

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEP 18, 2018

### TAMIL NADU

- ◆ **Chennai corporation – to collect the revised Property tax from Sep 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**
  - ★ The last date for submitting the self-declaration form was extended earlier to Sep 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - ★ The property tax was last revised in Chennai in 1998 and except Chennai, all urban local bodies revised the tax in 2008
- ◆ **Tamil Nadu – to take up 1<sup>st</sup> tech-aided livestock census**


**FOR THE RIGHT COUNT**

This is the first-time breed-wise data will be collected

**HOW IT WORKS**

- National Informatics Centre has created an app
- People have been trained for the census
- Data will be verified by 795 veterinarians
- Using a tablet will help in getting accurate data
- Farm equipment of livestock owners will also be recorded

**4,683** livestock inspectors and artificial insemination workers will collect data



- ★ The census will be done with the help of a tablet, clicking photographs of livestock on various localities

◆ **Tamil Nadu – gets 8 individual ‘Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar’ for best practices in industry for the year 2016**



- ★ It includes 7 awards to BHEL employees and 1 award to Salem Steel plant employees
- ★ Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment gave away 28 Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar (VRP) shared by 139 individuals and 128 National Safety Awards (NSA) for the performance year 2016 at a special function at New Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2018
- ★ The Ministry of Labour & Employment has been operating the “Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar” (Previously known as Shram Vir National Awards) and “National Safety awards” since 1965

◆ **Tamil Nadu and France – signs MoU for Cultural exchange programmes between them**

- ★ This was announced by K Pandiarajan, Min for Tamil Development

## STATES

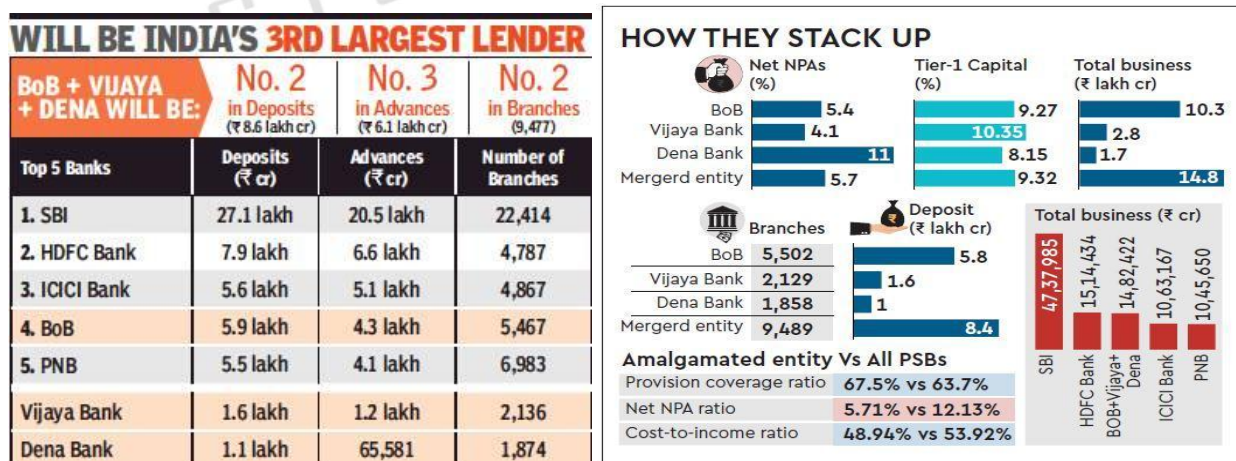
- ◆ **Delhi – signs MoU with ‘Seoul Metropolitan Government’ for cooperation in the fields of environment, tourism, waste water and solid waste management, infrastructure and public health**



- ★ The Mou on the 'Friendship and Cooperation Agreement' was signed by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Seoul mayor Park Won-Soon in Seoul, the capital of South Korea
- ★ The Delhi Master Plan aims to have 80% public transport patronage by 2021 to combat pollution

## NATIONAL

- ◆ **Government – proposes the merger of Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank**



- ★ The new merged entity will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Largest bank in the country with a total business of about Rs 14.82 lakh crore, after SBI and HDFC bank

- ★ The 'merger' is carried out as part of the 'Alternative mechanism' proposed by the committee under Arun Jaitley, Min of finance
- ★ Other members of Alternative Mechanism included Railway Minister Piyush Goyal and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
- ★ With this merger, the number of public sector banks in the country will come down to 19
- ★ It has to be recalled that Dena Bank is currently under the 'Prompt Corrective Action' framework and has been restrained from further lending
- ★ The Bank of Baroda has nation-wide network, while Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank are more regionally focused
- ★ It has to be recalled that SBI had merged State Bank of Bikaner, State Bank of Mysore, State Bank of Patiala, State Bank of Travancore and State Bank of Hyderabad in 2017 and took over Bharatiya Mahila Bank, a state-run bank for women
- ★ The Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) is also in process to take over the management control of the IDBI Bank
- ★ The consolidation of Public sector banks is done mainly due to the mounting Non- performing assets
- ★ At present, there is only a single Indian bank, SBI, in the top 50 global banks list

◆ **India's 1<sup>st</sup> Smart-fence Pilot project – inaugurated by Rajnath singh, Union Home Minister – along the India-Pakistan International Border in Ploura, Jammu and Kashmir**



- ★ The initiative has been taken up by the Border Security Force (BSF), as part of their comprehensive integrated border management system

- ★ The project boasts of deploying of laser-activated fences, technology-enabled barriers,
- ★ automated surveillance technology and alarm detection systems
- ★ It has 2 border fencing projects, each covering a 5.5 km stretch along the International Border (IB) in Jammu
- ★ One of the smart fence was developed by a Slovenian company and the other one has been developed by an Indian company

◆ **Prakash Javadekar, Minister for HRD – to confer ‘Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2017-18’ on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in New Delhi – as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign launched by PM Narendra Modi on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

- ★ The award has been extended, for the first time this year, to private schools besides government and government aided schools.
- ★ Schools were rated through a transparent mechanism on five broad parameters – Water, Toilet, Hand washing with Soap, Operations and Maintenance, and Behaviour Change and Capacity Building
- ★ 4 States (Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh) and 9 districts (Pondicherry, Srikakulam, Chandigarh, Hisar, Karaikal, Latur, Nellore, South Goa, Vadodara) will also be awarded with ‘Certificate of Recognition’ for having maximum number of schools awarded with ‘National Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar’
- ★ The Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar was launched in 2016-17 to honour the schools that have done exemplary work in the field of water, sanitation and hygiene

◆ **National Health Agency – inaugurates a website and helpline number - to check the enrolment of the beneficiaries for Ayushman Bharat — National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM)**

- ★ The website is ‘[mera.pmjay.gov.in](http://mera.pmjay.gov.in)’ and the helpline is ‘14555’

- ★ Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) – is the flagship insurance scheme of the Government - which aims to provide a coverage of Rs 5 lakh per family annually and benefit more than 10 crore poor families
- ★ It will be rolled out from Jharkhand on September 23 by the PM, Narendra Modi

## SUPREME COURT VERDICT

### ◆ Supreme court – lifts the ban and allows the sale of 3 Fixed Dose combination drugs, Saridon, Piriton cough expectorant and Dart

- ★ These companies argued that the medicines were manufactured before 1988 and thus should be exempted from the banned list of 328 fixed-dose combination (FDC) drugs
- ★ The Fixed Dose Combination drugs are two or more drugs combined in a fixed ratio into a single dosage form, thereby reducing the number of drugs to be taken everyday

## INTERNATIONAL

### ◆ Germany – rolls out World's first Hydrogen-powered Passenger train 'iLint'



- ★ It was manufactured by French company, Alstom and does not produce any emissions and noise
- ★ These trains are equipped with 'fuel cells' that produce electrical power by combining Hydrogen with oxygen

- ★ The excess energy is stored in the 'Lithium-ion' batteries within the train
- ★ These trains can be refueled at stations and can run for 1000km on a single full capacity of Hydrogen
- ★ The only disadvantage of these trains is their high investment

◆ **The iconic 'Time magazine' is sold by 'Meredith Corporation' to 'Marc Benioff' and his wife, Lynne – for a sum of \$190 million in cash**



- ★ Marc Benioff is the chairman, co-CEO and co-founder of Salesforce, a global software company

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S INTERNATIONAL VISIT**

◆ **India and Malta – signs 3 MoU's in the fields of Maritime Cooperation, Tourism and Training**



- ★ The signing of agreements was followed by the high level talks between Vice President Venkaiah Naidu and President of Malta, Ms. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca
- ★ Vice president is currently on the visit to 3 European countries, Serbia, Malta and Romania

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- ◆ **1<sup>st</sup> ever India Tourism Mart – inaugurated in New Delhi by Piyush Goyal, Minister for Railways and Coal in the presence of Union Tourism Minister, Shri K J Alphons and the Tourism Minister of Morocco, Mr. Mohamed Sajid**



- ★ Organised by – Ministry of tourism, in partnership with the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality and State/UT Governments
- ★ Duration – Sep 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## APPOINTMENTS

- ◆ **Prashant kumar – takes charge as the Chief Financial officer of State Bank of India**



- ★ He took over from Anshula Kant, who has been promoted as Managing Director of SBI recently
- ★ Prior to this appointment, Kumar was the Deputy Managing Director (HR) & Corporate Development Officer of SBI



- ◆ **Moutaz Mousa Abdallah – was elected as Sudan’s new Prime Minister**



## AWARDS

- ◆ **Indian Overseas Bank’s Hindi journal ‘Vani’ wins ‘Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar’ Award**

- ★ The award was conferred by the Vice president, Venkaiah Naidu

## SPORTS

- ◆ **Eliud Kipchoge, Kenyan runner – sets new World record at Berlin Marathon for the new fastest timing of 2 hours, 1 minute and 40 seconds**



- ★ The earlier record of 2:02:57 was set by fellow Kenyan, Dennis Kimetto, four years ago, also in Berlin
- ★ He now holds the Guinness World Records title for Fastest marathon (male) as well as the Fastest time to run the Berlin marathon (male)

## ◆ 32<sup>nd</sup> Ahmet Comert Boxing Tournament, Istanbul, Turkey

- ★ Indian women boxers finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the tournament, winning 7 medals (3 Gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze)



- ★ India's Bhagyabati Kachari received the most scientific boxer of the tournament award



◆ **Indian winners**

Sl. No.	Category	Medal	Name
1	Light Fly (48kg)	Gold	Monika Monika
2	Light Welter (64kg)	Gold	Simranjit Kaur Baatth
3	Light Heavy (81kg)	Gold	Bhagyabati Kachari
4	Fly (51kg)	Silver	Pinki Rani
5	Bantam (54kg)	Silver	M.Kumari Devi Maisnam
6	Light (57kg)	Bronze	Sonia Sonia
7	Super Heavy (+81kg)	Bronze	Kavita Cehahal

◆ **Virat Kohli (cricket) and Mirabhai Chanu (weight lifting) – nominated for this year’s Rajiv Gandhi ‘Khel Ratna’ award**



# The recommendations

**Khel Ratna:** Virat Kohli (cricket), Mirabai Chanu (weightlifting)

## Arjuna awards:

Neeraj Chopra, Jinson Johnson, Hima Das (*all athletics*), Sikki Reddy (*badminton*), Satish Kumar (*boxing*), Smriti Mandhana (*cricket*), Manpreet Singh, Savita Punia (*both hockey*), Col. Ravi Rathore (*polo*), Ankur Mittal, Rahi Sarnobat,

Shreyasi Singh (*all shooting*), G. Sathiyam, Manika Batra (*both table tennis*), Sumit (*wrestling*), Rohan Bopanna (*tennis*), Pooja Kadiyan (*wushu*), Shubhankar Sharma (*golf*), Ankur Dham (*para athletics*), and Manoj Sarkar (*para badminton*)

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