

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 4, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- ◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi – laid the foundation stone for ‘Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub’ in 7 Universities in Tamil Nadu, including Bharathidasan University and Madurai Kamaraj Universities**



- ✓ The PM had digitally announced the launch of these hubs, set up at a cost of Rs 15 crore each, from Sher-e-Kashmir international convention centre in Sri Nagar
- ✓ The hub will function as a separate entity in the university which will be registered under Companies Act
- ✓ The university shall invite innovative ideas from students and develop them into a business model
- ✓ The hub will be set up using a part of Rs 50 crore given to the universities by the Ministry of HRD under Rashtriya Utchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) Phase II, which includes funding for research projects

◆ **Tamil Nadu Government – observes 30th ‘Road Safety Week’ between February 4 and February 10**



- ✓ Theme 2019 – ‘Road Safety – Life Safety’
- ✓ The State Government had set aside Rs 65 crore for the road safety works and due to its extensive campaigning the road accidents have reduced by 3% and the casualties by 25% in 2018 than the preceding year
- ✓ The Government had also proposed to institute the ‘Chief Ministers’ award’ for the best 3 districts and 1 police commissionerate, which implement most initiatives to reduce accidents and casualties

STATES

◆ **Maharashtra - has now become the seventh state in India to give 10% reservation to weaker sections of general category**

- ✓ Gujarat was the first state to implement the reservation, followed by Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Assam

NATIONAL

◆ **Ministry of Health – signs agreement with Google and telecom providers – to launch trial for ‘Accurate 108 Emergency Ambulance Service’**

- ✓ As per the initiative, the ambulance will reach the spot without being informed about the location
- ✓ One will be able to call the Centre-run 108 emergency ambulance services without even specifying the location or without a mobile app or without internet connection at all
- ✓ The service will be run using twin technologies -- Cell Tower Triangulation and Google Emergency Location Services

- ✓ While Cell Tower Triangulation technology uses information from telecom operator about the location, the Google ESL uses GPS to track the location in a more accurate way
- ✓ The idea was pitched by IAS officer Abhijeet Kaplish of the 2015 cadre, currently posted as the Sub-Divisional Magistrate in Mansa
- ✓ His idea was converted into a presentation and was shortlisted by the Cabinet Secretary and was delivered to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September 2017
- ✓ The government chose Uttar Pradesh for the pilot trial of the project, which has been initiated since January 2019
- ✓ The government has also offered other states to take up the project as part of their yearly planning under the National Health Mission for 2019.

INTERNATIONAL

◆ **United Nations General Assembly - elected South Africa, Indonesia, Dominican Republic, Germany and Belgium as 5 new non-permanent members of UN Security council (UNSC) – for a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2019**

- ✓ UNSC is a body of United Nations responsible for international peace and security
- ✓ It has 15 members, including five permanent ones with the power of veto.
- ✓ The five permanent members are China, France, Russia, UK and US.
- ✓ 10 non-permanent members are elected for two-year terms each

PERSONALITIES

◆ **Aribam Syam Sharma, acclaimed Manipuri filmmaker – returns the Padma Shri conferred on him in 2006**



- ✓ The 83-year old filmmaker returned the award in protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill

◆ **Pope Francis - visited Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)**



- ✓ Thus, he becomes the first pontiff to visit the Arabian peninsula
- ✓ In UAE, he is about to participate in a conference on inter-religious dialogue sponsored by the Emirates-based, Muslim Council of Elders
- ✓ An estimated 700 participants from different faith are expected to participate in the 'Human Fraternity Conference', which includes representatives of the Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh faiths

SPORTS

◆ **Sana Mir, former captain of the Pakistan women team - became the first Asian woman to play hundred T20Is**



- ✓ She became the 6th woman in the world to achieve the feat
- ✓ Daendra Dottin of West Indies leads the list with 110 T20Is

◆ **Rohit Sharma, Indian cricket team vice-captain – becomes the 14th Indian cricketer to play 200 One day internationals**



- ✓ He holds the record of highest Individual score (264 runs) and highest number of double centuries (3 Double Century) in ODIs

◆ **Sundeep Jora, Cricketer from Nepal - became the youngest man to score a half-century in T20 Internationals**



- ✓ Jora made his T20I debut for Nepal against the UAE at 17 years and 103 days on January 31
- ✓ Jora joined teammate Rohit Paudel, who last week became the youngest to score an international fifty, breaking the record held by Sachin Tendulkar
- ✓ During the series in which Nepal defeated UAE by 2-1, their captain Paras Khadka became the first Nepalese cricketer to score an ODI hundred

INTERNATIONAL DAY

◆ **World Cancer Day – February 4**

- ✓ The day is observed every year with an aim of creating awareness and education about Cancer in order to prevent the deaths associated with the dreaded disease by 2020
- ✓ The day is organized by The Union for International Cancer Control, which has been initiated to support the goals of 2008 World Cancer Declaration



- ✓ Theme for 2019-21 – 'I Am and I Will'
- ✓ Theme for 2016-18 – 'We Can and I Can'
- ✓ Cancer is one of the leading causes of mortality worldwide, responsible for 9.6 million deaths in 2018
- ✓ Tobacco use is the most important risk factor for cancer and is responsible for approximately 22% of cancer deaths
- ✓ Lung, prostate, colorectal, stomach and liver cancer are the most common types of cancer in men, while breast, colorectal, lung, cervix and thyroid cancer are the most common among women

◆ **30th Road Safety Week – February 4 to 10**



- ✓ Theme 2019 - 'Sadak Suraksha-Jeevan Raksha'
- ✓ Organised by – Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

- ✓ Activities Planned in the Country
- ✓ Commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Home Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari will flag off the car rally
- ✓ The car rally will go through places historically associated with Gandhi, in India, Bangladesh and Myanmar
- ✓ In India, it will cover places like Sabarmati, Porbandar, Dandi, Yerwada, Sewagram, Jabalpur, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, ChauriChaura, Champaran, Shantiniketan and Kolkata
- ✓ It will conclude on February 24th in Myanmar covering a total distance of 7,250 km
- ✓ The Society of Indian Automobile Industry will also declare 2019 as the Year of Road Safety promoting safety on Indian roads
- ✓ Retro Reflective Stickers on Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha will be launched on the occasion
- ✓ A new Dash Board for Road Accident Data of India and its states will also be launched during the occasion

◆ **World Wetlands Day – February 2**



- ✓ Theme 2019 - "Wetlands and Climate Change"
- ✓ The observance of the day aims to create awareness for preserving fragile wetlands, which are taken over by the human activities
- ✓ It was first observed on 2 February 1971
- ✓ The day commemorates the signing of the 'Convention on Wetlands', called the Ramsar Convention at the Iranian city of Ramsar
- ✓ The 2 main objectives of Ramsar Convention are –
 - ✓ Conservation and sustainable utilization of wetlands
 - ✓ To stop the encroachment and loss of wetlands

