

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 1, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu Government – announces ‘Kalaimamani’ awards to 201 artists for years 2011-2018 - on February 28**
- ✓ The awards were last conferred in 2010 and no awards were announced from 2011 till 2018
- ✓ Each winning artist will receive a 3 sovereign gold shield and a certificate

Prominent Kalaimamani Awardees

- ✓ 2011
- ✓ Actors: R Rajasekar, P. Rajiv alias P Rajasekar, Kutti Padmini, P Pandu, Choreographer Puliur Saroja, Playback Singer B.S. Sasirekha and Costume Designer P Kasi
- ✓ 2012
- ✓ Actors S S Senbagamuthu, T Rajashri, B R Varalakshmi, Playback Singer Gana Ulaganathan, Director Chitra Lakshmanan and Cinematographer Babu alias N V Anandakrishnan
- ✓ 2013
- ✓ Playback singer R Krishnaraj, Paravai Muniyamma, T Velmurugan, actors: Prasanna, Nalini, R Pandiyarajan, Kumari Kanchana Devi, Sarada, T P Gajendran, stunt master Judo K K Rathnam
- ✓ 2014
- ✓ Actors: Ponvannan, Director Suresh Krishna, playback singer Malathi and choreographer N A Thara
- ✓ 2015
- ✓ Actors: Madhu Balaji, Prabhudheva, director: A N Pavithran, music director Vijay Antony, lyricist Yugabharathi, cinematographer R Rathinavelu and playback singer Gana Bala
- ✓ 2016
- ✓ Actors: Sasikumar, MS Bhaskar, Thambi Ramaiah, Suri

- ✓ 2017
- ✓ Actors: Vijay Sethupathi, Priyamani, Singamuthu, director Hari, music director Yuvan Shankar Raja, producer Kalaignanam and photography Seshadri Nathan Sugumaran and stills Ravi
- ✓ 2018
- ✓ Actors: Srikanth, Santhanam, producer A M Rathnam, cinematographer Ravivarman and playback singer Unni Menon, Bharatanatyam dancers Binesh Mahadevan, Latha Rajendran, P. Muralidharan and Niveditha Parthasarathy
- ✓ Apart from the Kalaimamani awards, the government also announced Bharati award in the field of literature, Bala Saraswathi award in dance and MS Subbulakshmi award in the field of music

2016-ஆம் ஆண்டு முதல் 2018-ஆம் ஆண்டுகளுக்கான விருதுபெறும் அகில இந்திய அளவில் புகழ்பெற்ற தமிழகக் கலைஞர்கள் பட்டியல்:

பாரதி விருது: புலவர் புலமைப்பித்தன் (கவிஞர்- பாடலாசிரியர்), கவிஞர் சுப்பு ஆறுமுகம் (வில்லிசை), சிவசங்கரி (எழுத்தாளர்)

பாலசரஸ்வதி விருது: சி.வி.சந்திரசேகர் (பரதநாட்டியம்), வைஜெயந்தி மாலா பாலி (பரதநாட்டியம்), வி.பி.தனஞ்செயன் (பரதநாட்டிய ஆசிரியர்)

எம்.எஸ்.சுப்புலட்சுமி விருது: எஸ்.ஜானகி (திரைப்படப்பாடகி), பாம்பே சகோதரிகள் சி.சரோஜா-சி.லலிதா (கர்நாடக இசைக் கலைஞர்கள்), டி.வி. கோபால கிருஷ்ணன் (கர்நாடக இசைக் கலைஞர்).

கேடயம் பெறும் சிறந்த கலை நிறுவனங்களின் பெயர்ப் பட்டியல்:

ஸ்ரீ கிருஷ்ணா கான சபா, சென்னை, பாரதீய வித்யா பவன், சென்னை, சேலம் அமெச்சூர் ஆர்ட்ஸ், சேலம்.

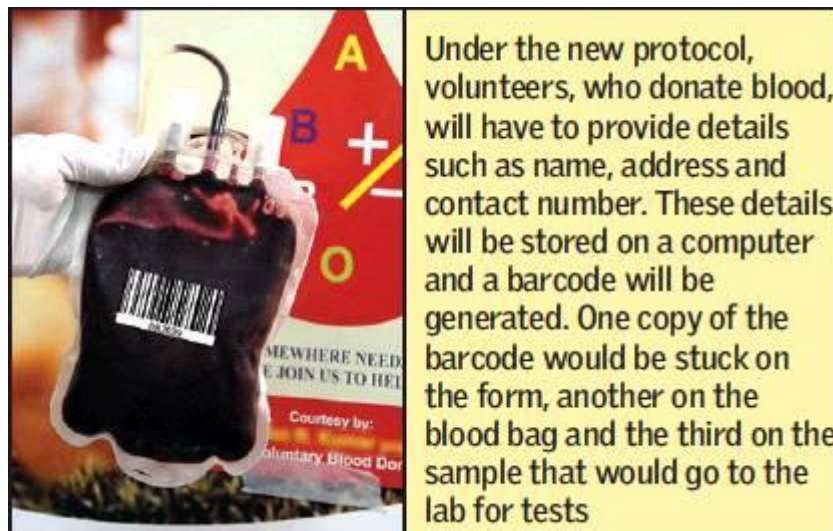
சுழற்கேடயம் பெறும் சிறந்த நாடகக் குழு: குடவில் ஸ்டேஜ், சென்னை.

- ✓ Kalaimamani awards are given away by the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram (literature, music and theatre) for excellence in the field of art and literature.
- ✓ The entire list of awardees is available at http://cms.tn.gov.in/sites/default/files/go/tour_t_31_2019.pdf
- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami - laid the foundation stone to Athikadavu-Avinashi drinking water supply-cum-irrigation scheme at Avinashi on February 28**
- ✓ The project aims to divert the surplus water of Bhavani river to the lakes, ponds and other water bodies in the drought-prone regions of Coimbatore, Tiruppur and Erode districts as a boost to their ground water tables.
- ✓ The project would be implemented at an estimated cost of Rs 1,652 crores
- ✓ The state government had also allocated Rs 250 crores and Rs 1,000 crores during its 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial budget
- ✓ Once the project gets completed, it shall give a lifeline to 32 PWD lakes, 42 panchayat lakes and 971 ponds in the three kongu districts of Tirupur, Coimbatore and Erode

- ✓ The project will be implemented on the basis of design, build, operate and transfer (DBOT) within 34 months



- ✓ A pumping facility will be established at Kalingarayan Anicut to pump around 1.5tmc of surplus water, as per the project
- ✓ In order to avoid flooding and wastage of water due to dams reaching full capacity, the Athikadavu-Avinashi project was proposed in 1957 by the then MLA of the region Marappa Gounder
- ✓ Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami has also laid the foundation stone for AMRUT water supply scheme and Smart City works at a cost of Rs 1,875.47 crores in Tirupur on February 28
- **Tamil Nadu's largest state-run blood bank attached to the Rajiv Gandhi government general hospital - goes 'digital' with barcode attached forms and test results**



- ✓ The new procedure would ensure that people with infectious diseases such as HIV, AIDS or hepatitis would be prevented from donating blood at any state-run blood bank.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu AIDS Control Society decided to pilot the 3-month study project after the Sattur incident of a pregnant women transfused with infected blood
 - ✓ This blood bank collects 35,000 units of blood each year, which is three times the capacity of the second largest bank in Madurai
 - ✓ The digitization was inspired from a software used by the Christian Medical College, Vellore, which linked donor's blood bag, test samples and results with a barcode
- **Tamil Nadu Government – to provide a seed money of Rs 5 lakh for Start-ups in the state**
 - ✓ The state plans to promote 5,000 start-ups along with 10 global start-ups, as per P Benjamin, minister for rural industries, including cottage and small industries
 - **CII TN State Council has elected S Chandramohan, president & group CFO, TAFE Ltd, as Chairman of for the year 2019-20**



- ✓ Chandramohan was the vice chairman of CII during 2018-19
- ✓ He has also served as the chairman of Agriculture & Food Processing Task Force, CII Southern Region during 2017-18
- ✓ K Hari Thiagarajan, executive director, Thiagarajar Mills Pvt Ltd, Madurai has been elected as the vice chairman of CII TN State Council for the year 2019-20

NATIONAL

- **The Government – bans Jammu & Kashmir-based Jamaat-e-Islami (Jel) outfit – for its Pro-Pakistan stance**
- ✓ The Centre had declared the outfit as an 'unlawful association' under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 on February 28
- ✓ The ban will be valid for a period of 5 years

- ✓ Several leaders of Jel, including its chief Abdul Hamid Fayaz, were detained in a crackdown by the J&K police and central agencies recently



- ✓ The outfit was earlier banned twice, once in 1975 during emergency and again in 1990 by the V P Singh Government
- ✓ The ban was lifted in 1993 during the P V Narasimha Rao Government, ever since the outfit was functioning freely
- **Vande Bharat Express (Train 18) – All related facts**
- ✓ Indian Railways has decided to shift the manufacturing of Train-18 coaches from ICF in Chennai to Modern Coach Factory in Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Modern Coach Factory came into existence in 2012
- ✓ The Vande Bharat Express (Train 18) will soon run on 3 routes identified by the Railway Ministry namely, Bengaluru-Mangaluru route, Mangaluru-Hyderabad route and Mangaluru-Chennai route
- ✓ ICF, Chennai – to make 'bullet-proof-like' glass panes for Train 18 – following incidents of stone pelting damaging the window panes of the train
- ✓ A total of 11 windowpanes of 'Train 18' were damaged since December 2018

- ✓ Flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 15, Vande Bharat Express train is India's first semi-high speed train equipped with GPS passenger information system, CCTV and multiple world-class passenger amenities
- ✓ Coaches of Train-18 — later renamed as Vande Bharat Express and introduced between Delhi and Varanasi recently — are manufactured with 80% of indigenous materials
- ✓ The high speed train has been manufactured in a record time of 18 months by the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai under the government's 'Make in India' programme.
- ✓ The trains are designed to replace all Shatabdi Express trains of Indian Railways.
- **The Union Cabinet - recommended an ordinance to allow voluntarily use of Aadhaar for completing eKYC formalities to get a mobile connection or open a bank account**
- ✓ Further, children who have an Aadhaar number can cancel their unique identification number on attaining the age of 18 years, which was not there in the original law.
- ✓ The ordinance also seeks to provide a legal backing to offline verification with the consent of Aadhaar number holder by allowing the use of a QR code-based system
- ✓ Also, it will allow for masking of the Aadhaar number to address privacy concerns of several citizens, which can be done using a 12-digit number.
- ✓ The amendment bill, which was cleared by Lok Sabha in early January, had proposed a civil penalty of up to Rs 1 crore on entities that violate the provisions of the Aadhaar Act, with an additional fine of up to Rs 10 lakh a day in case of continuous non-compliance
- **AYUSH Ministe, Shripad Yesso Naik - laid the foundation stone for National Institute of Unani Medicine at Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh**
- ✓ The institute, one of the largest in North India, would be developed with an approximate cost of 300 crore rupees on 10 acres of land



- ✓ It would cater to the needs of the masses and would have facilities for quality research and education at postgraduate and PhD levels with a 200 bedded hospital

- **The Union Cabinet - approved the proposal for setting up of 'Centre for Disability Sports' at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh**
- ✓ It will be set up at an estimated cost of Rs 170.99 crore, spread over a period of 5 year, under Societies Registration Act, 1860
- ✓ The proposed centre will ensure effective participation of persons with disabilities in sports activities at national and international levels.

INTERNATIONAL

- **The United States and North Korea – fails to strike deal at Hanoi, Vietnam**



- ✓ The meeting between US President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ended with no agreement after US President Trump refused North Korean demand to lift all international sanctions.
- ✓ No joint communique was issued after the meeting
- ✓ The two-day meeting in Hanoi follows the historic first summit in Singapore in June 2018

ECONOMY

- **Indian economy is expected to grow at 7.3% in calendar years 2019 and 2020, as per US-based rating agency, Moody's forecast**
- ✓ In 2018-19 fiscal, ending March 2019, Indian economy is estimated to have grown 7%, lower than 7.2% in 2017-18
- ✓ Moody's growth estimates in based on calendar year.
- ✓ India, however, measures its economic growth on the basis of fiscal year (April-March)

SPORTS

- **National Boxing champion Deepak Singh - won gold (in 49 kg category) in the Makran Cup in Chabahar, Iran**



- ✓ Five other Indian Boxers, P Lalitha Prasad (52kg), Commonwealth Games silver-medallist Manish Kaushik (60kg), Duryodhan Singh Negi (69kg), Sanjeet (91kg) and Commonwealth Games silver-medallist Satish Kumar (91kg) finished with Silver medals after losing their final matches

RANKINGS

- **QS World University rankings by subject 2019**
- ✓ Quacquarelli Symonds, which is one of the academic ranking agencies, released the lists of the global ranking of university across 48 different subjects ranging from art and design to engineering disciplines
- ✓ The US institutions have topped the list in 28 disciplines, followed by UK institutions dominating on 13 disciplines



- ✓ None of the Indian institutions could secure top ranks but few of them were featured in the top 100 lists.
- ✓ The latest QS WUR by Subject 2019 saw 89 Indian departments at Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and University of Delhi (DU), among others being ranked among global top-200 list.
- ✓ Indian Universities improved their performance in the latest Rankings with 22 more departments being ranked among top-200 over previous year
- ✓ With this, as a national higher education system, India is now at 21st position globally
- ✓ Delhi University has secured 37th rank in the Development Studies subject while Jawaharlal Nehru University had been ranked in the 51-100 bracket in both sociology and history
- ✓ IITs Delhi and Mumbai has been placed in the 51-100 bracket when it comes to civil and structural engineering, computer science and information systems.
- ✓ In the electrical and electronic engineering discipline, IITs at Bombay, Delhi and Madras figure among the top hundred while IIT Kanpur and IIT Kharagpur make it to top 150

- ✓ In mineral and mining engineering, IIT Bombay stands 38th while IIT Kharagpur is at the 47th position
- ✓ IIM Bengaluru is the only Indian institution which figures in the list of the top 100 places for business and management studies.
- ✓ Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, along with the IIT Bombay is among the top 100 institution to study chemical engineering and material sciences.
- ✓ IIT Bombay is the top ranked Indian institution in engineering and technology at 53, with two more IITs (Delhi and Madras) finding place at 61 and 95 respectively in the list.

