

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DEC 2, 2018

TAMIL NADU

- Chennai city police – have launched an exclusive mobile application ‘CCTV Chennai city’ to monitor 1.5 lakh CCTV Cameras in the city

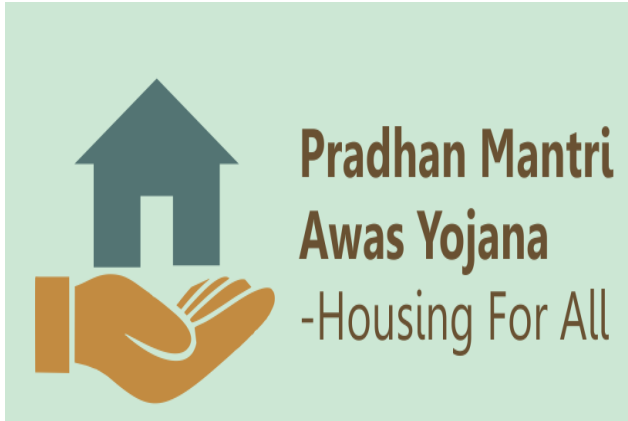


- ✓ The app will be helpful to all the police personnel from Inspectors to high rank officers to check if there are CCTV cameras installed in a particular place
- ✓ It also has a ‘search button’ which, when pressed, will lead to the area with the help of Google Maps
- ✓ The app will be available for limited subscribers at the Google App store in android version

SCHEMES

- **Beneficiaries under PMAY (Urban)**
- ✓ So far, around 2.75 lakh beneficiaries have availed the subsidy under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) scheme
- ✓ Gujarat tops the country with over 88,000 beneficiaries under the CLSS scheme (Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme)

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh follows with 74,000 beneficiaries followed by Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh which have 15,000 beneficiaries
- ✓ Tamil Nadu has around 12,000 beneficiaries so far



PMAY-URBAN

- Planned in 3 phases
- Phase 1 was planned from April 2015 to March 2017 covering completion of affordable housing in 100 cities,
- Phase 2 starting from April 2017 and ending in March 2019 covering another 200 cities and
- Phase 3 between April 2019 and March 2022 for remaining cities.

- ✓ Under the scheme, the government provides central assistance to beneficiaries to construct their own houses
- ✓ The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry provides a subsidy of up to Rs 2.67 lakh to the beneficiaries
- ✓ As per the ministry, the cumulative number of houses sanctioned under the PMAY (U) so far is 65,04,037
- ✓ The PMAY (U), launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June 2015, aims to ensure “Housing for all by 2022”

STATES

- **Maharashtra government – was offered a loan of Rs 500 crore by the Shirdi temple – for completion of pending works of the Nilwande irrigation project**



- ✓ The interest free loan offered by the temple will meet the drinking water needs of the people in Ahmednagar district of the state

- ✓ The project is planned at a cost of Rs 1,200 crore
- **Nagaland – 19th Hornbill festival is celebrated in the state with the inauguration at Naga Heritage village in Kisama, off Kohima, Nagaland**



- ✓ The festival is named after Hornbill, one of the venerated bird species in the state
- ✓ The 10-day festival is celebrated annually during the first week of December, i.e. from December 1-10
- ✓ It is organized by State Tourism and Arts and Culture Department, Government of Nagaland
- ✓ The festival marks the Nagaland Formation Day
- ✓ Nagaland Statehood Day observed on December 1 to mark the formal inception as state in 1963, following the enactment of the state of Nagaland Act, 1962
- ✓ Nagaland was inaugurated as the 16th State of the Indian Union by Dr Sarvapelli Radhakrishnan, the then President of India on December 1, 1963
- **Nagaland CM, Neiphiu Rio – launches the state’s ‘Tourist Police’ in Kohima**
- ✓ Thus, it becomes the 2nd north eastern state after Arunachal Pradesh to have a separate Tourist police
- ✓ Tourist Police will be deployed during Hornbill Festival of Nagaland to ensure the safety of tourists

NATIONAL

- **India – to host G20 Summit in the year 2022**
- ✓ This was announced by the Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on the sidelines of G20 Summit in Argentina

- ✓ Earlier, Italy was scheduled to host the summit, but it later withdrew the same in favour of India
- ✓ It has to be noted that the year 2022 will celebrate the 75th anniversary of India's independence
- **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) - launched media campaign "Heart Attack Rewind" in New Delhi/NCR region**



- ✓ The campaign calls for the elimination of industrially produced Trans-fat in the food items
- ✓ The campaign was developed by experts at Vital Strategies
- ✓ FSSAI has set a goal of 2022 to eliminate trans-fat in India as per its objective 'Trans Fat: India@75'
- ✓ The WHO has set a goal of 2023 to eliminate trans-fat globally during May 2018
- ✓ FSSAI – was established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006
- ✓ It comes under the of Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- **India's 1st 'Indigenous Film festival' – to be held in Odisha in February 2019**
- ✓ The festival will start in Bhubaneswar on February 19 and 20 and moves to Puri from February 21 to 23 before concluding at Niyamgiri with an interaction of Advasi communities
- ✓ Films made by indigenous people or by non-indigenous filmmakers in collaboration with the indigenous communities will be shown in the event
- **The double taxation avoidance agreement – signed between India and Hongkong Special administrative region (HKSAR) of People Republic of China – became effective**
- ✓ The agreement was originally signed on March 19, 2018 between the 2 countries
- ✓ It would promote the two-way flow of investments between both the countries

INTERNATIONAL

- **Australia – becomes the first country in the world to criminalise the act of falsely inducing Children into Orphanages as a form of ‘Slavery’**
- ✓ As per the Modern Slavery Bill passed by the Government, the ‘Orphanage Trafficking’ will be treated as a trafficking offense and slavery

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Asia Pacific Summit 2018 – begins in Kathmandu, Nepal on December 1, 2018**



- ✓ Theme - "Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universal Values"
 - ✓ Organised by - South Korea-based Universal Peace Federation and supported by the Nepal Government
 - ✓ Around 1500 participants from 45 countries are attending the two-day summit
 - ✓ Former Indian Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda is representing India at the Summit
 - ✓ The Summit began with an inaugural address by Nepal's Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli
 - ✓ This is the first international summit being held in Nepal after the 4th BIMSTEC Summit held on August 30-31, 2018
- **15th India Health Summit – was held in New Delhi**



- ✓ Organised by - Confederation of Indian industry (CII)
- ✓ Theme - 'Indian Healthcare – A Changing Paradigm'
- ✓ The highlight of the summit was the proposal of 'Heli-clinics/Helicopter clinics' by Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister – to provide special medical care to the people living in the hilly terrain of North East and Jammu and Kashmir
- **13th CII Agro Tech India – was held in Chandigarh (December 1-4, 2018)**



- ✓ Inaugurated by – Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India
- ✓ Theme - "Technology in Agriculture: Increasing Farmer's Income"
- ✓ Partner country – Great Britain
- ✓ Focus country – China and Canada
- ✓ Host states – Punjab and Haryana
- ✓ Partner ministries - Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Ministry of Food Processing Industries

PERSONALITIES

- **Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar leader – was stripped of the ‘Freedom of Paris Award’ conferred to her by the Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo**



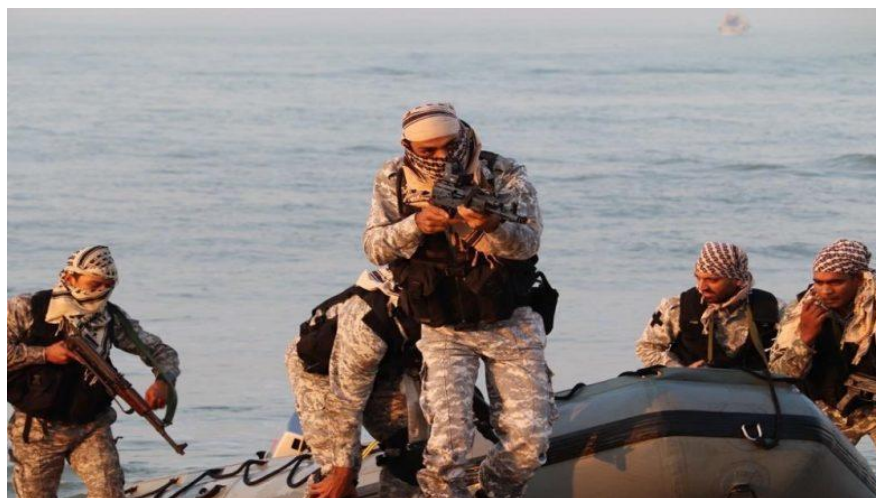
- ✓ The move is due to the failure of the Government on Myanmar’s Rohingya minority issue
 - ✓ It makes Suu Kyi as the first person to lose the freedom of French capital
 - ✓ She was already stripped of her honorary Canadian citizenship and her Amnesty International’s “Ambassador of Conscience Award”
- **4 Indian origin Women – figure in Forbes list of ‘Top 50 Female US Tech Moguls’**



- ✓ Padmasree Warrior - Former chief technology officer (CTO) of Cisco
- ✓ Komal Mangtani - Senior director at app-based cab aggregator, Uber
- ✓ Neha Narkhede - Chief technology officer and co-founder of streaming platform, Confluent
- ✓ Kamakshi Sivaramakrishnan - CEO and founder of identity-management company, Drawbridge

DEFENCE

- **Madad 2018, a massive tri-services Joint exercise – conducted off Goa and Karwar Coasts**



- ✓ The biennial exercise was coordinated by the Indian Navy's Western Naval Command in consultation with Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQIDS)
- ✓ The drill aims at fine-tuning joint war-fighting capabilities and enhancing operational synergy of the tri-services (Army, Air force and Navy)

ECONOMY

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) – had made the ‘Legal Entity Identifier’ (LEI) code mandatory for all market transactions regulated by the Bank**
- ✓ The LEI is a 20-character unique identity code assigned to entities who are parties to a financial transaction in Money markets, government securities market and Non-derivative forex market
- ✓ However they exclude individuals and transactions undertaken on recognised stock exchanges

- **RBI – has increased the interest subsidy from 3% to 5% for all MSME exporters**
- ✓ The move is aimed to boost the exports in MSME sector
- ✓ The subsidy scheme was announced in November 2018 by the government

- **Central Statistics Office (CSO) – has announced that Indian economy grown at 7.1% in the second quarter of 2018-19 (July-September)**
- ✓ This was lower than the first quarter in which GDP growth was 8.1%

OBITUARY

➤ George HW Bush Sr, former US President (94 years)



- ✓ Bush Sr was the 41st US President (1989-1993) and father of the 43rd US President, George W Bush Jr
- ✓ A one-term President, Bush Sr was a popular leader of a 32-nation coalition that dislodged Iraq from Kuwait in 1991 in 'Operation Desert Storm'
- ✓ He was a former Ambassador to UN, envoy to China, Chairman of Republican National Committee, Director of CIA (1976), 2-term Vice President under Ronald Reagon - before becoming the US President
- ✓ He ended the Cold war with Soviet Union with the signing of historic 'Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty' in 1991 with Mikhail Gorbachev
- ✓ Later, he convened the Madrid Peace Conference in 1991, bringing Israel and Arab neighbours together in face-to-face discussions for the first time in history.
- ✓ He visited India to attend Mrs Indira Gandhi's funeral and had a very close relations with the Indian Governments
- ✓ The Indian Government allowed the refueling of US military planes in Mumbai during the Gulf War, which was a big boost to the US-India relationship during his tenure
- ✓ He lost to Bill Clinton in 1992 for his second term as the US president
- ✓ During his presidential term, he saw the collapse of the Soviet Union, the end of the Cold War, the falling of Berlin Wall and unification of Germany within NATO following 45 years of post-war division.
- ✓ During his younger days, he joined US Navy just 6 months after the bombing of Pearl Harbour by Japan
- ✓ Within a year of joining the US Navy, he received his wings and officer's commission and was believed to be the Navy's youngest pilot
- ✓ Bush was elected as the 41st President of the US on November 8, 1988 defeating Democrat, Michael Dukakis
- ✓ He was sworn in on January 20, 1989 and served until January 20, 1993

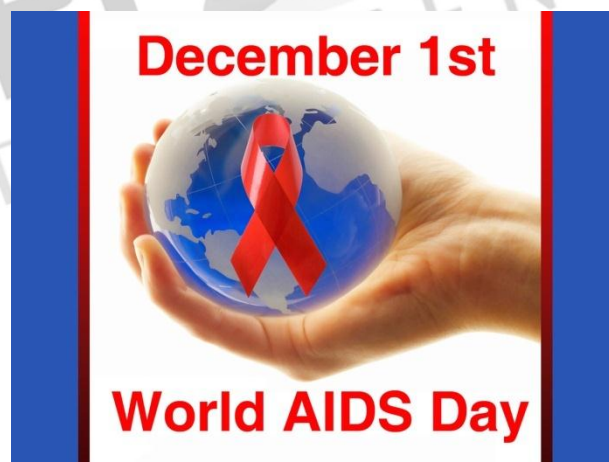
INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ World Computer Literacy Day – December 2



- ✓ The observance of the day was launched by NIIT, Indian computer training company to mark its 20th anniversary in the year 2001
- ✓ The day intends to create awareness about computer in underserved communities worldwide

➤ World Aids Day – December 1



- ✓ The day is observed since 1988, to show support for people living with HIV and also to commemorate those who have died of the disease
- ✓ Theme 2018 – 'Know Your Status'
- ✓ It was founded by UN organization, World Health Organization (WHO) as the first ever global health day

➤ **Armed Forces Week – December 1 to 7**



- ✓ The Armed Forces Flag Day was first celebrated in India on 7th of December in the year 1949
- ✓ 70th Armed Forces Flag Day will be observed on December 7, 2018
- ✓ The day celebrates the wellbeing of the staff of the Indian Armed forces by means of funds collected from all around the country

REPORT

- **‘Children, HIV and AIDS: The World in 2030’ Report – released by UNICEF (United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund)**



- ✓ The report was released ahead of World Aids Day on December 1, 2018
- ✓ The report says that around 80 adolescents will be dying of AIDS every day globally by 2030 if its transmission is not prevented immediately
- ✓ In India, around 1,20,000 children and adolescents aged 0-19 were living with HIV in India as of 2017, the highest number in South Asia
- ✓ In Pakistan, this number was 5800, followed by Nepal (1,600) and Bangladesh (less than 1,000)