departments and individuals who have contributed significantly to society
- ✓ While addressing the gathering, Chief Minister M K Stalin announced a hike in dearness allowance for Tamil Nadu government employees, pensioners and family pensioners, from 31% to 34%, with retrospective effect from July 1.

- ✓ The move would benefit 16 lakh employees and would entail an additional expenditure of Rs.1,947.6 crore to the exchequer every year.
  - ✓ Further, the CM announced the setting up of an Independence Day museum in Chennai to showcase the 260-year contribution of Tamils in India's Independence.
  - ✓ CM Stalin also announced an increase in monthly pension for freedom fighters to Rs.20,000 and family pension to Rs.10,000.
  - ✓ He unveiled a Gandhi statue on the government museum campus in Egmore later in the day.
  - ✓ Meanwhile, the Greater Chennai Corporation has hoisted national flags to mark the occasion of Independence in as many as 33,000 locations in Chennai.
- **On August 15, Chief Minister M K Stalin - presented the 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' (distinguished Tamil) award to veteran Communist leader R Nallakannu for his outstanding contribution to the development of Tamil Nadu and Tamils.**



- ✓ CPI leader Nallakkannu, however, donated the cash prize of Rs.10 lakh and an additional Rs.5,000 to the CM's Public Relief Fund.
- ✓ The 96-year-old leader devoted his life to public service from an early age.
- ✓ **The annual Dr APJ Abdul Kalam award was presented to S Ignacimuthu, the former vice-chancellor of University of Madras and Bharathiar University.**



- ✓ The award carries a gold medal and citation, besides the cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs
- ✓ Hailing from Theni, Ignacimuthu is a reputed scientist.
- ✓ He has specialised in the field of biotechnology, published more than 700 research articles, and written/edited more than 31 books.
- ✓ Ignacimuthu developed PONNEEM, an eco-friendly pesticide to control insect pests.
- ✓ He has also developed a low-cost, herbal sanitiser during Covid pandemic period and been recognised as an Emeritus Scientist by UGC, ICMR and CSIR, New Delhi
- ✓ **B Ezhilarasi of Kilvelur village in Nagapattinam district was honoured with this year's Kalpana Chawla Award for her bravery in rescuing two children from drowning in a pond despite not knowing to swim.**



- ✓ The Kalpana Chawla award carries a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh, a gold medal and a citation.
- ✓ S Lakshmipriya, Supervisory Public Grievance Redressal Officer in Mudhalvarin Mugavari Department, received CM in Your Constituency award
- ✓ The award was conferred in appreciation of her excellent work in coordinating the technical-related work in the department, besides making the web portal of the department user-friendly and incorporating provisions to improve quality in grievance redressal
- **The CM's Best Practices award - was conferred on two departments and five districts this year during the 75th anniversary of Independence day**
- ✓ The State Agricultural Engineering Department received the award for developing the e-Vaadagai Online Agricultural Machinery Hiring Mobile app,
- ✓ Further, Greater Chennai Police received the award for its special initiative, Kaaval Karangal, to rescue abandoned, aged and mentally ill people
- ✓ From Chengalpattu, District Social Welfare Officer Sangeetha Veera Santhanam received the award for excellent work in transforming lives of transpersons.

- ✓ For Sivanganga, former Collector J Jayakantham received the award for the rejuvenating water bodies
  - ✓ Among other districts, Dindigul district bagged the award for rooftop rainwater harvesting, Tirunelveli district for 'Thaicare Nellai' project and Tiruvallur district for 'Siragugal Bricks' initiative
  - ✓ For awards for services rendered towards the welfare of women, "Vanavil Trust" established by R Revathi in Nagapattinam was chosen as the best institution.
    - ✓ The trust has been working for the betterment of nomadic communities for more than 17 years and has prevented child marriages and child labour.
    - ✓ More than 500 nomadic women have been benefited in Tiruvarur, Mayiladuthurai and Nagapattinam districts due to the support rendered by the trust.
  - ✓ Dr G Pankajam won the award for 'Best social worker' in recognition of her services rendered towards welfare of women
- **Chief Minister M K Stalin - conferred the Chief Minister's State Youth Award on M Mohamad Ashick for social work during the 75th anniversary of Independence in Chennai on August 15**



- ✓ The award carries a prize money of Rs.1 lakh, a medal and a citation.
- ✓ A 29-year-old Nilgiris native, Ashick, has dedicated his life to ensure dignified funeral of unclaimed bodies
- ✓ Ashick, a member of Coimbatore-based Jeeva Shanthy Trust, has been burying unclaimed bodies for eight years.
- ✓ The trust has buried 10,000 bodies since 2013, including over 2,000 Covid victims
- ✓ The trust has 50 volunteers and 12 ambulances to transport bodies.
- ✓ Dr P Vijaya Kumar from Ranipet also received Chief Minister's State Youth Award for coordinating with the government to help 35 students from the State who were stranded in Ukraine when the war broke out.
- ✓ He arranged transportation for students, enabling them to reach the Indian camps safely.
- ✓ Other awardees include G Srikanth (Vellore) and S Sivaranjani (Nagapattinam)

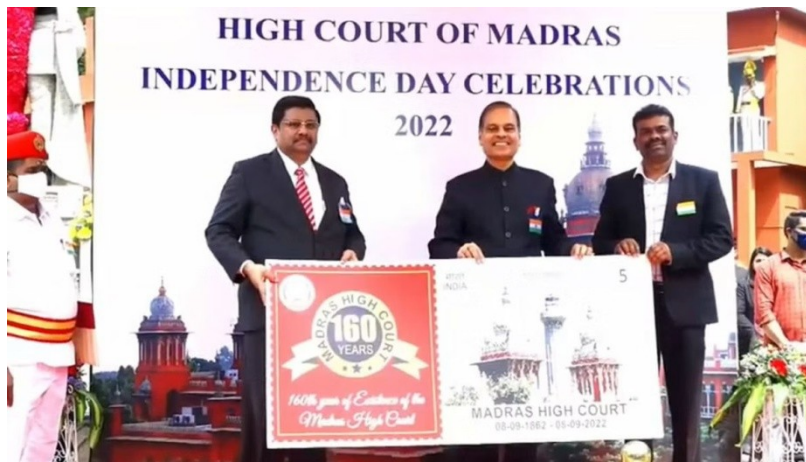
- **Salem district – won the CM’s Award for Best Performing Local Bodies in the category of ‘Best Corporation’ and bagged a cash award of Rs. 25 lakh**
  - ✓ The Best Municipalities award was received by 3 municipalities - Srivilliputhur with a prize money of Rs 15 lakh, Gudiyatham with Rs 10 lakh prize money and Tenkasi receiving Rs 5 lakh prize money.
  - ✓ The award for best town panchayat went to Karunguzhi in Chengalpattu, which received a cash award of Rs. 10 lakh, followed by Kanniyakumari in second place receiving Rs 5 lakh and Sholavand in third place receiving Rs. 3 lakh prize money
  
- **Tirunelveli district – won the Chief Minister’s Good Governance Award for managing to bring maternal mortality rate (MMR) under control**
  - ✓ The district, once notorious for its high MMR, had a MMR of 100 against the state average of 65, few years ago
  - ✓ The secret to the success is the implementation of ‘thai care’ system, which integrates technology and public healthcare expertise.
  - ✓ The programme, piloted in January, is already yielding results in the district.
  - ✓ The MMR has come down from 14 in April-June 2021 period to 3 during the same period this year.
  
- **ICF General Manager AK Agarwal – hoisted the National Flag at the Independence Day celebrations at ICF, Chennai**
  - ✓ During his address, he said that the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) will manufacture 75 Vande Bharat trains and freight trains based on the Vande Bharat design in 2022-23
  - ✓ The factory will also make metro rail coaches for Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation, a first for a state-run metro rail corporation.
  - ✓ An upgraded version of the train was commissioned by minister of railways Ashwini Vaishnaw recently.
  - ✓ The factory is planning to manufacture 3,500 coaches of around 50 variants in 2022-23.
  - ✓ These will include, Vande Bharat rakes, vistadome dining car which will be running in Gujarat by September, Gatishakti freight train on the Vande Bharat platform and a steam engine-themed heritage train with electric propulsion on the Vande Bharat platform.
  
- **Police Commissioner Shankar Jwal - received the ‘Chief Minister’s Best Practising Award’ for the Kaval Karangal unit of the city police on August 15.**
  - ✓ The unit, initiated on April 21, 2021, is aimed at helping the abandoned elderly and destitute with integrated services provided by the Chennai Corporation, the social welfare department, old-age homes and NGOs.
  - ✓ The police commissioner received the award from the Chief Minister M K Stalin on behalf of the unit.



- ✓ Until August 13, the unit has rescued 2,648 homeless people.
- ✓ Among them, 2,101 persons were sent to shelter homes, 269 were reunited with their families and 258 persons were sent to mental health hospitals.
- **Chief Minister M K Stalin - named the park on the banks of the Buckingham Canal as the India Sudhindhira Thirunal Amudha Peru Vizha Poonga to mark the 75th anniversary of Independence.**



- ✓ The 2.1-km-long park, inaugurated on May 12 by CM Stalin, was built by the civic body at a cost of Rs.18.71 crore between the Kasturba Nagar and Thiruvanmiyur MRTS stations
- ✓ It has a Miyawaki forest, play area for children, bicycle track, walkways and benches. It also has an outdoor gym, a badminton court, space for silambam, dance and other cultural activities, native trees for greenery and wall art.
- ✓ Municipal administration minister K N Nehru, mayor R Priya, and Greater Chennai Corporation commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi were present during the event.
- **A stamp to mark the 160th year of the stately Indo-Saracenic building complex of Madras high court - was released by Chief Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari on August 15.**
- ✓ The chief justice released the stamp under 'Corporate My Stamp' scheme of India Post after hoisting the National Flag.
- ✓ The stamp was received by Justice M Duraiswamy, the seniormost among puisne judges of the court.



## NATIONAL

- **On August 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi – addressed the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort in New Delhi on the occasion of the country's 76th Independence Day.**
- ✓ Ahead of his speech at the Red Fort, PM Modi unfurled the National Flag amid a 21-gun salute by the indigenously developed howitzer gun, ATAGS.
- ✓ The home-grown 155mm/52 calibre advanced towed artillery gun systems (ATAGS) was used along with the British-origin guns traditionally fired till now for the ceremonial salute at the Red Fort
- ✓ It was developed by DRDO with production partners Tata Advanced Systems and Bharat Forge



- ✓ In his address, Prime Minister paid tributes to Mangal Pandey, Bhagat Singh and Chandrashekhar Azad and countless such revolutionaries who fought the British rule.

- ✓ He also said that India is grateful to Rani Lakshmi Bai, Jhalkari Bai, Durga Bhabhi, Rani Gaidinliu, Rani Chennamma, Velu Nachiar and Begum Hazrat Mahal, who showed the mettle of women's power of the country.
- ✓ Speaking about the contributions of tribal community in the freedom struggle, the PM mentioned Bhagwan Birsa Munda, Sidhu-Kanhu, Alluri Sitarama Raju, Govind Guru among others
- ✓ During his address, PM asked the citizens to focus on 'Panchpran' (Five resolves) to make India a 'developed' nation by 2047 when the country will celebrate 100 years of freedom.

## PM'S 5 PLEDGES FOR THE NEXT 25 YEARS

In the course of his 82-min 1-Day speech, PM Modi listed 'panchpran' or 5 resolutions Indians should take during 'Amrit Kal' – the next 25 yrs in the run up to the centenary of Independence

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- 1** Make India a developed nation by 2047
- 2** Want freedom from slavery. How long shall we live on the certificates of the world?
- 3** Take pride in our heritage & legacy like yoga, ayurveda
- 4** Strive for unity, solidarity, harmony and bonhomie
- 5** Fulfill all duties of responsible citizens



It is now imperative to add Jai Anusandhaan to slogans such as Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan!

Witness the power of indigenous innovations

We have to fight corruption. (Even as some) do not have a place to live, others do not have a place to keep their ill-gotten money

Dynastic politics and nepotism have gripped many of our institutions today and are harming the immense talent pool of the country

Cooperative competitive federalism along with cooperative federalism is the need of the hour. We need competition (among the states)

– PM Narendra Modi

- ✓ Elaborating further on five resolves, the PM said that , the first, is to move forward with bigger resolves & resolve of developed India; Second, erase all traces of servitude; Third, be proud of our legacy; Fourth, strength of unity and fifth, duties of citizens which includes the PM and CMs.
- ✓ Further, PM Narendra Modi gave a powerful message to the nation to take a pledge to stop disrespecting women
- ✓ The PM called out corruption and nepotism as the two main challenges facing the nation
- ✓ In a nearly 80-minute address on the occasion of the 76th Independence Day, his ninth and the longest speech from the ramparts of Red Fort, the PM said that there was an increase in 'jan chetna' or collective spirit.
  - ✓ He added that the fight against Covid-19 and the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign have been examples of nation's collective spirit.
- ✓ While referring to the Defence Ministry's decision to issue multiple 'positive indigenisation lists', the Prime Minister lauded Indian soldiers for taking the resolve of not importing 300 items which were listed to source indigenously.
- ✓ PM Modi also referred to the three "positive indigenisation" lists notified by the defence ministry

- ✓ It includes the imports of 310 defence products, which have been progressively banned, as well as the \$375 million export of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to the Philippines inked earlier this year.
- ✓ Further, the PM hailed the young entrepreneurs emerging from tier-2 and tier-3 cities and changing the startup landscape with their innovation
- ✓ The PM coined a new slogan, Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyaan and Jai Anusandhan (research & innovation), mentioning that AB Vajpayee added 'Jai Vigyaan' to the famous Lal Bahadur Shastri's slogan of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' and said that now there is a need to add the fourth term 'Jai Anusandhan'
- ✓ On the 75th Independence Day, Chief Justice of India NV Ramana hoisted the Indian flag under the presence of Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju and CJI-Designate Justice Uday Umesh Lalit in the Supreme Court
- ✓ **Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde virtually flagged off the 'Azadi Express', a special Metro train, on the country's 76th Independence Day.**
- ✓ The Azadi Express is a special initiative of the Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (MMDRA) and Maha Mumbai Metro Operation Corporation Ltd (MMMOCL) to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
- ✓ **The Delhi and Bengaluru airports rolled out the beta version of DigiYatra App on the 75th Independence Day.**
- ✓ The app, seeking to promote paperless domestic air travel, is presently available on Google Playstore for Android users and an iOS version will be launched soon.
- ✓ With the help of facial recognition technology, passengers' entry will now be automatically processed at all checkpoints, including entry into the airport, security check areas and aircraft boarding.
- ✓ To symbolise the strengthening ties between India and Madagascar, India donated 15,000 bicycles to Madagascar on its 76th Independence Day.

## INTERNATIONAL

- **A court in military-ruled Myanmar - sentenced deposed leader Aung San Suu Kyi to six years in prison on August 15 after finding her guilty in four corruption cases**



- ✓ The 77-year-old Nobel laureate and leader of Myanmar's opposition to military rule has been charged with at least 18 offences ranging from graft to election violations, carrying combined maximum jail terms of nearly 190 years.
- ✓ Suu Kyi had called the accusations absurd and denies all charges.
- ✓ She was found guilty of misusing funds from the Daw Khin Kyi Foundation to build a home, and leasing government-owned land at a discounted rate.
- ✓ Daw Khin Kyi Foundation is an organisation founded by Suu Kyi to promote health and education
- ✓ Suu Kyi, who is being held in solitary confinement in a jail in capital Naypyitaw, had already been sentenced to 11 years prison in other cases.
- ✓ Myanmar has been in turmoil since last year when the military overthrew an elected government led by Suu Kyi's party, after it won a general election, and led a deadly crackdown on dissent.
- ✓ The international community has imposed sanctions on the military and dismissed Suu Kyi's secretive trials as farcical.

## INDIA AND NEIGHBOURS

- **On August 15, India - handed over maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft Dornier 228 to Sri Lanka to reaffirm bilateral security ties.**



- ✓ The aircraft is being provided for an interim period of two years till a plane being manufactured in India for Sri Lanka is ready.
- ✓ The aircraft handed over now is from the existing fleet of the Indian Navy, which has also provided training to Sri Lankan pilots and technicians to operate it.
- ✓ The aircraft comes as a sequel to the dialogue between India and Sri Lanka that took place on January 9, 2018 in New Delhi
- ✓ During the dialogue, the Sri Lankan government sought the possibility of obtaining two Dornier Reconnaissance Aircraft from India.
- ✓ Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe, Indian Navy vice chief Vice Admiral Satish N Ghormade and Indian High commissioner Gopal Baglay were present during the handing-over ceremony held at Colombo

# NATIONAL DAY

## ➤ Partition Horrors Remembrance Day – August 14



- ✓ India commemorated “Partition Horrors Remembrance Day” for the first time this year on August 14.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced to observe this day in 2021 to remind the nation of the sufferings and sacrifices of Indians during the partition in 1947.
- ✓ August 14 also marks Independence Day in Pakistan.
- ✓ India was partitioned into India and Pakistan on August 14, 1947.
- ✓ The partition of India into India and Pakistan led to grave violence and communal riots, loss of property, and extreme upheaval
- ✓ It is considered as most violent and abrupt displacements in world's history
- ✓ To commemorate this, Indian government decided to observe “Partition Horrors Remembrance Day” on the line on “Holocaust Remembrance Day”.

