

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOV 8, 2018

TAMIL NADU

- ◆ **Tamil Nadu Government – to implement biometric attendance system for the Teachers in all the government and Government aided schools during the current Academic year**
 - ★ The GO for the same has been issued by the Government
 - ★ An outlay of Rs 15.3 crore has been allocated for the purpose
 - ★ A Pilot project for the same has been successfully implemented at Porur Girls Higher Secondary school and Perambalur Government School
- ◆ **India's first Open air Library – to come in Puthur Officers colony in Trichy**
 - ★ It will house about 2000 books and an outlay of Rs 20 lakhs has been allocated for the library by city's corporation
- ◆ **In a first of its kind, naval officers and personnel from Mozambique – are provided a 2-week training by the Coast Guard Region HQ (East) in Chennai**



- ★ The training is provided on the highly versatile indigenous Interceptor Boat
- ★ India has earlier agreed to donate 2 Interceptor boats to the Mozambique navy
- ★ The training is conducted in 2 groups of 14 personnel each and will continue till December

◆ **Russia's Volgodonsk city – names one of its streets as 'Kudankulam Alley'**



- ★ The lane is located next to the Atommash Plant, which manufactures equipment for the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant
- ★ Kudankulam nuclear power plant is jointly constructed by Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation of Russia and the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL), in Tamil Nadu
- ★ It is a subsidiary of Atomenegomash, a machine-building division of Rosatom State Atomic State Atomic Energy Corporation
- ★ Kudankulam project was first agreed in 1988 with the Soviet leadership.
- ★ The construction began in 2002 and the Plant was launched in 2013

STATES

◆ **Odisha – CM, Naveen Patnaik launches sophisticated 'Mo bus' service in the capital city of Bhubaneswar**



- ★ The technology-driven and citizen-friendly bus service has facilities like - free wi-fi, CCTV surveillance, public information display system and on board announcements
- ★ The state plans to launch about 300 such buses in 3 phases

◆ **West Bengal – to celebrate November 14 as ‘Rosogulla Day’**



- ★ The day commemorates the first anniversary of getting Geographical Indication or GI tag for the state's famous sweet, Bengal's Rosogolla
- ★ Different varieties of rosogollas would be showcased in stalls of the 'Mishti Hub' (Sweetmeat Hub), set up in one part of the Eco Park in Kolkata's New Town area
- ★ The 'Mishti hub', opened on July 5 this year, is a one of a kind in West Bengal, where renowned sweetmeat makers, including traditional ones, can come under one roof
- ★ The GI tag is a sign that identifies a product as originating from a particular place

◆ **Gujarat – is considering the renaming of Ahmedabad into ‘Karnavati’ – through the proper legal process**

- ★ This was announced by the Deputy CM of the state, Nitin Patel

NATIONAL

◆ **The 1st of its kind, Tourist Facilitation and Information Counter – was inaugurated at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi – by K.J. Alphons, Minister for Tourism**



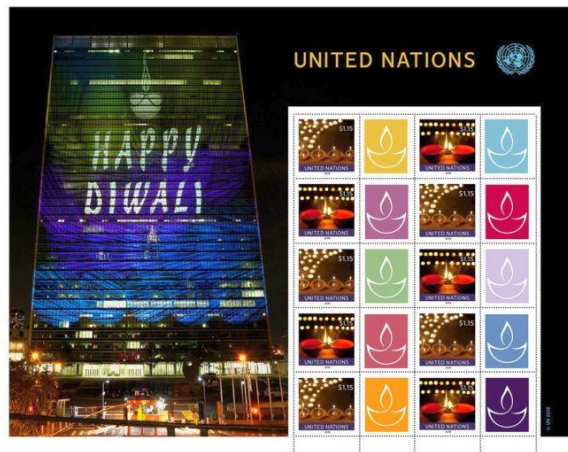
- ★ It provides round-the-clock information to the domestic and international visitors
- ★ The counter will be connected to the 24x7 Helpline – ‘1363’ of the Tourism Ministry to assist non-English speaking tourists
- ★ The Tourism Ministry is also planning to start such Facilitation Counters in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Gaya and Varanasi

◆ **Central Government and World Bank – signs Agreement with Andhra Pradesh government – to provide a loan of \$172 million to the state**

- ★ The loan intends to enhance agricultural productivity, profitability, and climate resilience of poor farmers in Andhra Pradesh
- ★ The loan is provided by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) with a maturity period of 24 years

INTERNATIONAL

◆ **United Nations Postal System – issues Special stamps – to commemorate Diwali festival**



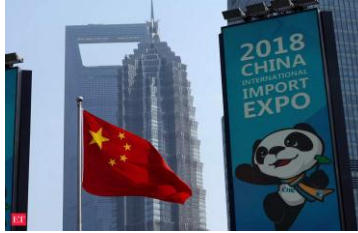
- ★ These stamps will be available in denomination of \$1.15 at UN Headquarters Post office in New York and also Online
- ★ The special event sheet contains 10 stamps with festive lights and lamps

◆ **United Nations World Food Programme – join hands with Chinese e-commerce giant, Alibaba Group – to eliminate hunger globally by 2030**

- ★ As per the agreement, Alibaba will provide its technological resources like 'Alibaba cloud' to develop 'World Hunger Map'
- ★ The map will monitor global hunger and reduce emergency reaction times
- ★ UN World food Programme – helps to provide food for those who does not get it
- ★ It was founded in 1961 after 1960 Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) Conference and has its headquarters in Rome (Italy)
- ★ It provides food support to an average of 80 million people in 75 countries every year

INDIA AND NEIGHBOURS

◆ India – participates in the China’s 1st International Import Expo in Shanghai



- ★ The 6-day expo will conclude on November 10
- ★ The expo is considered to be the world’s first import-themed national-level exhibition
- ★ It was inaugurated by Xi Jinping, Chinese President
- ★ Leaders of 18 countries, including Pakistan PM Imran Khan took part in it
- ★ The Indian delegation was led by Anup Wadhawan, Commerce Secretary
- ★ An Indian Pavilion was set up at the expo by ‘The Federation of Indian Export Organisations’ (FIEO) along with relevant government agencies
- ★ 12 countries – Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Mexico, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, Vietnam and the UK – were announced as the “Guest of Honour”

PERSONALITIES

◆ Arunima Sinha, World’s first female amputee to climb Mount Everest on 21 May 2013 - has been conferred an honorary Doctorate of the University of Strathclyde, UK



- ★ The award was in recognition of her inspirational achievements in mountaineering and her charitable work through the Arunima Foundation, which seeks to empower women, disabled people and generally improve the health and social and economic situation for poorer communities

- ★ A former Indian national volleyball player, Ms Sinha had her left leg amputated below the knee after being thrown from a train while resisting a robbery
- ★ She trained with Bachendri Pal, the first Indian women to climb the world's highest peak
- ★ In 2015, she was presented with the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian award.

ECONOMY

◆ **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust in Navi Mumbai, the country's largest Container port – is planning to host an 'Edible Oil refinery' within its premises**

- ★ The move aims to maximize its revenue by leasing out the land to the interested parties and ensuring a 'captive cargo' at the same time
- ★ A six-acre plot has already been identified for the refinery project
- ★ The raw material for the refinery will be imported from abroad and the finished products will be sent out through the sea

APPOINTMENTS

◆ **John Dugan – appointed as the new chairman of 'Citigroup'**



- ★ He succeeds Michael O'Neill, who retires at the end of 2018
- ★ John Dugan has been on Citi's board for more than a year
- ★ He was comptroller of the currency from 2005 to 2010

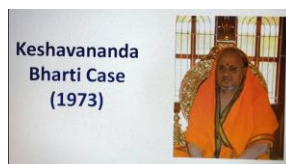
AWARDS

◆ **N Ram, Veteran Journalist and Chairman of 'Hindu Group of Publications' – was selected for prestigious 'Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award' – given by Press Council of India (PCI)**



- ★ The award will be presented on November 16, 2018, on the occasion of the National Press Day
- ★ The awards were instituted by PCI in 2012 to encourage journalists in Print journalism
- ★ **Other winners of National Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2018**
 - Rural Journalism - Ruby Sarkar, Chief Correspondent, Deshbandhu, Bhopal & Rajesh Parshuram Joshte, Daily Pudhari, Ratnagiri
 - Developmental Reporting - VS Rajesh, Deputy Editor, Kerala Kaumudhi
 - Photo Journalism-Single News - Subhash Paul, Rashtriya Sahara, Delhi
 - Photo Journalism-Photo Feature - Mihir Singh of the Punjab Kesari, Delhi
 - Best Newspaper Art, covering cartoons, caricature and illustrations - P Narasimha, Cartoon Editor, Nava Telangana, Hyderabad

◆ **Kesavananda Bharati, a legend in the history of fights for Fundamental rights – to be conferred with 'Justice VR Krishna Iyer Award'**



- ★ The award is instituted by the legal assistance and welfare (LAW) trust
- ★ He now lives at Edneer Mutt, Kasaragod
- ★ He was selected for the award based on his landmark victory in the legal fight against the state government
- ★ He was the petitioner in the historic Supreme Court case 'Kesavananda Bharati vs State of Kerala (1973) 4A SCC 25' which had introduced the basic structure doctrine of the Constitution.

- ★ The apex court had ruled the Parliament has only limited powers to amend the basic constitutional structure
- ★ The award, which carries a statuette and a cash of Rs 25,000, will be presented on Law Day which falls on November 26
- ★ The award was instituted by the Law Trust in 2015
- ★ Past awardees include Legal luminary N R Madhava Menon, former chief minister V S Achuthanandan and late advocate Neelakanta Sharma, who had donated his organs

◆ **Anupham Kher, Actor – honoured with a ‘Distinguished Fellow’ award by IndiaGlobal, a US think-tank**



- ★ The fellowship was given at the 3rd IndiaGlobal Summit was held at the prestigious MIT Sloan School of Management in Boston
- ★ Kher was the former chairman of ‘Film and Television Institute of India’ (FTII), Pune

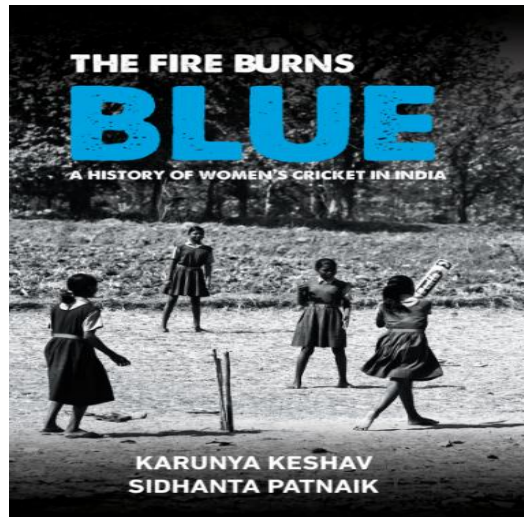
◆ **Samay Godika (16 years) - won the fourth annual “Breakthrough Junior Challenge” for 2018, a global science video competition**



- ★ He is a native of Boston and lives in India
- ★ He studies at the National Public School, Koramangala in Bengaluru
- ★ He submitted a video in the ‘Life sciences’ category on ‘Circadian rhythms’ for the US-based ‘Breakthrough Junior Challenge’
- ★ He will receive a cash prize of \$400,000 for himself, his school and his teacher

BOOKS & AUTHORS

◆ The fire burns BLUE – A History of Women's Cricket in India



- ★ The book, which speaks about the numerous 'twists and turns' of women's cricket in India, is published by Westland Sport, a new imprint of Westland Publications
- ★ It provides an elaborate narrative of the game with rare photographs, including the early days of pioneers like Diana Eduljee and Shantha Rangaswamy in the early '70s and the stars of today like Mithali Raj and Harmanpreet Kaur

◆ Notes of a Dream – The authorized biography of A R Rahman



- ★ The biography of Oscar winning musician A R Rahman was launched in Mumbai in association with Landmark and Penguin Random House
- ★ The book provides an insight into the musical journey of Rahman and unveils portions of his creative and personal life too

OBITUARY

◆ V Rathinam, veteran freedom fighter and a member of Indian National Army (INA)



- ★ He was 99 years old while passing away on November 3, 2018
- ★ He was born in S. Kodikulam in Paramakudi block, Ramanathapuram on August 16, 1919
- ★ He had gone to Burma and joined the INA led by Nethaji Subash Chandra Bose, during the Second World War in 1940s
- ★ After inducted into the INA, he had fought against the British and imprisoned several times
- ★ He had been regularly attending the Independence Day celebrations, organised by the district administration
- ★ The Centre had honoured Mr. Rathinam with a monthly pension of more than ₹26,000, while the State government paid a token pension of ₹1,000

REPORT

◆ International Society of Women Airline Pilots - Report released

- ★ India has twice the Global average and the highest % of Women pilots in the World



★ **Airlines with Most Women Pilots employed in India**

- Zoom (Delhi) – 30% (The highest % of women pilots in the world)
- Indigo – 13.9%
- SpiceJet – 13.2%
- Air India – 12.7%
- Jet Airways – 12.4%

★ **Airlines with Most Women female Captains**

- United Airlines (US) – 299
- American Airlines (US) – 152
- Southwest airlines (US) – 121
- Indigo – 118
- Jet Airways – 100

