

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCT 24, 2018**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- **Government – announces that the ‘Status’ of the Property Registration documents can be checked ‘Online’ in future**
- ✓ The facility is available on ‘<https://tnreginet.gov.in>’, which can be accessed through the link 'Document status' by providing the document number
- ✓ The facility will be available for documents created from October 19, 2018

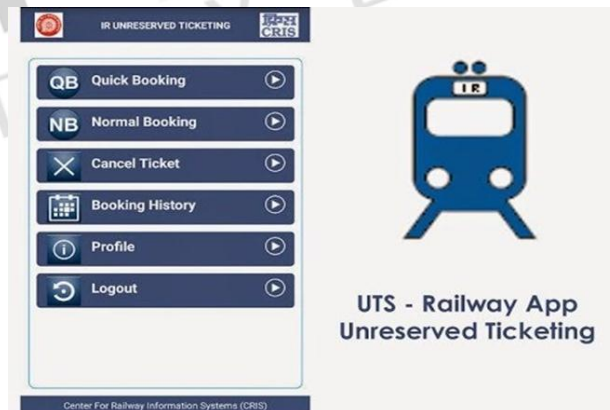
### **NATIONAL**

- **Prime Minister – to launch “Main Nahin Hum” Portal and App on October 24, 2018**



- ✓ The portal, which works on the theme “Self4Society”, will enable IT professionals and organizations to put their efforts towards social causes in a single platform
- **NABARD and Ayurvet Research Foundation – signs MoU for integrated Agricultural and Rural development initiatives in Haryana**
- ✓ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) will tie up with Delhi based Ayurvet – to provide solutions for various developmental challenges faced in Haryana

- **NASSCOM – enters into partnership with Hiroshima Government - for co-creating a ‘Japan-India IT Corridor’ in Hiroshima**
- ✓ National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) is the Indian IT industry’s Apex body
- ✓ The project will be formally initiated by early 2019
- ✓ The initiative provides a gateway to the collaboration between Indian and Japanese IT & software companies
  
- **Kendriya Vidyalaya and Navodaya Vidyalaya students – to greet teachers and friends in 22 recognized Indian languages for 22 consecutive days beginning October 31, 2018**
- ✓ The initiative is a part of a nationwide programme to celebrate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
  
- **Election Commission of India – to ask the parties to submit Poll manifestos within 3 days of its publication**
- ✓ This is a first of its kind directive by the Election Commission
- ✓ It also asks the parties to refrain from announcing any promises that cannot be fulfilled
  
- **Indian Railways – to launch its ‘UTS Mobile App’ nationwide for buying ‘Unreserved tickets online’ from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2018**



- ✓ The scheme was launched in Mumbai in 2014 and later expanded to Delhi-Palwal and Chennai city
- ✓ As of now, the Railways has already implemented the scheme in 15 of its zones with the North east Frontier Railway and West Central Railway being the remaining two zones.
- ✓ UTS mobile app can be used to book train tickets and to buy platform tickets and monthly passes

# INTERNATIONAL

- **Paul Biya – won the record 7<sup>th</sup> term as the ‘President of Cameroon’ with thumping majority**



- ✓ The 85 year old veteran has been ruling the country since 1982

# INDIA AND NEIGHBOURS

- **India & China – signs agreement on Internal security cooperation**
- ✓ It is the 1<sup>st</sup> such agreement between the two neighbours



- ✓ Signatories
  - ✓ Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister
  - ✓ Zhao Kezhi, State Councilor and Minister of Public Security, China

# COMMITTEES

- **A 6-member panel – was set up to look into the resolution of Stressed Assets of Banks**
- ✓ The committee includes –
  - ✓ Janki Ballabh (former Chairman, State Bank of India)
  - ✓ MBN Rao (former Chairman & Managing Director, Canara Bank )
  - ✓ M Damodaran (former Chairman, SEBI)
  - ✓ HR Khan (former Deputy Governor, RBI)
  - ✓ A senior Tata Group executive with expertise in the power sector
  - ✓ A Bombay High Court Judge
- ✓ The appointment of the panel was earlier recommended by the Sunil Mehta (Non-Executive Chairman of Punjab National Bank) Committee on restructuring stressed assets

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

### ➤ STAPCOR – 2018 – An International Conference on Status and Protection of Coral Reefs – begins at Bangaram Island, Union Territory of Lakshadweep



- ✓ The 3-day conference, starting on October 24, was inaugurated by Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- ✓ About 150 delegates, both International and National, are participating in the event
- ✓ Theme - *“Reef for Life”*
- ✓ It has to be recalled that International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) has declared year 2018 as ‘International Year of the Reef’
- ✓ Great Barrier Reef, located in Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland in north-east Australia is largest Coral reef in the world
- ✓ The major reef formations in India are restricted to Gulf of Mannar, Gulf of Kachchh, Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands
- ✓ Corals are often called “Rainforests of the sea”
- ✓ They occupy less than 0.1% of world’s ocean area, but provides home for at least 25% of all marine species

### ➤ SIAL Paris Exhibition – starts in Paris, France



- ✓ The 5-day expo, between October 21 and 25, is the world’s largest Food innovation exhibition
- ✓ 45 Indian companies are participating in the exhibition with a special Indian pavilion set up by ‘Trade Promotion Council of India’ (TPCI)
- ✓ It is the world’s leading exhibition of food service products with more than 7020 French and international exhibitors from 109 countries displaying their foodstuffs
- ✓ It was launched in 1964 in Paris and held thereafter in every 2 years
- ✓ The exhibition is famous for culinary demonstrations by famous chefs every day

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Indian scientists – develop a Skin ‘Gel’ – to prevent pesticides absorbed into the body**
  - ✓ It was developed by a team led by Dr. Praveen Kumar Vemula from the Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, Bengaluru
  - ✓ Active ingredients of the Pesticides are attached to ‘Chitosan’ (a substance found in the hard outer shells of crab and shrimp) so that they are not absorbed by the skin
- **Physicists from Belarus – discovers new drug ‘Bedaquiline’ to treat drug-resistant Tuberculosis**
  - ✓ The trials of the drug has delivered a success rate of 80% and is hailed as the ‘Game changer’ in the treatment of TB

## APPOINTMENTS

- **Government – appoints M Nageshwar Rao as the Director of the ‘Central Bureau of Investigation’ (CBI) with immediate effect**



- ✓ He is presently working as Joint Director at the CBI
- ✓ Alok Verma, the incumbent Director of CBI was removed from his post on October 23, 2018
- ✓ Verma took over the post in 2016 for a period of 2 years and is due to retire in December 2018

- **Suresh Nambath, Senior Journalist – appointed as the next editor of ‘The Hindu’**



- ✓ He succeeds Mukund Padmanabhan, who has been the Editor since March 2016
- ✓ Nambath has been working with the newspaper for the last 22 years
- ✓ He was working as the National editor of ‘The Hindu’ since October 2015
- ✓ His appointment will be effective from March 1, 2019

- **Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Daughter of Shiv Nadar – appointed as Vice Chairman of the board of Directors of HCL Technologies**



- ✓ HCL is the country's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest IT Company
  - ✓ Shiv Nadar is the founder of the \$8.2 billion group, HCL Technologies
  - ✓ Roshni, 36, is the current CEO and executive director of HCL Corporation, a holding company which controls HCL Tech, HCL Infosystems and HCL Healthcare
  - ✓ She has also been a Non-executive Director of HCL Tech, a position she continues to hold since 2013
- **K N Radhakrishnan – appointed as Director and CEO at TVS Motors - for a period of five years commencing starting 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2018**



- ✓ He is an alumnus of IIT-Madras and Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad
- ✓ He started his career in Sundaram Clayton in 1986 as a Management Trainee and soon became the head of Business Planning and TQM for the group
- ✓ In 2004, he was promoted as executive VP of TVS Motor and in 2008 as its president
- ✓ Under his leadership TVS has become the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest selling two wheeler brand in India

# AWARDS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi – awarded the prestigious ‘2018 Seoul Peace Prize’ – for his contribution to International peace through his economic vision titled ‘Modinomics’



Raveesh Kumar ✓  
@MEAIndia



The world acknowledges.

PM @narendramodi awarded prestigious Seoul Peace Prize 2018 for contribution to high economic growth in India and world through 'Modinomics', contribution to world peace, improving human development & furthering democracy in India.

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- ✓ He is the fourteenth recipient of this award.
- ✓ The award will be presented to him by ‘Seoul Peace Prize Foundation’ at a later date
- ✓ PM Modi was chosen for the award among 1300 nominations
- ✓ The Seoul Peace Prize was instituted in the year 1990 to commemorate success of the 24th Olympic Games held in Seoul, South Korea
- ✓ The awardee receives a diploma, a plaque and honorarium of \$200,000
- ✓ The first recipient of the award is Juan Antonio Samaranch (Spain), former President of International Olympic Committee
- ✓ The previous notable winners of the award includes Kofi Annan (1998), Mohammad Yunus (2006), Ban Ki-moon (2012), Angela Merkel (2014), Denis Mukwege (2016) etc.,

- **Former Prime Minister, HD Deve Gowda – conferred with Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti Award** – on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti - in Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, Karnataka



- ✓ He is awarded for his contribution to the welfare of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes communities
  - ✓ The award will be given by Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy
  - ✓ HD Deve Gowda served as the 11th Prime Minister of India from June 1, 1996 to April 21, 1997
  - ✓ He was also the 14th Chief Minister of Karnataka from 1994 to 1996
- **Miss Deaf Asia 2018, Prague**
  - ✓ **Nishtha Dudeja (India) – wins the Miss Deaf Asia 2018 Pageant**





- ✓ She is the first Indian to have won any title at the Miss Deaf World Pageant
  - ✓ Prior to this title, Nishtha had also won the Miss Deaf India title on February 26, 2018 in Jaipur
  - ✓ She is the brand ambassador for Sivantos India Pvt Ltd. (Formerly Siemens hearing Instruments Pvt Ltd.), the World's leading brand of hearing aids
  - ✓ She had also participated in Deaflympics 2013 (held in Sofia, Bulgaria), World Deaf Tennis Championship 2015 (held in Nottingham, UK) and Deaflympics 2017 (held in Samsun, Turkey)
- **Athletics Federation of India - to be awarded the FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) India Sports Awards 2018**
  - ✓ The award will be in the category of Best National Sports Federation (NSF)
  - ✓ The Jury for the awards was chaired by Justice (Retd) Mukul Mudgal

## SPORTS

- **Baba Indrajith – appointed as Tamil Nadu captain for the 2018-19 Ranji Trophy season**



- ✓ He replaces Abhinav Mukund, who led Tamil Nadu last season
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Elite Men's National Boxing Championship – to be held in Pune between Oct 27 and Nov 2, 2018**
  - ✓ It will have the participation of nearly 360 Boxers in 10 Categories from 36 teams of various States/Services
  - ✓ Boxing Federation of India will shortlist boxers for National Camps and next year's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments based on this event
  - ✓ It is organised by Army Sports Institute, Pune under the aegis of Services Sports Control Board

# RANKINGS

- **Google Play Download Rankings – Released by App Annie, a mobile app analytics firm**
- ✓ The study was done on the occasion of Google Play's 10th anniversary
- ✓ App Downloads



## Top Markets by All-Time Google Play Downloads

Rank		Country	Downloads (Billions)
1		India	36.9
2		United States	35.1
3		Brazil	25.2
4		Russia	15.9
5		Indonesia	14.6
6		Mexico	12.7
7		South Korea	12.5
8		Turkey	10.5
9		Thailand	8.1
10		Germany	7.7











Note: All-Time refers to Google Play downloads from January 2012 to August 2018. Google Play is not available in China

- ✓ India tops Google Play Store downloads in last 7 years- between January 2012 and August 2018
- ✓ On an annual basis, India became the No. 1 downloader from Google Play Store in 2016
- ✓ The US and Brazil were ahead of India before 2016
- ✓ The country is No. 2 when both Google Play Store and Apple iOS Store downloads are taken into account, with China leading the rankings
- ✓ India beat the US to take the second slot in 2017, even though China and the US are big Apple markets, unlike India

✓ App Purchases



### Top Markets by All-Time Google Play Consumer Spend

Rank	Country	USD (Billions)
1	 Japan	\$25.1
2	 United States	\$19.3
3	 South Korea	\$11.2
4	 Germany	\$3.1
5	 Taiwan	\$2.7
6	 United Kingdom	\$2.3
7	 France	\$1.8
8	 Australia	\$1.3
9	 Canada	\$1.2
10	 Hong Kong	\$1.1

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- ✓ Japan ranks the highest, spending a whopping \$25.1 billion, followed by US (\$19.3 billion)
- ✓ India is not in the top 10 in the rankings of Purchases
- ✓ As per the report, Indians don't spend much money on apps — they prefer free apps and avoid in-app purchases

✓ App Installations

- ✓ Australians topped the list, installing on average as many as 103 apps and using 39 apps actively each month
- ✓ They are followed by Americans, who install 102 apps and use 37 actively
- ✓ South Koreans are third on the list, who install 100 apps and use 40 actively
- ✓ India ranks at 11<sup>th</sup> place with an average download of 62 apps on their mobiles and active use of 35 apps

## ✓ Popular Apps



### Top Games by All-Time Worldwide Consumer Spend

Rank	App	Company	Company Headquarters
1	Puzzle & Dragons	GungHo Online Entertainment	Japan
2	Monster Strike	mixi	Japan
3	Clash of Clans	Supercell	Finland
4	Candy Crush Saga	Activision Blizzard	United States
5	Fate/Grand Order	Sony	Japan
6	Lineage M	NCSOFT	South Korea
7	Pokémon GO	Niantic	United States
8	Lineage 2 Revolution	Netmarble	South Korea
9	Game of War - Fire Age	MZ	United States
10	Clash of Kings	Elex Technology	China

Note:

- All-Time refers to Google Play consumer spend from January 2012 to August 2018, Worldwide excluding China
- Analysis excludes consumer spend from pre-installed apps
- Company displays the current owner of the listed app. It does not include companies that have previously owned the app

- ✓ As per the report, the all-time most popular games globally were Subway Surfers, Candy Crush Saga, My Talking Tom, Pou, Temple Run 2 and Fruit Ninja.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY

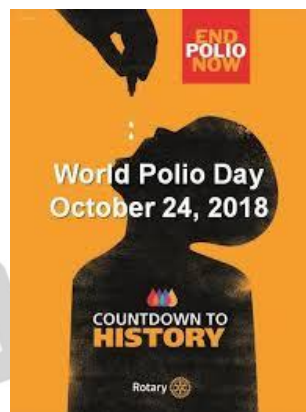
### ➤ Valmiki Jayanthi (Pargat Diwas) – October 24



- ✓ Valmiki is revered as the first poet of Sanskrit literature
- ✓ He is the author of the epic Ramayana which consists of 24,000 verses and 7 cantos (Kandas) including the Uttara canto
- ✓ Valmiki is also known as Maharishi Valmiki and considered as the Adi Kavi, the first poet of Sanskrit language

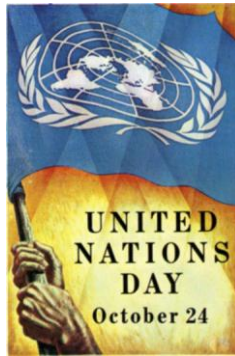
- ✓ As per Hindu lunar calendar, his Jayanti is celebrated on Ashwin Purnima (full moon night in the Hindu month of Ashwina)
- ✓ The day is also referred to as Pragat Diwas
- ✓ The biggest temple of Rishi Valmiki 'The Maharishi Valmiki temple' is in Thiruvanmiyur in Chennai
- ✓ It is believed to be 1300 years old
- ✓ It is located on the East Coast Road and the area is called 'Valmiki Nagar'
- ✓ It is believed that after writing Epic Ramayana, Maharishi Valmiki rested at the spot and later 'The Maharishi Valmiki temple' was built
- ✓ Each year, the Brahmadosavam festival is celebrated in the month of March

### ➤ **World Polio Day – October 24**



- ✓ The day is observed globally to generate awareness for the eradication of polio, as well as to honour the efforts of employees of World Health Organization (WHO) and other organisations committed to the cause
- ✓ The occasion commemorates the birth of American medical researcher and virologist Jonas Salk, who discovered the first successful vaccine (IPV) for poliomyelitis or polio in 1955
- ✓ Theme 2018 - '*End Polio Now*'
- ✓ Polio is a highly infectious viral disease, which mainly affects young children
- ✓ It has no cure but can be prevented through immunization
- ✓ As per WHO, 'Global Polio Eradication Initiative' (Established in 1988) has eradicated Polio by 99%
- ✓ As of today, only 3 countries in the world, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria have still reported the disease
- ✓ There are 2 forms of vaccine available to eradicate polio - oral polio vaccine (OPV) and inactivated polio vaccine (IPV)
- ✓ OPV was developed by Albert Sabin
- ✓ India received Polio-free certification along with the entire South-East Asia Region of WHO (World Health Organisation) on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014 by WHO

➤ **United Nations Day – October 24**



- ✓ The day marks the anniversary of UN Charter's entry into force in 1945
  - ✓ It is celebrated on October 24 since 1948
  - ✓ In 1971, United Nations General Assembly recommended this day to be observed by Member States as a public holiday
  - ✓ Theme 2018 - *"Traditions of Peace and Non-violence"*
- **World Development Information Day – October 24**



- ✓ On 24 October 1970, the International Development Strategy for the 2<sup>nd</sup> United Nations Development Decade was adopted
- ✓ The day is observed since 1972, coinciding with the United Nations day
- ✓ The day highlights development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them

