EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOV 15, 2018

TAMIL NADU

- **Hon'ble Chief Minister, Edappadi K Palaniswami – launched a newborn screening facility - on the occasion of Children's day - at the Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children, Egmore**

மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திரு. எடப்பாடி கே. பழனிசாமி அவர்கள் இன்று (14.11.2018) சென்னை, எழும்பூர், குழந்தைகள் நல நிலையம் மற்றும் குழந்தைகள் அரசு மருத்துவமனையில் புதிதாக கட்டப்பட்டுள்ள நவீன இருதய சிகிச்சை அறுவை அரங்கம் மற்றும் தீவிர சிகிச்சைப் பிரிவு திறந்து வைத்தார்கள். இந்த நிகழ்ச்சியில், மாண்புமிகு துணை முதலமைச்சர் திரு.ஒ. பன்னீர்செல்வம், மாண்புமிகு மக்கள் நல்வாழ்வுத் துறை அமைச்சர் டாக்டர் சி. விஜயபாஸ்கர், மாண்புமிகு அமைச்சர் பெருமக்கள், நாடாளுமன்ற மற்றும் சட்டமன்ற உறுப்பினர்கள், தலைமைச் செயலாளர் முனைவர் கிரிஜா வைத்தியநாதன், இ.ஆ.ப., மற்றும் அரசு உயர் அலுவலர்கள் உள்ளனர்.

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- ✓ The lab will initially screen babies for Congenital Hypothyroidism and Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia
- ✓ Around 500 newborn screening tests can be performed at the lab on a single day
- ✓ According to WHO guidelines, states with low Infant Mortality Rate can start the screening for these diseases
- ✓ As Tamil Nadu's IMR is 17 per 1,000 live births, it is eligible for the screening studies
- ✓ The Rs 1 crore Pilot project of the screening to be done in Vellore for about 77000 newborns
- ✓ The Chief Minister also inaugurated a new 'amphitheatre', a modular theatre for paediatric cardio-thoracic surgeries and genetic and molecular laboratory services
- ✓ The facilities have come up at a total cost of Rs 35.46 crore.
- ✓ In addition, a thyroid testing programme for newborns was also launched at a cost of Rs 1 crore
- ✓ The hospital has entered into an agreement with Apollo Hospitals and Fortis Malar Hospital for performing surgeries for complicated cardiac anomalies
- ✓ The ICH, that was established 50 years ago with 250 beds, has 837 beds now
- ✓ As part of the golden jubilee celebrations, a new logo was released on the occasion.

- ➢ **Tamil Nadu Government – to sponsor Foreign Study trip tours – to selected students from Government schools**

- ✓ This was announced by K A Sengottaiyan, School Education Minister of the State

- ✓ During the Children's day celebrations in Chennai, he said that students — in groups of 25 — would be taken to Finland, Singapore and Malaysia, among other countries
- ✓ Totally 100 students will be selected for the trips starting from December
- ✓ During the occasion, he also said that in the coming academic year, all school uniforms would be changed and new colours would be introduced

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- ✓ He also conferred ‘Dr S R Ranganathan Award’ to the best librarians in the state as part of the National Library Week celebrations
- ✓ Dr S R Ranganathan was considered as the Father of Library science in India
- ✓ India celebrates August 12 as Librarians Day in his honour

- ➢ **Indian Institute of Sports and Fitness Sports Medicine – was inaugurated in Chennai**

- ✓ The inauguration was done by Dr Geethalakshmi, Vice chancellor, Tamil Nadu MGR Medical University

- ➢ **Tamil Nadu Government – to launch 24x7 ‘Centralised’ toll-free helpline ‘181’ for women in distress – within a week**
- ✓ It will be initially commenced in Coimbatore, Chennai, Kancheepuram, Salem and Pudukottai

SCHEMES

- ➢ **Ministry of Agriculture – launches ‘Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme’ of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)**

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- ✓ It aims to attract youth to cooperative business ventures
- ✓ The scheme will be linked to Rs 1000 crore 'Cooperative Start-up and Innovation Fund (CSIF)' created by the NCDC
- ✓ NCDC had earlier initiated Sahakar 22, a Mission for Doubling Farmers' Income by 2022

STATES

- ➢ **Delhi Police – launches 'NIPUN', an e-learning portal – to impart training and to provide updated information to its Police officers**

- ✓ The portal features various Online courses, which are designed in collaboration with UGC, FICCI, NHRC and Janaki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University
- ✓ The initiative was done under the project 'CLAP' (The Collaborative Learning and Partnership) to enable the police officers upgrade their skills and learning

- ➢ **Goa – The foundation stone for the 'All India Institute of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy' was laid by the Minister of state for Ayush, Shripad Naik at Dhargal, North Goa**

- ✓ The project will be a medical hub and will also contribute to research

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- ✓ The institute will house a 100-bed hospital, outpatient department and a research centre

- ➢ **Manipur – North East's first-ever floating 'Water handloom hut' inaugurated at Loktak lake in Imphal, Manipur**

- ✓ It is part of the 5 water handloom huts built on floating biomass at Loktak Lake in Bishnupur district
- ✓ The water handloom huts were built at the cost of Rs 75,000 each

NATIONAL

- ➢ **Ministry of Finance – to release Rs 75 commemorative coin – to mark the 75th anniversary of the hoisting of Tricolour for the first time by Netaji Subash Chandra Bose at Cellular Jail, Port Blair on December 30, 1943**

- ✓ The 35-gram coin will be composed of 50% silver, 40% copper, and 5% each of nickel and zinc

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- ✓ On the same occasion, Bose had announced freedom of Andaman & Nicobar Islands (making it first Indian Territory) from the British rule and renamed them as "Shaheed-dweep" (Martyr Island) and "Swaraj-dweep" (Self-rule Island)
- ✓ Major General, Arcot Doraiswamy Loganadan of Indian National Army (INA) was made the Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands

➢ **UNICEF- Atal Tinkering Lab Hackthon – launched jointly by UNICEF and NITI Aayog on the eve of Children's Day 2018**

- ✓ It is a 72-hour problem solving quest, which aims to encourage children towards making new innovations

INTERNATIONAL

➢ **Pink Legacy, an exceptionally rare Pink diamond of 19 carats – sold out for $50 million at an auction in Geneva**

- ✓ It has set a new World record per carat (at $2.6 million per carat) price for a Pink diamond
- ✓ The Diamond was discovered in a South African mine around a century ago and was cut in 1920's and has not been altered since

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- ✓ It once belonged to Oppenheimer family, who ran the 'De Beers' diamond mining company
- ✓ It was bought by American luxury brand 'Harry Winston', which is part of the Swiss 'Swatch' group
- ✓ The diamond was earlier referred as the 'Leonardo Da Vinci of Diamonds' and was promptly renamed as 'Winston Pink Legacy' by its new buyers

➢ **United Nations Security council – lifts the sanctions imposed against Eritrea**

- ✓ The sanctions imposed in 2009 includes asset freeze, travel ban and an arms embargo
- ✓ The sanctions were imposed because of the country's alleged support to al-Shabab militants in Somalia

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

➢ **India & UK – signs MoU for collaboration in Cancer research for the next 5 years**

- ✓ It was signed between Department of Biotechnology and Cancer Research, UK
- ✓ As per the agreement, both the countries will invest 5 million pounds for the pilot project
- ✓ The project is titled as 'India-UK Cancer Research Initiative'
- ✓ Professor David Hunter of the University of Oxford and Dr CS Pramesh of the Tata Memorial Hospital will serve as Chair and Co-chair of the India-UK Cancer Research Initiative's Advisory Panel, respectively

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CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Regional Meeting of 'World Customs Organisation' (WCO) held in Jaipur, Rajasthan**

- ✓ The 4-day meeting was attended by representatives from 33 Asian member countries
- ✓ It was jointly chaired by WCO Deputy Secretary General, Ricardo Travino and Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Chairman, S Ramesh
- ✓ WCO – Established in 1952 with its headquarters in Brussels, Belgium
- ✓ It is the only international organization that is considered as the 'voice of International customs community'

- **38th India International Trade Fair – held in Pragati Maidan in New Delhi**

- ✓ The 14-day annual event was organized by India Trade Promotion Organisation
- ✓ Theme 2018 – Rural enterprises in India
- ✓ Partner country – Afghanistan
- ✓ Focus country – Nepal
- ✓ Partner State – Jharkhand

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PERSONALITIES

- **Mumbai-based Garima Arora's 'GAA' restaurant in Bangkok,Thailand – becomes the 1st restaurant in the world run by an Indian woman Chef – to be awarded the prestigious Michelin star**

- ✓ The star ranking will earn the restaurant a proud place in 'The Michelin Guide Thailand 2019'
- ✓ She had earlier worked at Gaggan Anand's 'Gaggan' restaurant in Bangkok, which was ranked at No. 1 spot among Asia's 50 Best Restaurants for the last 7 years
- ✓ She had then set up her own venture 'GAA' restaurant in partnership with Gaggan, the Chef

ECONOMY

- **IndusInd Bank – launched the country's 1st Interactive 'Credit card' with buttons**

- ✓ The card is named 'IndusInd Bank Nexxt Credit Card'
- ✓ It was developed in association with Dynamics Inc., of USA, who designs and develops such Intelligent, battery powered payment cards
- ✓ The buttons provide multiple payment options using the card

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APPOINTMENTS

- **Neomi Jehangir Rao, Indian-American – to replace Supreme Court Justice 'Brett Kavanaugh' on the DC Circuit Court of Appeals**

- ✓ The powerful US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit is considered next to the US Supreme Court
- ✓ The nomination for Rao was proposed by the US President, Donald Trump
- ✓ If confirmed by the Senate, Rao, 45, would be the second Indian American judge after Sree Srinivasan on the DC Circuit
- ✓ Rao is currently the administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA)

- **Apple – appoints Ashish Chowdhary as the Head of its India operation**

- ✓ He is the Chief Customer Operations Officer at Nokia Networks and will leave Nokia by the end of the year
- ✓ He has 25 years of international experience in the enterprise and telecom sectors
- ✓ He has held various positions in Nokia Networks such as Chief Business Officer, Head of Asia Middle East and Africa, Head of Global Services Business Unit, etc
- ✓ He will assume his new office in January 2019

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SPORTS

- **Viswanathan Anand – wins the inaugural Tata Steel Chess India blitz tournament**

- ✓ He defeated World No 3, Hikaru Nakamura (US) to win the title with 6 wins and 3 draws in 9 rounds on the final day Play-offs in Kolkata

- **10th edition of AIBA Women's Boxing World Championships – kicks off in New Delhi on November 14, 2018**

- ✓ This is the second time India is hosting the event after 2006
- ✓ Two Indian boxers, Mary Kom (48 kg) and Sarita Devi (60 kg) were the only survivors since the First World Championships in 2006
- ✓ India had fielded a 10 member team for the event
- ✓ Mary Kom, a 5-time World championship 'Gold' medal winner and a historic 2012 Olympic 'Bronze' winner, competes in the 'Light flyweight' category
- ✓ The championships feature over 300 boxers from 72 countries
- ✓ India had won 4 Gold, 1silver and 3 bronze in 2006 event

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- **Hima Das (Assam), Sprinter – was appointed as the first ever Youth Ambassador of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) India**

- ✓ She was the first Indian athlete to win gold medal in track event at IAAF World U20 Championships held in Tampere, Finland
- ✓ In 2018 Asian Games (Jakarta), she had won silver medal in 400 m final and a Gold medal in women's 4x400 relay event
- ✓ She is also the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at any athletics meet at the world level
- ✓ She is nicknamed 'Dhing Express' after the name of her village in Assam.
- ✓ In September 2018, she was appointed as Sports Ambassador of Assam
- ✓ She works with Indian Oil Corporation in Guwahati as HR officer

- **Vrinda Rathi (Mumbai) and Janani N (Tamil Nadu) – becomes the first Indian woman umpires to officiate in U-23 CK Nayudu trophy**

- ✓ They both have cleared the BCCI Level 2 Umpires examination and are now eligible to officiate in BCCI's first class matches

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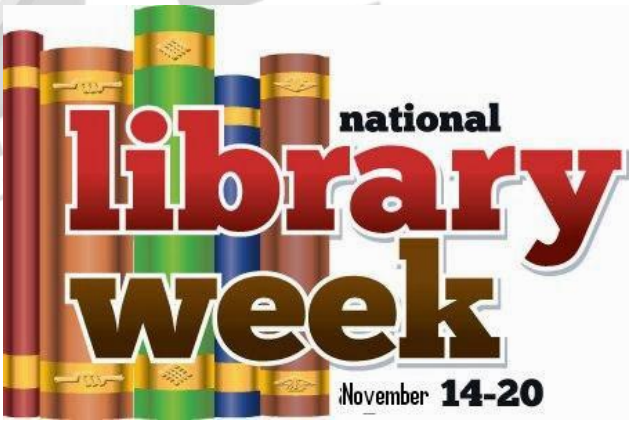
- **Odisha – signs MoU with All India Football Federation – to host National team camps in the State**

- ✓ The camps will be held at Kalinga stadium complex in Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- ✓ During the event, the state announced that it had become the new home of the I-league side, Indian Arrows

INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **National Library Week – November 14 to 20**



- ✓ It was celebrated by the Indian Library Association since 1968
- ✓ The main goal of observing the Week is to encourage the people to read in their leisure time and maintain a happy life
- ✓ During the week, various activities were conducted to let the people know about libraries
- ✓ During the celebrations, November 14 is observed as 'National Library Day'
- ✓ History of National Library Day
- ✓ Ayyanki Venkata Ramanaiah, Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Library Association organised an All India Library Meeting on 12th November, 1912 in Madras
- ✓ This meeting lead to the formation of Indian Library Association (ILA)
- ✓ Later, ILA gave prominence to the 12th November meeting and declared 14th November as National Library Day

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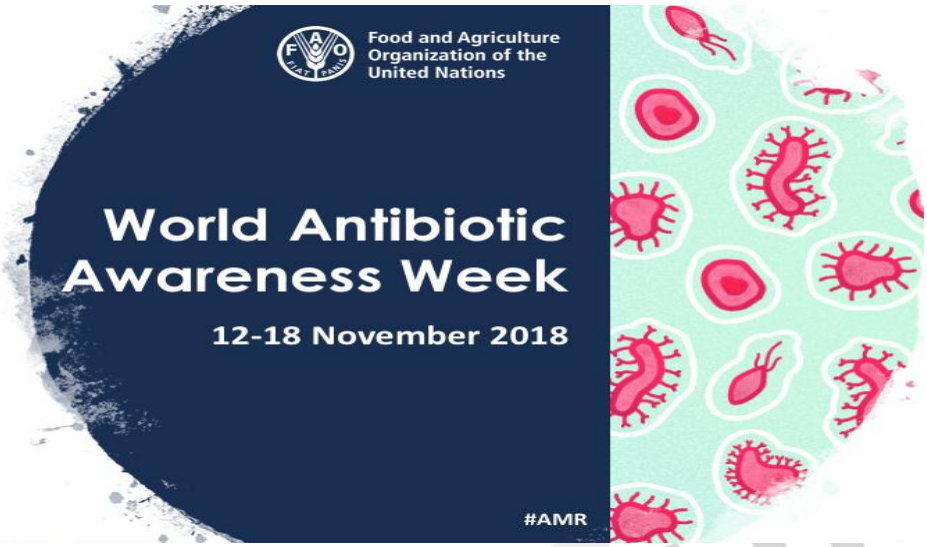
- **World Antibiotic Awareness Week – November 12 to 18**



- ✓ It is observed to increase global awareness of antibiotic resistance and to encourage best practices among the general public

OBITUARY

- **Stan Lee, legendary Writer, editor and Publisher of Marvel Comics (95 years)**

- ✓ Lee, an American, created iconic characters such as Black Panther, Spider-Man, the X-Men, the Mighty Thor, Iron Man, the Fantastic Four, the Incredible Hulk, Daredevil and Ant-Man, among countless other characters

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- ✓ Lee was responsible for making Marvel Comics from a tiny venture into World's No 1 publisher of Comic books and a multimedia giant
- ✓ In its heyday, Marvel was selling 50 million copies a year
- ✓ Until he retired from editing in 1971, Stan Lee wrote all the copy for Marvel's covers.
- ✓ In 2009, The Walt Disney Co. bought Marvel Entertainment for $4 billion
- ✓ By the time he died, he was working on making a new superhero called 'Dirt Man'

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