

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 13, 2019

### TAMIL NADU

- Greater Chennai corporation – launches the ‘online’ property tax payment facility by the Chennai residents through ‘Namma Chennai’ App



- ✓ The app allows users to procure birth and death certificates and view the status of property, professional tax and trade licences
- ✓ It also allows the submission of complaints
- ✓ The app is available on both Android and iOS platforms
- **10<sup>th</sup> World Tamil Conference (WTC) – to be held on July 4-7 in Chicago, USA**
- ✓ The International Association of Tamil Research organises the conference and conducted in US for the first time
- ✓ The 10th conference will be jointly hosted by Federation of Tamil Sangams in North America and Chicago Tamil Sangam

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**சீகாகோ**

**ஆடவை (ஆனி) 19-23, 2050 சூலை 3-7, 2019**

**வருக! வருக!! வருக!!!**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Edappadi K Palaniswami will inaugurate the conference Over 6,000 delegates, including research scholars, were expected to attend the conference
- ✓ The last WTC was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2015
- ✓ 3 WTC's were held in Tamil Nadu in the years 1968, 1981 and 1995 during the regimes of late Chief Ministers CN Annadurai, MG Ramachandran and J Jayalalithaa
- ✓ The inaugural WTC was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 1966, arranged by Thani Nayagam Adigalar
- ✓ The Conference attended by tamil scholars around the world discusses the social growth of Tamil language apart from promoting its heritage
- **Madurai bench of Madras High Court – constitutes a 24-member committee – to oversee the conduct of Avaniapuram jallikuttu on January 15**



- ✓ The panel will be headed by retired District and Sessions Judge C. Raghavan
- ✓ Apart from retired judge Raghavan, advocates B. Saravanan, N. Dilip Kumar and Anand Chandrasekar were announced as organising committee members of the committee

## STATES

- **Ladakh in Jammu & Kashmir – to get the World’s largest Single-location Solar Photo-voltaic (PV) Plant**

<b>TOP 5 SOLAR PV PROJECTS (Single Location)</b>	<b>Present Capacity (MW)</b>	<b>Projected Capacity (MW)</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tengger Desert Solar Park	1,547		Ningxia, China
Bhadla Solar Park	1,365	2,255	Rajasthan, India
Datong Solar Power Top Runner Base	1,000	3,000	China
Kurnool	1,000	2,000	Andhra Pradesh, India
Longyanxia Dam Solar Park	850		Eastern Zhejiang, China
<b>Ladakh project</b>		<b>5,000</b>	<b>Ladakh, India</b>

Source: Solarinsure, as of June 2017; **The Ladakh project will still be the world’s largest even after others complete their planned capacities**



- ✓ The 5000 MW Ladakh project will be located at Hanle-Khaldo in Nyoma block, about 250 km from Leh and 200 km from Kargil
- ✓ The plant will assist in lighting up the plains apart from keeping the glaciers cool by saving 12,750 tonne a year of carbon emission
- ✓ It will be promoted by the Solar Energy Corporation of India under the Ministry of Renewable Energy
- ✓ The plant is expected to be completed by 2023 at an estimated budget of Rs 45,000 crore
- ✓ Similarly, another solar plant with a capacity of 2,500 MW is expected to come up in Kargil
- ✓ It will be developed at Suru in Zaskar, about 250 km from the Ladakh project

## NATIONAL

- **Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore – is authorized to conduct field research activity in the Kumbh Mela, which commences on January 15 at Prayagraj (Allahabad)**



- ✓ The study will have two streams of research – Documenting and analyzing the mela management & deep-dive into specific unique ‘themes’ in the massive socio-cultural event
- ✓ The Prayagraj Mela Pradhikaran is the agency hosting the Kumbh Mela, one of the world’s largest pilgrimage gathering

## COMMITTEES

- **M P Bezbaruah, former Union Tourism secretary – opts out as the Chairman of the 9-member committee set up by the Government**



- ✓ The Committee was created for implementing Clause 6 of the 1985 Assam Accord
- ✓ Bezbaruah is the fifth member nominated by the Union Home ministry to abandon the committee
- ✓ Clause 6 of the Assam accord promises various safeguards to protect the Assamese people
- **Madras High Court – constitutes an expert committee to weed out ‘Invasive species’ in Western Ghats**
- ✓ The ‘invasive species’ are considered as the second major cause for biodiversity loss besides causing agriculture, forestry and aquatic ecosystem degradation
- ✓ The commercial cultivation of ‘Eucalyptus’, Plants like ‘Lantana’ which causes reduction of hydrological species-water table are the various ‘invasive species’ mentioned in the petition seeking the restraint
- ✓ The committee shall be headed by Cherukuri Raghavendra Babu, Chairman, Expert Committee on Invasive Species, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **26th International Camel Festival – held in Bikaner, Rajasthan on Jan 12-13, 2019**



- ✓ As part of the festival, several activities such as fur cutting, camel decoration, designing among others were held
- ✓ The festival was organized by Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan

## PERSONALITIES

- **Tulsi Gabbard, the first Hindu elected for US Congress – to run for US President in 2020**



- ✓ The 4-time Democratic lawmaker is expected to make a formal announcement soon to challenge Republican president, Donald Trump
- ✓ Once announced, she will become the first Hindu-American and first Non-Christian to run for the White House
- ✓ Tulsi hails from American Samoa in Hawaii islands and served in the US military taking part in Iraq war

# SPORTS

- Mahendra Singh Dhoni - became the fifth Indian batsman to score 10,000 ODI runs for India

Cricketers with 10,000 ODI runs for India						
Player	Matches	Innings	Runs	Average	100s	50s
Sachin Tendulkar	463	452	18426	44.83	49	96
Sourav Ganguly	308	297	11221	40.95	22	71
Rahul Dravid	340	314	10768	39.15	12	82
Virat Kohli	217*	209	10235	59.50	38	48
MS Dhoni	333*	279	10050	49.75	9	68

- ✓ He reached the milestone during his knock in the 1<sup>st</sup> one day international (ODI) between India and Australia in Sydney



- ✓ The former India captain is 12th on the list of all-time leading run scorers in the ODI format
- ✓ Among full-time wicket-keepers, he is second on the list of scorers, behind Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara