

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOV 24, 2019**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **The Tamil Nadu forest department - has recorded the state's 105th butterfly species - bamboo treebrown butterfly (Nymphalidae) - at the tropical butterfly conservatory at Srirangam in Trichy**



- ✓ The forest department had recently released a book covering the 104 butterfly species spotted at the conservatory since its inauguration in 2015.
  - ✓ Bamboo treebrown is the second butterfly species recorded in the last two months after Monkey puzzle butterfly (104th), which was spotted in the conservatory last month
  - ✓ Bamboo treebrown butterflies are usually found near bamboo trees in hills and mountains
  - ✓ Located in the Upper Anaicut reserve forest in Srirangam, the conservatory is spread on 25 acres in the drainage basin of Cauvery and Kollidam rivers.
  - ✓ There are 323 butterfly species found in Tamil Nadu, of which most are spotted in the Western Ghats and almost one third of them are found at the butterfly conservatory located in the Eastern Ghats
- **The State government - has suspended the use of the word 'thirunangai' to denote transgenders in the government records.**
  - ✓ The usage of thirunangai has been replaced with the old Tamil phrase 'moondram paalinathavar'
  - ✓ The word 'thirunangai' was coined by former Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi

# STATES

- **Former CM and BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis - took oath as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra on November 23, 2019.**



- ✓ NCP's Ajit Pawar took oath as the Deputy Chief Minister of the state.
  - ✓ The oath of the office was administered by Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari at Raj Bhawan.
  - ✓ The President's rule was revoked on the early hours of November 23 in the state by President Ram Nath Kovind.
  - ✓ The Centre on November 23 invoked Rule 12 of the Transaction of Business Rules, 1961, authorising it to revoke the proclamation of President's Rule in Maharashtra without prior approval of the Union Cabinet.
  - ✓ The BJP had won 105 seats in the 288-member Maharashtra assembly, while the Shiv Sena won 56 seats, NCP won 54 seats and the Congress won 44 seats
- **Uttar Pradesh (UP) State Law Commission - has recommended in its draft that forced conversion in the state may attract a jail term of 7 years**
  - ✓ The draft of Uttar Pradesh Religious Freedom Bill 2019 says that there should be a law against forceful religious conversion and marriages for religious conversion
  - ✓ According to the bill, the state government will not provide any financial aid to any organization which is involved in the conversion.
  - ✓ Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand are the 10 states which have anti-conversion laws in place
- **The Haryana state government - has decided to create a new department called the Department of 'Foreign Cooperation'**

- ✓ It will focus on initiatives taken by the state for the promotion of investment, youth employment and welfare of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)
- ✓ The department is also expected to work in cooperation with the Ministry of External Affairs to foster international cooperation with provinces of foreign nations

## **NATIONAL**

- **The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi - has given its approval to the Recycling of Ships Bill 2019 paving the way for environment-friendly dismantling of ships**
- ✓ Now, India can join the Hong Kong International Convention, 2009, which is meant for safe and environmentally sound ship recycling
- ✓ The proposed bill prohibits the use of hazardous materials, which are used for recycling of vessels, as per the international standards
- ✓ Ships recycling in India will be required to obtain a 'Ready for Recycling Certificate' as per the Hong Kong International Convention.
- ✓ As per the bill, the factories engaged in ship recycling should be authorized and the recycling of vessels should be done only at these places.
- ✓ India leads the world in the ship recycling industry with 30% share in the global ship recycling market
- ✓ The Hong Kong Convention was adopted by 63 countries and supervised by IMO – International Maritime Organisation.

## **CONFERENCES & SUMMITS**

- **The next 2+2 dialogue between India and the U.S.- is likely to be held in Washington, D.C. on December 18**
- ✓ During the dialogue, the two countries are expected to sign the Industrial Security Annex (ISA) and review the steps being taken to operationalise the Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA)
- ✓ The ISA is part of the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA), which India had signed earlier with the U.S.
- ✓ The ISA is crucial for U.S. companies bidding for big-ticket Indian deals to partner Indian private companies.
- ✓ The Navies of India and the U.S. have set up CENTRIXS [Combined Enterprise Regional Information Exchange System] kits at the Indian Navy headquarters
- ✓ These kits facilitate encrypted communications between the navies.

## **PERSONALITIES**

- **Team India captain Virat Kohli - has been chosen as Person of the Year 2019 by PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals)**



- ✓ Kohli has been given this honour due to his work done to improve the condition of animals in India and abroad
- ✓ Earlier, Kohli wrote a letter to the authorities of PETA India for the release of an elephant named 'Malati' which was used for riding in the Amber Fort

## DEFENCE

- **A bilateral maritime exercise, Zair-al-Bahr or Roar of the Sea - was held between India and Qatar from November 17 to 21, 2019**
- ✓ This is the first bilateral naval exercise between India and Gulf country, Qatar.
- ✓ Indian Navy warship Guided Missile Stealth Frigate INS Trikhand, along with aircraft P-8-I, are participating in this exercise.
- ✓ The purpose of this exercise is to promote interoperability between the navies of the two countries.
- ✓ It is a five days exercise that includes a 3-day harbour phase and 2-day of exercise as sea phase.

## ECONOMY

- **The Union Cabinet - approved the sale of government's stake in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) and freight-linked container corporation of India (CONCAR)**
- ✓ Apart from these three Central public sector enterprises, 2 other CPSEs - Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Limited (THDC) and North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) are also on the list
- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that the Numaligarh refinery will be separated from BPCL, the country's second-largest refinery company



## AWARDS

- **Sir David Attenborough, a renowned naturalist - has been conferred with the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2019**



- ✓ The award recognizes his tireless efforts towards awakening the mankind to the need to preserve and protect the planet's biodiversity.
- ✓ Sir David Attenborough was earlier honoured with knighthood, UNESCO's Kalinga prize, Michael Faraday prize, the Descartes prize and fellowship of the Royal Society.
- ✓ He has also received several Emmy and BAFTA awards including a lifetime achievement award.
- ✓ David Attenborough is a natural historian and broadcaster, known for producing and anchoring some of the best visual documentaries and histories of animal and plant life on the Earth.

## SPORTS

- **Indian boxing star Vijender Singh - claimed his 12th successive win in four years at Dubai in the Professional circuit**



- ✓ The 34-year-old former Olympic bronze-medallist, who holds the WBO Asia Pacific and Oriental super middleweight belts, defeated Ghana's former Commonwealth champion Charles Adamu
- ✓ The Ghanian is also an Olympian and won a bronze medal for his country in the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur during his amateur days.

## RANKINGS

- **India – is ranked at seventh place in the list of countries most affected by terrorism, as per the latest report published by Sydney-based Institute for Economics and Peace**

### TERROR FACTFILE

**7,379**

killed in Afghanistan, most affected by terrorism in 2018

**38%**

of all killings by Taliban in Afghanistan, in 2018

**350**

Indians killed and 540 injured in 748 terrorist incidents in 2018

**8,473**

Indians have died since 2001 at the hands of terrorists

**138**

attacks Chhattisgarh suffered in 2018 and is India's second most impacted

- ✓ The country most affected by terrorism in 2018 was Afghanistan (7,379 killed), displacing Iraq (1,054 killed) as the deadliest country.
- ✓ Iraq, now at second place, is followed by Nigeria, Syria, Pakistan and Somalia, in that order
- ✓ In India, 350 Indians killed and 540 injured in 748 terrorist incidents in 2018
- ✓ Jammu & Kashmir is India's region most impacted by terrorism in 2018, with 321 attacks, resulting in 123 deaths, most of which were caused by the Hizbul Mujahideen (HM), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).
- ✓ India's second most impacted region was Chhattisgarh, with 138 attacks in 2018, resulting in 123 deaths, all from Maoist extremists.
- ✓ As per the report, the number of terrorist attacks and resulting deaths fell by around 10% in 2018
- ✓ The report ranks 163 countries (99.7% of the world's population) according to how they are impacted by terrorism.
- **3 Indian-origin people – figure in Fortune's Businessperson of the Year 2019 list**
- ✓ These include Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella, Master Card CEO Ajay Banga and Arista head Jayashree Ullal.



- ✓ Satya Nadella ranks first in this list, while Ajay Banga is on 8th and Jayashree Ullal is 18th.



- ✓ Fortune's annual Business Person of the Year list includes 20 business leaders who have achieved bold goals in their respective industries

