

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEP 16, 2019**

### **TAMIL NADU**

- The Arignar Anna Zoological Park (AAZP) in Vandalur - has been recognised as an institutional member in the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA).



- ✓ AAZP had earlier applied to become a member of WAZA, following the approval of its governing board, the Zoo Authority of Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The membership will provide a special platform to AAZP to attract talent and expertise in wildlife from across the world.
- ✓ The zoo will now have links and contacts with the International Union for Conservation of Nature, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and others.

### **STATES**

- After Assam, Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar - announced that the National Register of Citizens will be implemented in the state.

- ✓ The Haryana government is working at a fast pace on its family identity card scheme and the data from that would be used in the NRC

## PERSONALITIES

- **Wing Commander Anjali Singh - has become India's first female military diplomat to be posted in any of the Indian missions abroad**



- ✓ Anjali has been posted with the Indian embassy in Moscow, Russia, as the Deputy Air Attache on September 10
- ✓ She is an Aeronautical Engineer (Electronics) officer with 17 years of service and has been trained on the MiG-29 combat aircraft
- ✓ The position of defence attaches in the Army, Air Force or Navy, have only been given to male officers till now
- ✓ In August, IAF's Wing Commander S Dhami became the first female officer in the country to become the Flight Commander of a flying unit
- ✓ Flying Officers Bhawana Kanth, Avani Chaturvedi and Mohana Singh were the first women pilots in IAF's history to get the honour of flying fighter jets like the MiGs, Sukhoi Su-30MKIs and Tejas
- ✓ Flight Lieutenant Bhawana Kanth is the first women fighter pilot to be qualified to undertake missions by day on a fighter aircraft.
- ✓ In 2018, Flying Officer Avani Chaturvedi made history by becoming the first Indian woman to fly a fighter aircraft solo — Russian made MiG-21 Bison.
- ✓ The strength of women officers serving in the Indian Air Force (IAF) as on July 1, 2019, is 1,905

## SPORTS

- **Sourabh Verma - won the Vietnam Open title on September 15**



- ✓ Seeded second, the Pullela Gopichand Academy trainee, Sourabh defeated Sun Fei Xiang of China in the \$75000 BWF Super 100 tournament in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- ✓ The reigning National champion had also won last month's Hyderabad Open and Slovenian International titles this year.
- **Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen - won the Belgian International on September 15**



- ✓ Eighteen year old Lakshya Sen, ranked No. 81 in the world, upsetted the second seed Victor Svendsen of Denmark in Leuven, Belgium
- ✓ Lakshya, who trains at the Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy in Bengaluru, had earlier won the Tata Open International in 2018, India International Series and Bulgarian Open in 2017.

- **Kaushal Dharmamer - won the Myanmar International title on September 15**



- ✓ Kaushal defeated Indonesia's Karono Karono in a thriller to win the Myanmar International Series in Yangon.
  - ✓ The 23-year-old Mumbai shuttler had won the Hatzor International in October last year
- **Pankaj Advani – won his 22<sup>nd</sup> World title on September 15 by winning a fourth straight final in the 150-up format at the IBSF World Billiards Championship in Mandalay**

An infographic celebrating Pankaj Advani's 22nd world title. On the right is a photo of Advani in a dark blue shirt and vest, holding a large, ornate trophy. On the left is a text box with a blue header 'ADVANI'S WORLD CROWNS' and a list of his titles. At the bottom left is a red box with a quote and the source 'SOURCE: PANKAJADVANI.COM'.

**ADVANI'S WORLD CROWNS**

- Billiards-time format  
2018, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2005
- Billiards-points format  
2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2008, 2005
- Team billiards | 2014
- Snooker |  
2017, 2015, 2003
- Six-red snooker  
2015, 2014
- Team snooker | 2018

**You always want to keep winning. It is always special when you hear your National anthem being played, as it did today**

SOURCE: PANKAJADVANI.COM

- ✓ The 34-year-old has brought home a world trophy every year ever since returning from a professional stint in the UK in 2014.
  - ✓ In the short format of billiards, this is Advani's fifth title in the last six years.
  - ✓ Earlier, Advani achieved a hat-trick of hat-tricks in billiards by simultaneously winning the World, Asian and Indian National Championship titles in 5 different years- 2005, 2008, 2012, 2017 and 2019.
  - ✓ Advani is currently the only player in the world to win world titles in both short and long formats of snooker (6-red and 15-red standard) and both formats of English billiards (time and point).
  - ✓ He is also the first Indian to become a world champion in 6-red snooker.
  - ✓ Advani is conferred with several awards ranging from Arjuna Award in 2004, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna in 2006, Padma Shri in 2009 and Padma Bhushan in 2018.
- **Spain - defeated Argentina to win the FIBA Basketball World Cup for the first time since 2006**




- ✓ The Spanish team won the World Cup with a score of 95-75 against 2004 Olympic champions Argentina.
- ✓ Spain led throughout against Argentina in Beijing to win international basketball's biggest prize for the second time.
- ✓ Surprise finalists Argentina had not triumphed since it hosted the inaugural World Cup in 1950.
- ✓ The World cup saw the participation of 32 teams around the world
- ✓ Three-time All-Star Marc Gasol (Spain) became only the second man to win an NBA crown and the World Cup in the same year

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Engineer's Day - September 15**

Celebrated engineer and scholar **M Visvesvaraya** was born on Sept 15, 1860



## A STALWART OF INDIAN ENGINEERING

His birthday is celebrated as **Engineer's Day**

Chief engineer responsible for the construction of the **Krishna Raja Sagara dam in Mysore**

Designed and patented the automatic **weir water floodgates**, first installed at the **Khadakwasla Reservoir, Pune in 1903**

Designed a **flood protection system** for Hyderabad, giving him celebrity status

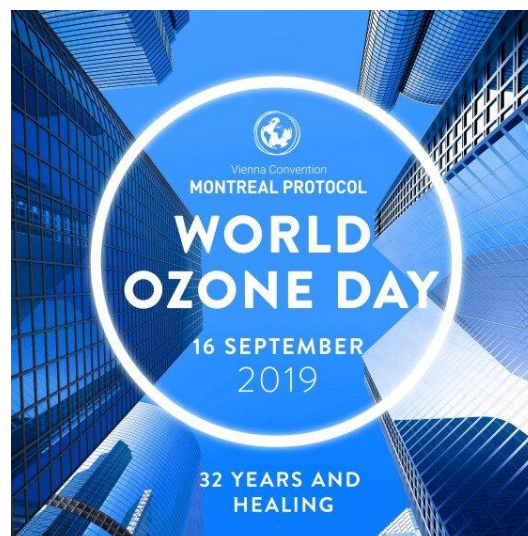
Received the **Bharat Ratna** in 1955

Lived till the **age of 101**

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- ✓ The day marks the birth anniversary of India's greatest engineer, Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya
- ✓ Visvesvaraya, a scholar, statesman, educationist and the most celebrated engineer in India, was born in 1861 on this day in the village of Muddenahalli in the Kingdom of Mysore (now in Karnataka)
- ✓ The day was first observed in 1968, recognising the contribution of engineers' in the development of the nation
- ✓ He was known as the father of Modern Mysore for his outstanding contribution to the city
- ✓ In 1955, the government of India honoured him with the highest civilian honour — Bharat Ratna for his numerous industrial, economic and social projects
- ✓ He was also awarded the British Knighthood by King George V.
- ✓ From 1912 to 1918, M. Visvesvaraya was appointed as the Diwan of Mysore

### ➤ **World Ozone Day 2019 – September 16**



- ✓ The day commemorates the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in 1987
- ✓ The day aims to increase awareness of climate change and ozone depletion
- ✓ World Ozone Day 2019 Theme: 32 Years and Healing
- ✓ The ozone layer is a fragile shield of gas that protects the Earth and its ecosystem from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun
- ✓ The objective of the Montreal Protocol is to protect the ozone layer by taking appropriate measures to bring down global production and consumption of substances that harm the ozone layer

