EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOV 9, 2018

TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu's first Sensory Park for Special children – to come up in Santhome, Chennai from November 14**
  - ✓ It will provide a sensory experience to the Blind, complete with 3D art
  - ✓ It was developed as part of Smart city mission for the city, at a budget of Rs 1.37 crore

- **Government Kasturba Gandhi Hospital, Triplicane, Chennai – gets radio frequency identification (RFID) tagging system** – to prevent baby thefts

- ✓ The hospital becomes the 2nd hospital in the city after the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Egmore to get the facility
- ✓ Health Minister C Vijaya Bhaskar inaugurated the RFID facility along with other facilities — Fertility Research Centre, Breast Milk Bank and Antenatal Wellness Centre
- ✓ The Hospital will also start the Intrauterine Insemination (IUI), an expensive fertility treatment for the people from deprived economic background

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STATES

- **Bihar Cabinet – has approved the proposal to pay Rs 25000 to every girl graduating in 2018 and onwards**
  - ✓ The one-time payment will be made to every girl graduating on or after April 25, 2018, irrespective of their community, Pass division or region
  - ✓ An outlay of Rs 300 crore has been allocated for the proposal
  - ✓ The scheme is part of the overall plan of the state Government to provide Rs 54000 to every girl, from the birth till the graduation

- **Odisha Government – constitutes a 3 member Ministerial committee – to address the issues of the Farmers**
  - ✓ The committee will be headed by its Finance Minister, Shashi bhusan behera

- **Meghalaya – announces an investment of Rs 378 crore in Aqua Mission 2.0 starting from April 2019**
  - ✓ Mission 2.0 aims to address the 15,000 Metric Tonne shortfall of fish production in the state within the next 5 years from April 2019
  - ✓ The Centre already sanctioned Rs 51 crore under the Blue Revolution Scheme
  - ✓ The Meghalaya State Aqua Mission 1.0 has increased production of fish from 0.9 million in 2012 to 9.69 million in 2017 to meet the demand

NATIONAL

- **Women and Child Development Ministry – had launched** "**Mahila-E-Haat**", an online marketing portal - for promoting the Organic products of women farmers and entrepreneurs

- ✓ It was launched during the 5th edition of "Women of India National Organic Festival, 2018" held in New Delhi

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- **India – signs a deal with 4 Global agencies to tackle Air pollution in 102 worst affected cities in the country**
- ✓ The agencies are – **World Bank, German Development Agency (GIZ), Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Bloomberg Philanthropies**
- ✓ The tie-up is part of the Government's plan to finalize the country's National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) for the 102 cities, which do not meet the national ambient air quality standards
- ✓ The cities include Mumbai, Pune, Kolkata, Varanasi, Kanpur, Lucknow, Allahabad, Patna, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Jaipur and Hyderabad among others

CABINET APPROVALS

- **Union Cabinet – approves the leasing out of 6 airports under Public-Private partnership (PPP) mode**
- ✓ The airports in **Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Guwahati, Mangaluru and Thiruvananthapuram** – will be operated, maintained and developed under the PPP Mode
- ✓ Currently, the airports being managed under the PPP model include Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Cochin
- ✓ The PPP airport model has brought world-class infrastructure at airports with the delivery of efficient and timely services to the passengers
- ✓ The examples of these are the Greenfield Airports at Hyderabad and Bengaluru
- ✓ The PPP airports in the country were ranked among the top 5 in their respective categories by the Airports Council International (ACI) in terms of Airport Service Quality (ASQ)

- **Union Cabinet – approves the setting up of 'Central Tribal University' in Andhra Pradesh**
- ✓ The proposed university will come up after necessary amendment in the Central Universities Act, 2009
- ✓ It will be set up in **Relli village of Vizianagaram District** of Andhra Pradesh
- ✓ A budget approval of Rs 420 crore was done for the setting up of Phase I of the University

- **Cabinet – approves the MoU between India and Morocco – on cooperation in Mutual Legal Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters**
- ✓ It will also enhance co-operation in the service of summons, judicial documents, letters of request and the execution of judgments decrees and arbitration
- ✓ The cabinet has also approved signing and ratifying Extradition Agreement between India and Morocco

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- **Union Cabinet – informed about India's joining as member of 'Advanced Motor Fuels Technology Collaboration Programme' under International Energy Agency (IEA) on May 9, 2018**
  - ✓ The primary aim of joining the programme is to introduce advanced motor fuels and alternate fuels to the market - to bring down emissions and achieve higher fuel efficiency in the transport sector

- **Union Cabinet - has approved the MoU between India and Italy** - for training and education in the fields of Labour and Employment

INTERNATIONAL

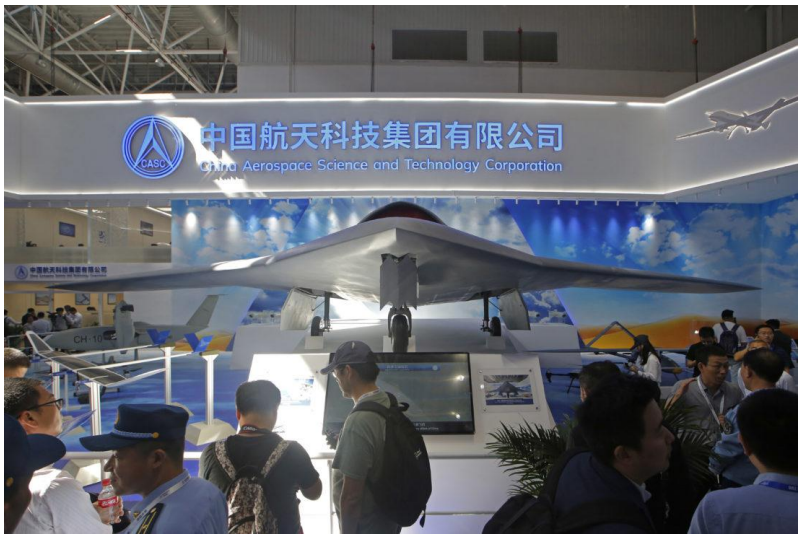
- **Bangladesh – to use Electronic voting machines for the very first time – in its General elections on December 23**
  - ✓ The machines will be used on a limited scale to improve the quality of voting process

COMMITTES

- **Bombay High Court – sets up an ad-hoc (temporary) committee – to look into the day-to-day functioning of Mumbai Cricket Association**
  - ✓ The committee members are - **Umesh Khanwilkar, Navin Shetty, Shahalam Shaikh, Ganesh Iyer and CS Naik**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **China – unveils 'UAV-CH7' – the most Advanced Drone developed so far by the country**



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- ✓ It was unveiled at the Air Show China 2018 in Zhuhai, China
- ✓ With this, China becomes the 2nd country after US to develop advanced, high-altitude , long-endurance combat UAVs
- ✓ It can launch weapons, missiles or anti-ship missiles and long-distance precision-guided bombs

➢ **China – unveils the replica of its first permanently crewed space station - which will replace the International Space Station (ISS)**

- ✓ The replica was displayed at the Air Show China 2018 held in Zhuhai, China
- ✓ The station will have 3 astronauts and will conduct experiments
- ✓ The assembly of the station will be completed by 2022 and it has a lifespan of nearly 10 years
- ✓ It would be open to all countries to conduct science experiments
- ✓ ISS is a collaboration between the United States, Russia, Canada, Europe and Japan
- ✓ It has been functioning since 1998 and will retire in 2024

ECONOMY

➢ **India – plans to export 'Raw sugar' to China from 2019** – after nearly a decade

- ✓ Indian Sugar Mills Association and COFCO, a public sector company of China have entered into an agreement - for exporting 15 thousand tonnes of raw sugar
- ✓ India is the largest producer of sugar in the world
- ✓ Raw sugar is the second product after non-basmati rice that India will export to China

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- **PayTM – partners with 2 Government departments in Karnataka** – for smoother payment experience to the customers
- ✓ The Partnered departments are **The Directorate of Electronic Delivery of Citizen Services and Department of Personnel and Administrative Service**

- **Moody investor service – had predicted a growth of 7.3% in 2019 for India – in its 'Global Macro Outlook 2019-20' report**
- ✓ India is poised to grow at 7.4% in 2018 but will slow down to 7.3% in 2019, as per the report
- ✓ The drop is attributed to the sharp rupee depreciation and rising global oil prices

APPOINTMENTS

- **Robyn Denholm - was named as the new Board Director and Chairman of Tesla, Electric car maker – to replace Elon Musk**

- ✓ Currently, She is the chief financial officer with Telstra
- ✓ She has been an independent director of Tesla since 2014 and heads its audit committee
- ✓ Elon Musk resigned as the Chairman of Tesla in September following fraud charges

AWARDS

- **Anand Kumar, Founder of Super 30 and a Mathematician – conferred with 'Global Education Award'** by the Malabar Group, a leading Indian business conglomerate

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- ✓ He was honoured for his “pioneering” contributions to the field of education
- ✓ He was selected from a list of 100 names by a 12-member jury

SPORTS

- ➢ **8th Asian Shotgun Championship held in Kuwait**
- ✓ **Angad Vir Singh Bajwa** - won gold medal by setting world record score in men’s skeet final

- ✓ With the win, he becomes the first Indian skeet shooter to win any continental or world level event

- ➢ **Asian Airgun championships, Kuwait**
- ✓ **India’s pair of Elavenil Valarivan and Hriday Hazarika** won gold medal in 10m Air rifle shooting Mixed event

- ✓ In the final of the event, they scored 502.1, setting world and Asian Junior record
- ✓ India’s another pair, Mehuli Ghosh and Arjun Babuta won bronze in the same event with a score of 436.9

- ✓ **Saurabh Chaudhary** – won Gold in 10m air pistol junior men’s event

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- ✓ This is his 4th individual gold medal after his Golds in Asian Games, World Shooting championships and the Youth Olympics Games
- ✓ The 16 year old Saurabh had earlier combined with Arjun singh cheema and Anmol jain to win the team gold

INTERNATIONAL DAY

- ➢ **National Legal services Day – November 9**

- ✓ The day marks the enforcement of Legal services authority act on November 9, 1995
- ✓ The aim of celebrating the Legal Services Day is to offer the free of charge legal services to the people of weaker sections of society

- ➢ **International Day of Radiology – November 8**

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- ✓ The day marks the date of discovery of X-rays by Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen in 1895
- ✓ The day is observed since 2012
- ✓ It is the joint initiative of European Society of Radiology, Radiological Society of North America and American College of Radiology
- ✓ Theme 2018 – *Cardiac imaging*
- ✓ Also, November 8 is observed as 'World Radiography Day' by the 'International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists'

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