

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 17, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- **Manali (Zone-2) - became the first among the 15 zones in the city to become a 'zero-waste' zone**
 - ✓ From the zone, about 40-tonnes garbage generated is segregated and sent to resource recovery centres (RRC)
 - ✓ In the RRCs, the waste is converted into manure and sold at public places or given to farmers in neighbouring Thiruvallur district free of cost, depending on the grade.
 - ✓ When the project was initiated in early 2016, there were 251 compactor bins in Manali.
 - ✓ By the end of last month, all bins were phased out from the zone
 - ✓ To educate the public about source segregation of waste, people were paid Rs 2 per kilogram of segregated waste.
 - ✓ Greater Chennai Corporation hopes to achieve similar results in Zone-3, Madhavaram by the end of this year.

- **St Joseph's College, Trichy - has become the first autonomous Arts and science college in the country to secure the prestigious A++ rank for the fourth cycle of accreditation.**



- ✓ The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has rated the institution A++ with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.58 of 4 in the new format with 70% quantitative and 30% qualitative metrics
- ✓ The institution enjoys the privilege of being the only college with “special heritage” status from the University Grants Commission in Tamil Nadu
- ✓ The institution is currently observing its 175th year celebrations

NATIONAL

- **The Rajya Sabha - passed the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2019, for establishing a Central University and Tribal University in Andhra Pradesh on July 16**
 - ✓ The Lok Sabha had cleared the Bill on July 12.
 - ✓ The Centre has set aside Rs 450 crore for the first stage of the Central University project against the total amount of Rs 902.07 crore and Rs 420 crore for Tribal University against an outlay of Rs 836 crore
 - ✓ The Tribal University will provide research facilities in the fields of art, culture and technology to the tribal population.
 - ✓ The Government intends to set up the universities within a period of four years
- **The Rajya Sabha – passes The Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (Amendment) Bill, 2019 on July 16**
 - ✓ It seeks to amend the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008.
 - ✓ The Bill seeks to amend definition of major airport as any aerodrome which has or is designated to have annual passenger traffic of over 35 lakh instead of current 15 lakh
 - ✓ Currently, major airports with an annual capacity to handle 15 Lakh passengers come under purview of Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA)
 - ✓ In all, 16 airports would come under the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA), while the others would continue to be under the Civil Aviation Ministry
 - ✓ As per the bill, AERA will be determining the tariff for aeronautical services in airports, along with the development fees and the passenger service fees
 - ✓ According to the bill, the Airports Authority would not determine tariff structures in the case of privatised airports
 - ✓ The Bill was first approved in December 2017, but it is yet to be passed by the Lok Sabha
 - ✓ AERA is a regulator that has powers to set tariffs charged at airports apart from monitoring the performance standard of service across the airports
 - ✓ It was established under the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008

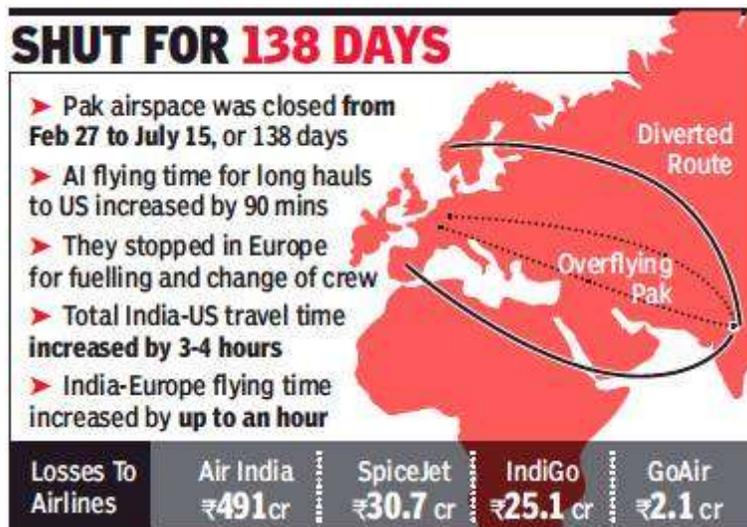
INTERNATIONAL

➤ China - has gifted a warship to Sri Lanka



- ✓ The China-gifted frigate 'P625' arrived in Colombo last week
- ✓ It will be used by the Lankan navy for offshore patrol, environment monitoring and anti-piracy combats
- ✓ The Type 053 frigate was commissioned into China's PLA navy in 1994 as the Tongling.
- ✓ The 2,300-tonne warship was decommissioned by the PLA navy in 2015 and it has now been gifted to the Lankan Navy.
- ✓ India last year gifted a coast guard off shore patrol vessel (OPV) to the Lankan navy in addition to providing two OPVs in 2006 and 2008
- ✓ The Chinese navy recently held a two-month professional training for more than 110 Sri Lankan naval officers and sailors in Shanghai
- ✓ The Lankan navy has about 50 combat, support ships and inshore patrol craft with most originating from India, the US, China and Israel

➤ Pakistan – decides to finally reopen its airspace for overflying after 138 days



- ✓ It had closed its airspace on February 27 after the Indian Air Force's strike on the Balakot terror camp
- ✓ The move led to greater travel time (including a fuelling stop for US flights) and a huge increase in expenses for airlines
- ✓ Indian carriers collectively lost almost Rs 550 crore, with Air India taking the biggest hit of about Rs 491 crore due to the air space flying ban
- ✓ Air India's San Francisco-Delhi flight AI 184 — one of the longest non-stops globally — was the first by an Indian carrier to enter Pakistan airspace on its way to Delhi after February 27
- ✓ SpiceJet's Jaipur-Dubai SG 57 was among the first to enter Pakistan airspace from the Indian side on July 16 while flying westwards.

APPOINTMENTS

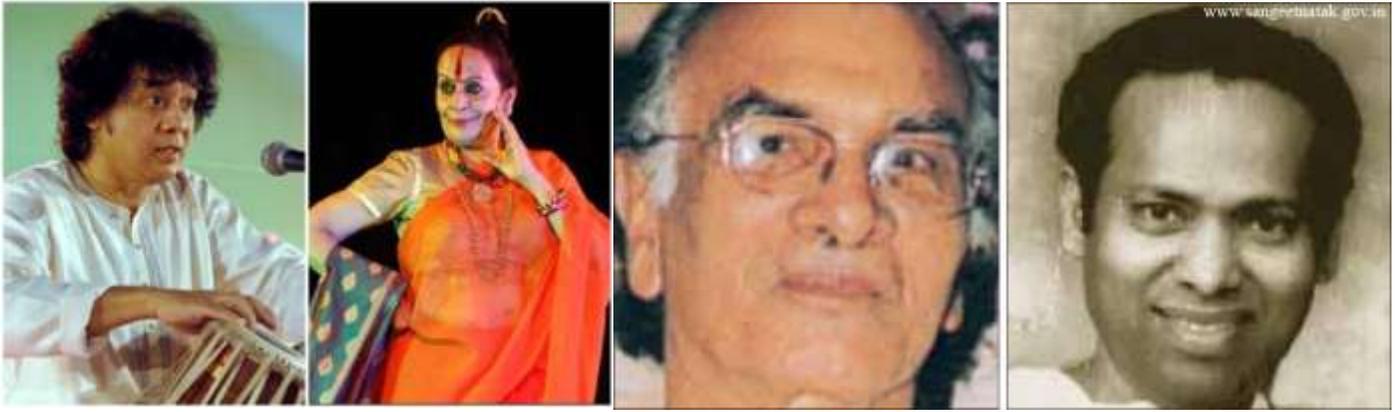
- **BJP leader and former Odisha minister Biswa Bhusan Harichandan and former BJP MP from Madhya Pradesh Anusuiya Uikey - were appointed governors of Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh respectively**



- ✓ Harichandan will replace ESL Narasimhan, who is also governor of Telangana, while Uikey will replace Anandiben Patel, who holds additional responsibility of Chhattisgarh

AWARDS

- **Tabla maestro Zakir Hussain, classical dancers Sonal Mansingh, Jatin Goswami, and scientist K Kalyanasundaram Pillai (Tamil Nadu) – announced as the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellows for 2018 by The National academy of music, dance and drama**



- ✓ The fellowship, referred to as the 'Akademi Ratna', is a coveted and rare honour conferred on artists
- ✓ The Akademi's General Council also selected 44 artistes from the field of music, dance, theatre across the traditional, folk, and tribal genres, puppetry and overall contribution/ scholarship to the performing arts for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for 2018
- ✓ In the field of music, eleven eminent artists will be awarded, while in the field of dance and theatre nine artists each have been selected.
- ✓ Ten artists have been selected for traditional folk/tribal music and dance.
- ✓ Diwan Singh Bajeli and Puru Dadhich have been selected for the Akademi Award 2018 in the field of 'Overall Contribution/Scholarship' in performing arts

SPORTS

- **Grandmaster P. Iniyar - finished second in the Thailand open chess festival at Pattaya**
- ✓ He had seven wins and two losses from nine games



- ✓ Iniyar had earlier won the gold medal in under -18, Commonwealth chess championship 2019

- **Vijayveer Sidhu - picked up his third gold medal of the ongoing ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany**



- ✓ He combined with Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu and Adarsh Singh to clinch the men's 25m pistol event on July 17
- ✓ For Adarsh, it was his second gold of the competition
- ✓ Hriday Hazarika, Yash Vardhan and Paarth Makhija won the team silver in the men's 10m Air Rifle event
- ✓ India is at the top spot at the medal standings after day three with 7 gold 7 Silver and 2 Bronze in a total of 16 medals won so far.
- ✓ China is second with 5 Gold 3 Silver and 5 bronze.

