

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 1, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- ◆ **Tamil Yeoman (Cirrochroa thais), a butterfly species endemic to Western Ghats - has been declared the state butterfly of Tamil Nadu**

SPECIAL STATUS

TIDBITS ABOUT TAMIL YEOMAN BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Habitat | Endemic to Western Ghats. They occur in moist deciduous, evergreen forests and along streams

Size | 60-75 mm

Habit | Fast, straight flight with few wing beats and long glide

Larva | They lay eggs in vertical chains of 8-10. Larva initially stay in group, below the leaf and often in shady areas. They eat edges of soft tender leaves

No. of butterfly hotspots in TN | 32



Scientific name | Cirrochroa thais

OTHER RECOGNIZED SPECIES IN TN

➤ State Animal | Nilgiri Tahr

➤ State bird | Emerald Dove

➤ State tree | Palm

➤ State flower | Gloriosa

➤ State fruit | Jackfruit

- ✓ Also known as Tamil Maravan, which means warrior, these butterflies could be found mainly in hilly areas
- ✓ The Orange brown-coloured creature with a dark brown outer ring is among the 32 butterfly species found in Western Ghats
- ✓ Two species of butterflies, Tamil Yeoman and Tamil Lacewing, were shortlisted
- ✓ Based on the recommendations of the team, the principal chief conservator of forests and chief wildlife warden requested the state government to declare Tamil Yeoman as the state butterfly.
- ✓ Following this, a government order was passed in this regard on June 28

- ✓ Tamil Yeoman was chosen because the name of the butterfly reflects Tamil culture, apart from being “iconic, easily recognisable and easy to spot”
- ✓ Tamil Nadu has become the fifth state in the country to announce its state butterfly.
- ✓ Maharashtra was the first to declare Blue Mormon as its state butterfly, followed by Uttarakhand (Common peacock), Karnataka (Southern bird wings) and Kerala (Malabar banded peacock).
- ✓ While the butterfly becomes the pride of the state after such a declaration, the decision also helps conserve its ecosystem and paves the way for eco-tourism.

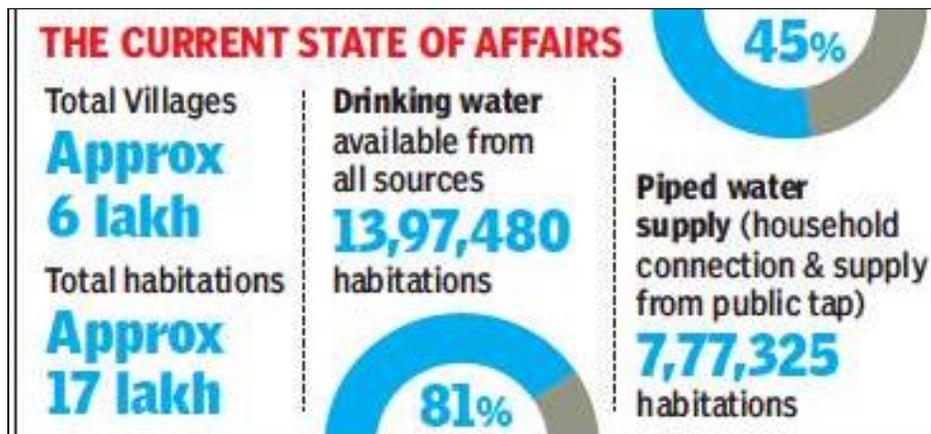
STATES

◆ Nagaland - has decided to start its own version of the National Register of Citizens (NRC)

- ✓ On June 29, Nagaland Home Commissioner R. Ramakrishnan issued a notification for the setting up of the Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN)
- ✓ It is aimed at preparing a master list of all indigenous peoples and checking the issuance of fake indigenous inhabitant certificates.
- ✓ Nagaland’s exercise for collecting information on locals and non-locals has a 60-day deadline, starting on July 10
- ✓ It will be prepared under the supervision of each district administration.
- ✓ The provisional lists will then be published in the villages and wards and also on the websites of the district and the State government on September 11.
- ✓ Time will be given till October 10 for any claims and objections after the publication of the provisional lists.
- ✓ The RIIN process will be completed on or before December 10 and copies of the final list will be provided to every village and ward besides being placed at the district and State levels.

NATIONAL

◆ The first phase of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan campaign - will start on July 1



DRIVE BEGINS TODAY

THE FOCUS ACTIVITIES

- Water conservation & rainwater harvesting
- Renovation of traditional & other water bodies/tanks
- Reuse borewell recharge structures
- Watershed development
- Intensive afforestation
- Intensive campaign, including by celebrities
- Integration of govt programs



THE TEAMS

AS/JS level officers from Centre, additional & principal secys from states, and two officers nominated by district collector. Scientists and experts to assist

PROGRESS & STRICT MONITORING

- Reports to be submitted online on a designated portal
- Mobile application & dashboard for monitoring
- Secretariat to be set up to oversee

- ✓ Recycle and reuse will be the focus of Jal Shakti Abhiyan in urban areas where much of the used water is dumped into rivers and other water bodies while in rural areas the target will be to promote conservation and harvesting rainwater.

◆ A panel of medical experts – have drafted guidelines for organ donation in infants

37 WEEKS OF GESTATION

- A panel of experts in western India has suggested protocols for declaring brainstem deaths in neonates (0-28 days) or infants
- The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act is ambiguous on the matter
- The proposed rules say a baby born after 37 weeks of gestation can be declared brain dead and considered for organ donation

- ✓ The proposed rules also state that a baby born after 37 weeks of gestation can be declared brain dead and considered for organ donation.
- ✓ The panel was constituted by the Regional Organ and Tissue Transplantation Organisation (Rotto), western India
- ✓ The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act sanctions only deceased and no live organ donations in people aged less than 18 years
- ✓ Of all the organ donations in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Rajasthan in 2016, around 7% were from the paediatric age group (0-12 years)

INTERNATIONAL

- ◆ **President Donald Trump - became the first sitting American President to set foot in North Korea as he met Kim Jong-un, the country's leader, at the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone between the two Koreas in Panmunjom, South Korea**



- ✓ Trump said he would invite Kim to visit him at the White House.
- ◆ **Qatar - has sent the first tranche of \$3 billion to Pakistan that will help boost its dwindling foreign-exchange reserves**
 - ✓ The inflow follows Saudi Arabia and the UAE sending \$5 billion in aid packages.
 - ✓ Pakistan also received \$2.1 billion loan from China in March
 - ✓ The World Bank has also approved \$722 million loan for Pakistan to be used for improving civic and public transport facilities in Karachi
 - ✓ Out of the approved amount, \$652 million will be used for the development of Karachi, while the rest \$70 million will be used for improving tourism services in the country's Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa region
 - ✓ The projects in Karachi will focus on urban management, public transport, safe water and sanitation to enhance its liveability and competitiveness

APPOINTMENTS

- ◆ **K. Natarajan took over as the Director-General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on June 30.**



- ✓ He is the 23rd chief of India's coastal security force
- ✓ He took over from Rajendra Singh, who was the first Director-General to be appointed from within the force.
- ✓ Prior to taking over as D-G, Mr. Natarajan was the Coast Guard Commander, Western Seaboard.
- ✓ The flag officer has commanded all classes of Indian Coast Guard ships viz Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel (AOPV) Sangram, Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) Veera, Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) Kanaklata Barua and Inshore Patrol Vessel (IPV) Chandbibi

- ✓ The flag officer's important ashore command appointments include the Commander Coast Guard District No.5 (Tamil Nadu) and the Commanding Officer ICGS Mandapam.
- ✓ The flag officer's key staff assignments at the Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi, include Principal Director (Policy & Plans), Chairman Coast Guard Service Selection Board, Principal Director (Projects), Joint Director (Operations), Coast Guard Advisor (CGA) to Director General Indian Coast Guard.
- ✓ Krishnaswamy Natarajan is an alumnus of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.
- ✓ He has specialised in Search and Rescue as well as Maritime Safety and Port Operations, at the US Coast Guard Reserve Training Centre, Yorktown, Virginia
- ✓ Additional Director General K Natarajan is a recipient of President Tatrakshak Medal (Distinguished Service) in 2011 and Tatrakshak Medal (Meritorious) in 1996.

SPORTS

◆ **Veer Chotrani - was crowned the winner in the Asian junior Individual squash championship in Macau**



- ✓ He has defeated another Indian, Yash Fadte, to win the U-19 boy's title
- ✓ Veer is now the third Indian to win this prestigious title after Ravi Dixit and Vela Senthilkumar earlier.
- ✓ Veer was also the U-13 winner five years ago in Iran

◆ **Max Verstappen (Netherlands, Red Bull) – won the Austrian Formula One Grand Prix at the Spielberg circuit, subject to a stewards' investigation**



- ✓ He was the winner at the last year's race in the same circuit
- ✓ Current champion Mercedes lost the race for the first time this season.
- ✓ Ferrari's Charles Leclerc finished second while Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas came home third
- ✓ Both Verstappen and Leclerc were 21 years and the pair was the youngest top-two finishers in Formula One history.

RANKINGS

- ◆ **Indian money parked in Swiss banks - decreased by about 6% to approximately Rs 6,757 crore in 2018, the lowest in two decades**
 - ✓ The country's ranking got slipped to 74 on the list while the UK retained its top position
 - ✓ The UK is followed by the US, the West Indies, France, and Hong Kong.
 - ✓ India was ranked at 73 for 2017, up from its 88th position for 2016.
 - ✓ According to the latest annual banking statistics released by the Zurich-based central bank of Switzerland, India's money accounts only about 0.07% of the total funds deposited by all the foreign clients of Swiss banks
 - ✓ On the other hand, the UK accounts for over 26% of the total foreign fund deposits with Switzerland-based banks as of 2018-end.
 - ✓ According to the SNB data, the top 5 countries account for over 50% of all the foreign money deposits in Swiss banks while the top 10 countries account for nearly two-thirds of the funds
 - ✓ Meanwhile, among the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) nations, India is ranked the lowest while Russia is ranked at 20, the highest. China is at the 22nd place, South Africa at 60th, and Brazil at 65th
 - ✓ Most of India's neighbors, however, were ranked lower with Pakistan at 82nd place, Bangladesh 89th, Nepal 109th, Sri Lanka 141st, Myanmar 187th, and Bhutan 193rd

INTERNATIONAL DAY

- ◆ **National Doctors Day - July 1**
 - ✓ The day is observed to honour physician and West Bengal's Second Chief Minister, Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy.
 - ✓ This day provides an opportunity to thank doctors and physicians for their remarkable work in saving people's lives and the contribution they make to the society as a whole
 - ✓ Theme 2019 - "Zero tolerance to violence against doctors and clinical establishment"

Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, the second CM of West Bengal, was born on July 1, 1882. His birthday is celebrated as National Doctor's Day

THANK YOU, DOCTOR

Was the CM for 14 years, from **1948-1962**

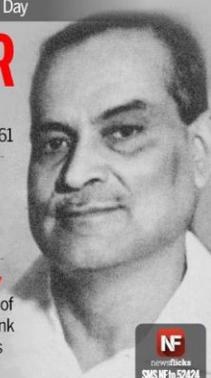
Was awarded the **Bharat Ratna** in February 1961

Opened several charitable hospitals: Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, Jadavpur TB Hospital, Kamla Nehru Hospital

Founded 5 cities in Bengal: Durgapur, Kalyani, Bidhannagar, Ashokenagar & Habra

National Doctor's Day is observed to show the value of doctors in our lives and to thank them for their significant roles and responsibilities

Coincidentally, he died on **July 1, 1962**



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- ✓ The theme is decided and announced by the Indian Medical Association.
- ✓ The day was established in 1991 by the Central Government
- ✓ An interesting fact of the day is that it coincides with the birth and death anniversary of Dr Bidhan.
- ✓ He was born on July 1 1882 and passed away on July 1 1962.
- ✓ A year ago before he dies, on Feb 4 1961, Dr Bidhan was honoured with Bharat Ratna, which is known to be India's highest civilian award.
- ✓ The first time that Doctor's Day was celebrated was in March 1933 in Georgia, USA
- ✓ Dr Bidhan was not only a highly respected physician, he was also a renowned freedom fighter.
- ✓ He was elected twice as the Chief Minister of West Bengal and stayed in office for as many as 14 years (starting 1948 until his death in 1962).
- ✓ He was an alumnus of University of Calcutta.
- ✓ He played a crucial role in establishment of Indian Medical Association and Medical Council of India

