

**EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOV 3, 2018**

**Tamil Nadu**

**New App GIM**

- ◆ Tamil nadu government going to release a new app GIM for global investors meet which is going to be held on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> 2019



**State**

**KERALA**

- ◆ Ninety-six-year-old Karthyayani Amma bagged the first rank in the 'Aksharalaksham' literacy exam, scoring an impressive 98 out of 100.



## Defence

- ◆ **Conversion of decommissioned carrier 'INS Viraat' into a floating museum was approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet, On Nov 2, 2018**



- ★ The project is worth **Rs. 852 crore** and will be implemented through public-private-partnership (PPP).
- ★ The carrier will be housed on a concrete foundation near **Nivati Rocks in Sindhudurg** in Konkan region of Maharashtra.
- ★ The ship is the **world's oldest aircraft carrier**, according to the Indian Navy, which bought it in **1986** and recommissioned it a year later.
- ★ At present, Viraat is at Mumbai's Naval dockyard after its decommissioning in **2017**.

## National

- ◆ **1st 'Annual Senior Care Conclave – Igniting Industry for India's Ageing Sector' held at the Indian Habitat Centre in New Delhi. On Nov 2, 2018**



- ★ It was hosted by **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** in collaboration with **Columbia Pacific Communities** as their Premium Partner.
- ★ Hon'ble Minister of State for **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, Government of India, **Ms. Anupriya Patel** delivered the key note address and released the CII report- **"Igniting Potential in Senior Care Services"**.
- ★ The conclave aimed to discuss debate and catalyze the growth of the sector by unlocking latent and potential opportunities.
- ★ It consisted of 4 plenary sessions and 2 special sessions.

## Schemes

- ◆ **Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, launched the Government's Support and Outreach Initiative for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.**



- ★ The initiative will provide **Small and Medium Enterprises** easier access to credit, markets, improved cash flows and online loans up to **Rs 1 crore** in just **59 minutes**.
- ★ Besides Delhi, similar launch programmes will be held at **100** locations across the country, where Union Ministers and Ministers from State Governments will be present.
- ★ Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Arun Jaitley and the Minister of State (I/C) for MSME, Giriraj Singh, are among those who will be present on the occasion.

## Court Verdict

- ◆ **Assam NRC: Supreme Court fixes December 15 as deadline for filing claims for inclusion of names in NRC**



- ★ The Supreme Court on November 1, 2018 fixed December 15 as the deadline for filing of claims and objections by individuals excluded from the first draft of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) of Assam, published on July 30, 2018.
- ★ The bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Rohinton Nariman allowed claimants for Assam NRC to rely on five documents, which were earlier objected to by NRC coordinator, to prove their citizenship.

## India and Neighbours

- ◆ **India and Japan signed a Rs 1,817 crore loan agreement for the construction of the Turga pumped storage hydel power project at Purulia in West Bengal**



- ★ **The Japanese Official Development Assistance loan agreement was signed in New Delhi between Ministry of Finance Additional Secretary C.S. Mohapatra and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) New Delhi Chief Representative Katsuo Matsumoto.**
- ◆ **4<sup>th</sup> Dialogue of the NITI Aayog – Development Research Centre (DRC) of the State Council, Peoples’ Republic of China was held in Mumbai. On November 1, 2018**



- ★ The Chinese delegation was led by Mr. Li Wei, President of DRC and
- ★ The Indian delegation was led by Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.
- ★ The Fifth edition of the NITI – DRC Dialogue will be held in Wuhan, China in November, 2019

◆ **3-day 13th Indo-Myanmar Regional Border Committee Meet held at Mantripukhari Garrison, Imphal On Nov 2, 2018**



- ★ A **19-member** delegation consisting of officials of the Myanmar Army, police and bureaucratic departments attended the meeting.
- ★ The Indian delegation was headed by **Lieutenant General Gopal R, AVSM, SM, GOC Spear Corps** and the Myanmar delegation was headed by **Maj Gen Phone Myat, Commander, North West Command**.
- ★ The Indo-Myanmar Regional Border Committee Meet is a **bi-annual** landmark event which provides, representatives of Security Forces and Civil establishment of both the India and Myanmar, a platform to discuss and resolve crucial issues relating to **border management, bi-lateral cooperation and insurgency**.

## Conferences & Summits

◆ **Inter-Session Meeting of Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare in New Delhi On 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**



- ★ Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Radha Mohan Singh addressed the meeting focused on the "Climate Resilient Villages and their Replication."
- ★ Details about Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)'s flagship programme National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) were briefed.

- ★ NICRA aims to develop adaptation and mitigation practices to minimize the losses and improve resilience of Indian agriculture.
- ★ It is taken up in 151 climatically vulnerable districts of India by taking one representative village in each district.
- ★ Major climatic vulnerabilities addressed in the project are drought, flood, cyclone, heat wave, cold wave, and frost and hail storm.

◆ **3-day long 1<sup>st</sup> Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health concluded at the World Health Organisation's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, On November 1, 2018.**



★ Theme: “Improving Air Quality, Combatting Climate Change-Saving Lives”.

★ It was held in collaboration with:

- The UN Environment,
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO),
- The Secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC),
- The Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (CCAC) and
- The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

## Science, Technology & Environmental

### ◆ **World's longest DNA sequence decoded**

- ★ A team of United Kingdom scientists led by Matt Loose at Nottingham University have created a new record for **decoding the world's longest DNA sequence**.



- ★ The scientists have produced a DNA read that is **nearly 10,000 times longer than normal**. Also, it is two times larger than the previous record from Australia.
- ★ Also, Matt Loose's team recently produced the most complete human genome sequence using a palm-sized "**nanopore**" sequencing machine.
- ★ These methods could be used to study cancer genomes, where the DNA gets rearranged

### ◆ **China successfully launched a high orbit satellite to boost its BeiDou global satellite navigation system, from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan Province, China, On 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018**



- ★ This is the **first BeiDou-3 satellite** in high orbit, nearly 36,000 km above the Earth. It will follow the Earth's rotation, in a geostationary orbit, and will view the same point on Earth continuously.
- ★ **BeiDou** global satellite navigation system will be the fourth global satellite navigation system after the US GPS system, Russia's GLONASS and the European Union's Galileo.

## ◆ To the Moon and beyond- Airbus delivers powerhouse for NASA's Orion spacecraft



- ★ Airbus will deliver the first **European Service Module (ESM)** for **NASA's Orion** spacecraft from its aerospace site in Bremen, Germany on Nov. 5 2018.
- ★ The module helps provide propulsion, power, and thermal control to supply astronauts with water and oxygen on future missions.
- ★ The launch of the Orion spacecraft with NASA's new Space Launch System rocket is known as Exploration Mission-1 and is scheduled for 2020.
- ★ This mission will be unscrewed and will take the spacecraft more than 64,000 kilometers beyond the Moon.
- ★ The first human spaceflight mission, Exploration **Mission-2**, is planned for 2022. NASA will use this mission beyond the Moon to develop the capabilities to send humans to Mars.

## ◆ Location tracking devices, emergency buttons mandatory for new public service vehicles: Government



- ★ The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on October 25, 2018 notified that all new public service vehicles, except auto rickshaws and e-Rickshaws, registered on and after January 1, 2019 will have to be mandatorily equipped with **Vehicle Location Tracking (VLT)** and Emergency Buttons.
- ★ The VLT device manufacturers would assist in providing the back end services for monitoring the device. With such regulation, the Ministry aims to ensure safety of passengers especially women.



## Economics

- ◆ Reserve Bank of India gave licence to the Kirloskar group to launch a non-banking finance company (NBFC) named Kirloskar Capital, On November 1, 2018



- ★ It will be headed by industry veteran Vimal Bhandari as CEO

## Ranking

- ◆ Global Passport Power Index ranks are out and India stands at 66th on the list



- ★ India was **ranked 66th**, as it provides visa-free access to **25 countries**, visa on arrival to 41 countries and for **132 countries** visa requirement is compulsory.
- ★ Which means you can travel to about **25 countries visa-free**. The individual rank of Indian passport is 140.
- ★ Last year, India **ranked 71** in the Global Passport Power Index, with a visa-free score of 51.
- ★ Singapore and Germany tops the list

## Sports

- ◆ **India clinch bronze medal at SAFF U-15 Championship with a narrow victory over neighbours Nepal**



- ★ Kathmandu, Nov 3 India defeated hosts Nepal 1-0 to secure victory in the **third-place play-off** at the **2018 SAFF U-15** Championship football tournament here on Saturday.

## Appointments

- ◆ **Air Marshal MSG Menon VSM has taken charge as Director General (Wks & Cer) of Indian Air Force (IAF).**



- ★ Previously, he was the Assistance Chief of Air Staff (**AF Wks**) at Air Headquarters. He is a Cat '**AYE**' Air Traffic Controller.
- ★ He was a member of the first United Nations Mission to Sudan.
- ★ He was Commandant of Air Force Administrative College, Coimbatore and Principal Director Ops (**Air Traffic Services**).
- ★ He served as Assistance Chief of Air Staff (Org & Ceremonial). He was awarded Vishisht Seva Medal (**VSM**) in 2016.

◆ **Justice Ramesh Ranganathan was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Uttarakhand High Court, On 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018**



- ★ Previously, he served as the senior-most judge of the Hyderabad High Court. He replaces Justice KM Joseph who was promoted to the Supreme Court.
- ★ Ramesh Ranganathan was administered the oath by Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya in Raj Bhavan, Dehradun.
- ★ He was Additional **Advocate General** from 2000 to 2004.

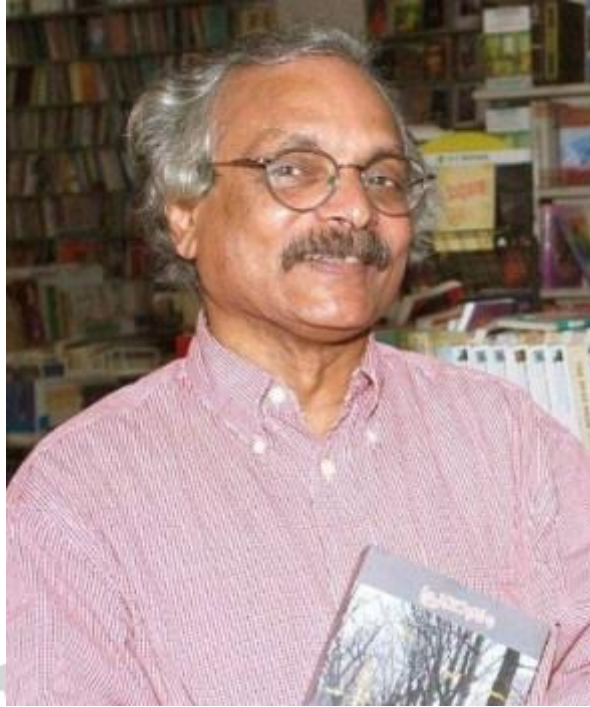
◆ **Atul Kumar Goel took charge as Managing Director and CEO of UCO Bank, On 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018**



- ★ Earlier, Atul Kumar Goel was executive director of Union Bank of India. He has replaced R K Takkar who completed his three-year term on November 1, 2018.

## Awards

### ◆ Malayalam writer Mukundan selected for Ezhuthachan award



- ★ **Malayalam novelist and short story writer M Mukundan** has been selected for the **Kerala government's** highest literary award '**Ezhuthachan Puraskaram**' for this year.
- ★ The 76-year old writer has been chosen for his overall contributions to the Malayalam literature.
- ★ Considered as one of the pioneers of modern Malayalam literature, Mukundan is known as "**Mayyazhiyude Kathakaran**".

