

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOV 24, 2018

TAMIL NADU

- **Justice Vineet Kothari – sworn in as the 61st Judge of the Madras High Court in Chennai**



- ✓ He was administered the oath by the Chief Justice of Madras High Court, VK Tahilramani.
- ✓ He will be second in the seniority list after the transfer of Justice Huluvadi G Ramesh to the Madhya Pradesh High Court
- ✓ Prior to his transfer to the Madras High Court, Kothari was a judge in the Karnataka High Court since 2016
- ✓ He had previously been a judge in the Rajasthan High Court since 2005
- ✓ He enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of Rajasthan in 1984
- ✓ He has been a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants and Institute of Company Secretaries since 1982
- ✓ He also served as a part-time faculty in the department of law at the University of Jodhpur between 1994 and 2000.
- ✓ The sanctioned strength of the Madras High Court is 75 Judges

- **Tamil Nadu – to cover all Convicted Prisoners under 2 Central Insurance schemes, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) – within the next 20 days**
- ✓ The first-of-its-kind initiative taken by the state’s Prison department would provide death benefit, accident cover and disability coverage to around 3,600 convicts in 13 central prisons in the state
- ✓ The department had also brought all the Prison staff under the cover
- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister – releases the book titled ‘Tamil Nadu Police Gallant Heroes’ at Kalaivanar Arangam in Chepauk on November 23, 2018**



- ✓ The book appreciates the lives all those police personnel who had sacrificed their lives in the line of duty
- ✓ During the event, he gave appointment orders to 6,119 personnel selected under Tamilnadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board (TNUSRB)
- ✓ It includes the appointment of Erode-based Subhashri, fifth Transgender in Tamil Nadu Police service



- ✓ The Police department already has 4 Transgenders in Service, One as Sub-inspector and three as Police Personnel

- ✓ Last year, K Prithika Yashini from Salem became the first transgender woman to become a police officer in India, taking charge as the sub-inspector

STATES

- **Gujarat – may soon have another gigantic 80-foot tall Buddha Statue in Gandhi Nagar district**



- ✓ It will be built by a Buddhist body, Sanghakaya Foundation
- ✓ Noida-based sculptor Ram Sutar, who designed the famous Statue of Unity, has been roped in for the project
- ✓ Gujarat already has the World's tallest statue, 597-feet (182 meter) tall 'Statue of Unity' inaugurated by the Prime Minister in Narmada district of the state on October 31, 2018
- ✓ Statue of Unity has been built on an island, Sadhu Bet, around 3.5 km from the Sardar Sarovar Dam in Gujarat's Narmada district
- ✓ Other proposed Tall structures
 - ✓ It has to be recalled that the proposed Andhra Pradesh Assembly building in Amaravati will be 820 feet (250 meter) tall and its final design has been submitted to the State by Britain-based architects, Norma Fosters
 - ✓ The Maharashtra Government is planning to install the 212 meter-statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji, the Maratha ruler by 2021, which will be called as 'Shiv Smarak or Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Memorial'
 - ✓ A massive 351-feet Shiva murti is being built at Nathdwara in Rajasthan, which will be inaugurated by March 2019
- **Madhya Pradesh Government – to allow pregnant women to vote without standing in queue in the assembly elections**

- ✓ The Pregnant women will have to register themselves in the 'Sugamya' portal designed by state election commission
- ✓ After registration, they will be given a special pass to vote without standing in line
- ✓ The election commission is also establishing 500 pink booths in the state for the assembly election
- ✓ These polling booths will be run by women officers and workers
- ✓ The State goes for the Assembly election on November 28 followed by the counting on December 11

NATIONAL

- **Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs – approves “Atmosphere & Climate Research-Modelling Observing Systems & Services (ACROSS)”** - for the period of 2017-2020
 - ✓ The scheme is intended to improve weather forecasting through sustained observations and research and development
 - ✓ It has nine sub schemes under the main umbrella scheme 'ACROSS' of the Ministry of Earth Sciences
- **Ministry of Women and Child development (WCD) – has empanelled 223 institutes - to conduct awareness exercises on Sexual Harassment at Workplaces**
 - ✓ These organizations will educate about the provisions of the 'Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013' in local languages
 - ✓ They will also submit quarterly reports about the programmes through SHE-Box, an online complaints portal
 - ✓ 'SHE-Box' - was launched by WCD Minister Maneka Sanjay Gandhi on November 7, 2017
- **India Meteorological Department (IMD) – develops a new technology called 'Impact Based Forecasting Approach' – to assess the rise of water level in rivers and reservoirs during rains**
 - ✓ The technology which indicates a pre-event scenario will be helpful to take real-time decisions before the natural disasters and also to monitor the impact of rains
- **Indigo – becomes the first airlines in the country – to fly 50 lakh domestic passengers in a month**
 - ✓ This feat was achieved in October 2018 when the low-cost carrier had 196 aircrafts
 - ✓ It will soon become the first Indian carrier to cross 200-mark in fleet size

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **2nd edition of India-UAE Strategic Conclave - to be held in Abu Dhabi - on November 27, 2018**



- ✓ During the conclave, key business leaders and senior government officials will initiate a dialogue to widen the scope of bilateral investments
- ✓ Indian Ambassador to the UAE, Navdeep Suri will inaugurate the conclave
- **India – to host 50th Union World Conference on Lung Health - in Hyderabad from 30 October to 2 November 2019**



- ✓ The agenda for the four-day conference was released by the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union)
- ✓ Theme 2019 - “Ending the Emergency: Science, Leadership, Action”
- ✓ It would be held after the first ever United Nations (UN) High-Level Meeting on TB and the third UN High-Level Meeting on non-communicable diseases
- ✓ The Indian government has already committed to eliminate TB in India by 2025
- ✓ The 49th edition of the conference was held this year in The Hague, Netherlands

PERSONALITIES

- **Apollo Tyres – roped in Sachin Tendulkar as its Brand ambassador for a period of five years**



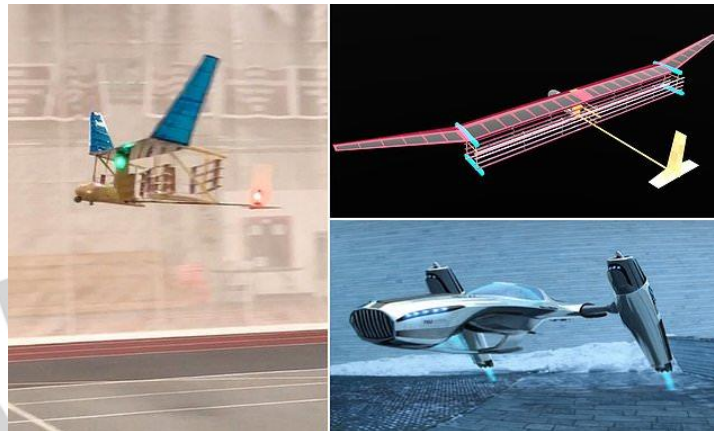
- ✓ This is for the first time that the company has announced a celebrity as the face of its brand
- ✓ Apollo tyres are the sponsors of Manchester United in English Premier League
- ✓ They are also the principal sponsor of Chennaiyin FC of Indian Super League and title sponsor of Minerva Punjab FC of I-League
- ✓ Earlier Tendulkar was associated with MRF for over 20 years, which is now endorsed by Virat Kohli
- ✓ Apart from Apollo Tyres, Sachin is also the brand Ambassador for BMW in India

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **NASA – to send out a test flight to Space through SpaceX ‘Crew Dragon’ Capsule on January 7, 2019**



- ✓ The test flight assumes significance as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is planning to send humans to space for the first time in eight years by August 2019 through SpaceX Crew Dragon
 - ✓ The SpaceX Crew Dragon can accommodate three astronauts, but will be uncrewed for its first test flight
 - ✓ This flight will be known as Demo-1 (or DM-1)
 - ✓ NASA astronauts, Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley will be the first two astronauts to test the commercial spaceflight
 - ✓ After SpaceX, Boeing is also planning for its first uncrewed test flight in March 2019 and crewed mission by December 2019
- **Scientists at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA – have developed World’s First ‘Ion Drive’ Plane with No Moving Parts**



- ✓ The design of the plane was based on a technology that was used in spacecrafts since 1960s
- ✓ As there is no moving part, the plane needs less maintenance, less noise and less exhaust
- ✓ Ion Drives function by firing out a stream of charged particles to propel the vessel forward

ECONOMY

- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance – to set up a remote sensing lab for crop insurance**
- ✓ The lab will be useful to assess the risks of insurers and provide early warning about the losses to alert the farmers
 - ✓ The lab will have equipment to scan the insured area through the use of satellites
 - ✓ HDFC ERGO was one of the first non-life insurers to use drones on a pilot basis to look into the estimated losses for the crop areas covered

APPOINTMENTS

- **Nahid Afrin (Assam), a popular singer – has been appointed as the first-ever 'Youth Advocate' of the north-eastern region by UNICEF - to fight for child rights**



- ✓ Nahid made her playback debut in the 2016 Bollywood film 'Akira' starring Sonakshi Sinha in the lead
- ✓ She received the best female playback singer award at the Assam state Film Award 2018
- ✓ The UNICEF engages 'Youth Advocates' to provide their voice as agents of change in society
- ✓ It has to be recalled that UNICEF India appointed Hima Das (Assam) as India's Youth Ambassador on 15th November, 2018

AWARDS

- **8th Forbes India Leadership Awards 2018**
- ✓ Winners
 - ✓ Lifetime Achievement Award - Azim Premji, Chairman, Wipro Limited
 - ✓ Best Company—Public Sector award - Energy Efficiency Services Limited
 - ✓ Best CEO—MNC - Sanjiv Mehta, HUL
 - ✓ Best CEO—Private Sector - Rajeev Jain, Bajaj Finance
 - ✓ Entrepreneur of the Year - Vivek Chaand Sehgal, Motherson Sumi
 - ✓ Outstanding Start-up Award - R Narayan, Founder and CEO, Power2SME
 - ✓ GenNext Entrepreneur - Adar Cyrus Poonawalla, CEO, Serum Institute of India

- ✓ Entrepreneur with Social Impact - Gayathri Vasudevan, CEO, LabourNet Services India
- ✓ Conscious Capitalist Company of the Year - Narayana Health
- ✓ Theme of the Awards - “Celebrating Achievers and their remarkable journeys against all odds”

SPORTS

- **10th edition of AIBA Women’s World Boxing Championships, New Delhi**
- ✓ **India’s Mary Kom (Manipur) and Sonia Chahal (Haryana) – enters the Final bout of their respective event categories**



- ✓ Mary Kom will take on Ukraine's Hanna Okhota in 48kg final for the record sixth Women's World Boxing Championship title and her second title win in India after 2006
- ✓ Sonia Chahal will be up against Germany's Wahner Ornella Gabriele in 57kg featherweight final
- ✓ If Mary wins the title, she will surpass Katie Taylor's tally of five world titles and equal Cuba's Felix Savon as the most successful boxer (men and women's boxing combined) in the history of World Championship
- ✓ Mary Kom had won her fifth and last World Championship title on September 18, 2010 by defeating Romania’s Steluta Duta in the Light flyweight (48kg) final
- ✓ For Sonia, this is her debut World Championship
- ✓ She had won gold in Serbia Cup last year and bronze at the Ahmet Comert tournament in Turkey this year
- ✓ This will be the first time after 2008 World Championships in Ningbo City, China - that two Indian girls will be competing for the gold medal
- ✓ Back in 2008, Mary Kom had won the light flyweight gold while Usha Nagisetty came home with a featherweight silver medal

- ✓ **Bronze medal winners**
- ✓ **Punjab's Simranjit Kaur – had settled for Bronze medal in the 64kg category**



- ✓ She lost to Chinese Dan Dou, a silver medallist in the Asian Championships last year
- ✓ The 23-year-old Simranjit was also participating in her first World Championships
- ✓ **Assam boxer, Lovlina Borgohain - had won bronze medal in 69kg welterweight category**



- ✓ She lost her semifinal bout to Chinese Taipei's Chen Nien-Chin
- ✓ **Previous performances of India**
- ✓ In the 2008 edition India won 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze
- ✓ India's best performance ever was the eight medals in 2006, including four golds

- ✓ India won four medals in 2008, two in 2010, one in 2012, two in 2014 and one in 2016
- **Indian GrandMaster B Adhiban – wins the Tournament of Peace in Zagreb, Croatia**

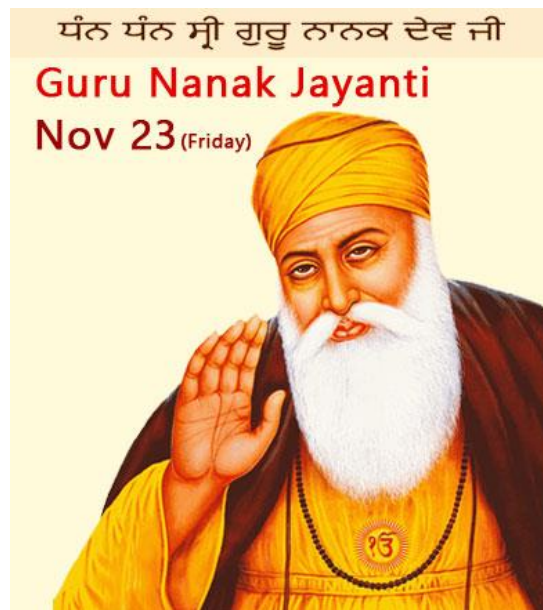


- ✓ The 26-year old player from Chennai currently has an ELO rating of 2695
- ✓ Only Viswanathan Anand, P Harikrishna, Vidit Gujrathi and Sasikiran have previously crossed 2700 mark in ELO ratings
- **Dipa Karmakar, Indian gymnast – qualified for the Vault finals – at the Artistic Gymnastics World Cup, Cottbus, Germany**



INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ 549th Guru Nanak Jayanti or GURPURAB – November 23



- ✓ The day marks the birth of the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak, who founded Sikhism
- **Communal Harmony Campaign Week – November 19 to 25**



- ✓ The week is observed by the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Home Affairs
- ✓ The celebration of the week promotes the Communal Harmony and National Integration
- ✓ The Week's last working day (November 23) was observed as the Flag Day throughout the country
- ✓ This was done to generate financial support for destitute children affected by communal violence

REPORT

➤ 6th India Skills report 2019



- ✓ Andhra Pradesh has topped the list of states with the highest employability followed by Rajasthan and Haryana
- ✓ The employability levels of B.Tech/B.E have increased across all the sectors, touching a new high of 63.11%, which remained at 42.08% last year
- ✓ The employability levels of MBA and polytechnic stood low between 47.18% and 45.90%
- ✓ Around 70% of the youth face problem due to lack of professional guidance in finding desirable jobs that worth their skills
- ✓ Around 80% of assessed candidates are willing to explore internship opportunities to get employment in reputed firms
- ✓ Around 85% candidates feel that they lack proper information or guidance to take a thought-out career decision
- ✓ Around 60% of the recruiters feel that the right candidates are not available as many of them don't possess the required skills
- ✓ The survey was a joint initiative of Wheebox, a Global Talent Assessment Company, PeopleStrong, a leading HR Tech Company and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- ✓ It was supported by acclaimed partners like United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

OBITUARY

➤ Ustad Imrat Khan, acclaimed Indian Classical Music Doyen (83 years)



- ✓ He dedicated his life to propagating the Sitar and the Surbahar worldwide
- ✓ Khan belonged to the illustrious Etawa Gharana or the Imdadkhani Gharana, named after his grandfather Ustad Imdad Khan, which traces its origins to 16th Century in Agra
- ✓ He was the younger brother of sitar maestro, Ustad Vilayat Khan
- ✓ His father was Enayat Khan, a leading sitar and surbahar player of his time, as had been his grandfather, Imdad Khan before him
- ✓ The family is credited with developing the musical instrument Surbahar, a stringed instrument, known as the "bass sitar"
- ✓ In 1961, he performed at the Edinburgh International Festival apart from concerts in Berlin and London and the first recordings for BBC radio and television
- ✓ He also performed at the Cannes Film Festival in 1970
- ✓ In 1988 Imrat Khan received a Sangeet Natak Akademi Award from the president of India
- ✓ In 2017, he refused to accept the Padma Shri award stating "It is too little and came little too late"

➤ **Fahmida Riaz, Indian-born Pakistani Poet, Urdu Writer and Human rights activist (73 years)**



- ✓ Fahmida was born at Meerut in Uttar Pradesh in the year 1945
- ✓ She worked with Radio Pakistan and BBC Urdu services
- ✓ She had always raised her voice for women rights and democracy in Pakistan
- ✓ She was associated with the Urdu publication 'Awaz'
- ✓ She lived in India in Self-exile for nearly seven years during the rule of former military dictator of Pakistan, Gen Zia-ul-Haq
- ✓ During her exile, Riaz had been a poet in residence for Jamia Millia Islamia University in New Delhi
- ✓ She authored more than 15 books on fiction and poetry
- ✓ Her first literary work 'Pather Ki Zuban' was published in 1967

