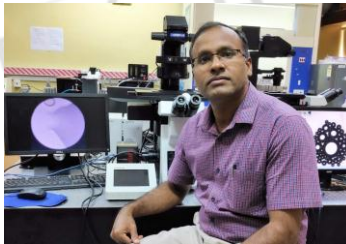


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DEC 4, 2018

TAMIL NADU

- **Health Department of the State Government – warned that Spouses and Kin of Pregnant Women can be jailed for Fetus Sex test**
- ✓ Determining the sex of the fetus is in violation of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, 1994
- **Dr Ashis Kumar Sen (Department of Mechanical Engineering), IIT Madras – has been chosen for the prestigious ‘Swarnajayanti Fellowship’ given by the central government's Department of Science and Technology (DST)**



- ✓ The fellowship encourages young scientists with a track record of excellence
- ✓ Sen is one of the three faculty to receive this fellowship award in engineering sciences discipline for 2017-18
- ✓ Sen has been a faculty member since 2010
- ✓ He had already secured more than \$1 Million of research funding from various agencies to establish a Microfluidics Research Facility in IIT, Madras
- ✓ He has published nearly 70 research papers in prestigious international journals and filed 7 patents
- ✓ The Swarnajayanti Fellowships’ was instituted by the Government to commemorate India's 50th Year of Independence
- ✓ It will cover all the requirements for research and also includes a fellowship of Rs. 25,000/- per month for 5 years

STATES

- **Nagaland – becomes the first North Eastern state to launch ‘Single Emergency Number’ 112 - under the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)**
- ✓ It was launched on the state’s formation day and the inaugural day of the 2018 edition of the Hornbill Festival on December 1, 2018
- ✓ Nagaland has been allocated Rs 4.88 crore for the project by the Union Government
- ✓ Under the project, one ‘Emergency Response Centre’ will be established in Kohima
- ✓ It replaces separate numbers for Police, fire, Ambulances
- ✓ It is available through voice call or from ‘112 India’ Mobile App
- ✓ The 112 India mobile app includes a unique ‘SHOUT’ feature to ensure the safety of women
- ✓ The Union Government has allocated Rs 321.69 crore under the Nirbhaya Fund for the implementation of the ERSS project across the nation
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh had become the first Indian state to launch the single emergency number ‘112’ service on November 28, 2018
- ✓ The ERSS was recommended by Justice Verma Committee, against the backdrop of Nirbhaya incident in December 2012
- **Nagaland – signs MoU with e-Governance Academy of Estonia- for setting up of e-Governance Academy of Nagaland (e-GAN)**



- ✓ The five-year Agreement was signed during the on-going 4th edition of the e-Naga Summit
- **Maharashtra Government – to allow its citizens to inspect Government records in district-level offices and local bodies – under the RTI act**
- ✓ Those who wishes to check the record can directly go to the office on every Monday between 3pm to 5pm without filing RTI applications
- ✓ This is not applicable to Mantralaya, the state secretariat of Maharashtra, due to logistical issues
- ✓ The move is aimed to bring transparency in the functioning of the Government

NATIONAL

- **Union Government – signs a loan agreement of \$85 million with Asian Development Bank (ADB) – for the Odisha Skill Development Project**



- ✓ As part of the project, a World Skill Center (WSC) will be established in the state capital, Bhubaneswar
- ✓ The state Government will engage Institute of Technical Education Services (ITEES), Singapore - for setting-up of the WSC
The center will deliver 8 training courses for 13,000 full-time students at a time
- ✓ Overall, the project will improve the quality of Technical and vocational education in the state in relevance to the industry needs
- ✓ ADB – is a regional developmental bank for Asian region
- ✓ It was established in December 1966 with its headquarters in Manila, Philippines
- ✓ It has 67 member countries, of which 48 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside
- **Train 18 – becomes the country's fastest train by clocking 180 kmph during the test run in Kota-Sawai Madhopur section**



- ✓ It was the country's first indigenously developed engineless train, named after the year 2018 when it was produced
- ✓ It had earlier clocked 115 kmph during the trial on tracks in Moradabad division of the Northern Railways
- ✓ It is considered as a replacement for the Shatabdi Express, launched in 1988
- ✓ The 16-coach train is expected to be launched commercially from January 2019 after the completion of all the tests and trials
- ✓ Train 18 – was rolled out at Integral Coach Factory, Chennai in October 2018
- ✓ It was developed within a short period of 18 months at a budget of Rs 100 crore

- **Central Mental Health Authority (CMHA) – has been constituted by the Union Government** - to monitor and regulate all mental health institutions in the country
 - ✓ The Centre had earlier passed the new Mental Health Care Act in 2017
 - ✓ The CMHA consists of 12 members, both officio and non-officio, including all the stake holders
 - ✓ The committee is chaired by Sanjeeva Kumar, additional secretary of health, ministry of health and family welfare
 - ✓ The setting up of the authority is in sync with the 'United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' in which India is a signatory

- **National Green Tribunal (NGT) - slapped a fine of Rs 25 crore on the government of Delhi – for failing to curb Pollution**
 - ✓ The move is due to the non-compliance of the state Government to shut down at least 51,000 industries running in non-conforming areas across Delhi

- **Indian Navy – plans to expand its naval base in Chennai**
 - ✓ It is on talks with the Tamil Nadu government and the Chennai Port Trust for the expansion
 - ✓ It plans to have a new aircraft carrier with 50 planes to be docked in Chennai
 - ✓ The Navy has a base in Visakhapatnam on the eastern coast and in Mumbai on the western coast

INTERNATIONAL

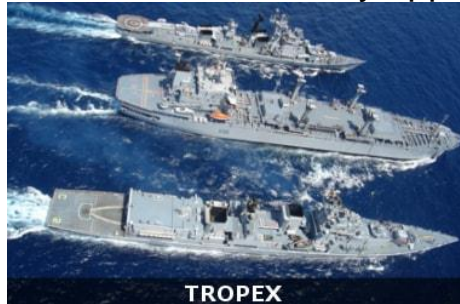
- **World Bank – to provide \$200 billion – for Climate Action Investment during 2021-25**
 - ✓ The amount is double than the current five year funding by the Agency
 - ✓ The announcement was made on the sidelines of UN climate summit that started on 03rd December 2018 in Katowice (Poland), which was referred as 'Paris 2.0'

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **International Conference on Bears – starts in Agra from December 3 to 6, 2018**
 - ✓ It saw the participation of more than 80 delegates from 11 countries
 - ✓ Hosted by - Wildlife SOS, a non-profit Conservation group in association with Bear Care Group from the US and Canada
 - ✓ It was focused on bear care, wildlife conservation and human wildlife conflict mitigation

DEFENCE

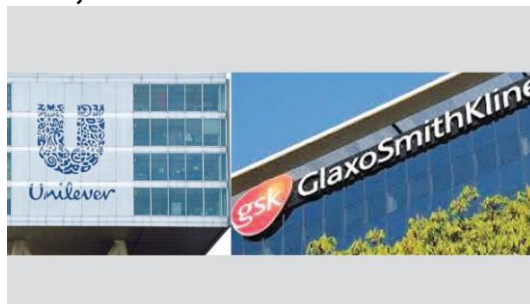
- **Indian Navy – to conduct ‘TROPEX’ Exercise from January to March, 2019 – to test the robustness of entire coastal security apparatus**



- ✓ TROPEX - Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise
- ✓ As part of TROPEX, Indian Navy will also conduct ‘Exercise Sea Vigil’, a large-scale coastal defence exercise with the participation of all its Ships, Submarines and Aircrafts
- ✓ Indian coast guards (ICG), Indian Army and Indian Air Force (IAF) will also participate in the exercise
- ✓ TROPEX is an annual exercise that takes place on Western Seaboard
- **1st edition of ‘SHINYUU Maitri-18’ bilateral Air exercise – between India and Japan – starts at Air Force Station, Agra**
- ✓ Theme - joint Mobility/Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR) on Transport aircraft
- ✓ IAF is participating with C-17 and An-32 aircrafts in the exercise

ECONOMY

- **Unilever – to buy UK-based, GlaxoSmithKline’s Indian consumer business – in a deal valued at Rs 31,700 crore**



- ✓ GSK has a large presence in Indian health drink segment with Horlicks, Boost, Viva and Maltova
- ✓ It also distributes OTC products like Crocin, Sensodyne and Eno
- ✓ The deal is touted as the largest deal under outgoing Unilever CEO, Paul Polman
- ✓ GSK Consumer Healthcare will be merged subsequently with Unilever’s Indian subsidiary, Hindustan Unilever (HUL)

APPOINTMENTS

- **Ajay Narayan Jha - has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary**



- ✓ He is the current Expenditure Secretary in the Union Government
 - ✓ He replaces Hasmukh Adhia, who retired on November 30, 2018
 - ✓ Jha, a Manipur cadre IAS officer, is set to retire on 31st January, 2019 a day before the interim budget is presented
 - ✓ Gireesh Chandra Murmu, a Gujarat cadre IAS officer - will take over as the expenditure secretary on 1 February, 2019
- **Pawan Singh – becomes the first Indian to be elected in the Judges Committee of the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF)**



- ✓ Currently, he is the Joint Secretary General of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)
- ✓ He was also a former coach of the Indian shooting team
- ✓ Pawan Singh was elected one of the seven members Judges Committee during the elections held at Munich
- ✓ The ISSF elections take place every four years
- ✓ Earlier, on November 30, 2018, India's Raninder Singh, President of NRAI had become the first Indian to be elected Vice President of ISSF

- **Firhad Hakim, Minister of Municipal Affairs, West Bengal – becomes the first Muslim Mayor of Kolkata since Independence**



- ✓ He was chosen as the 29th Mayor of the city, defeating Meena Devi Purohit

AWARDS

- **Imran Hussain, Delhi Minister of Food Supplies, Environment and Forest - was awarded “Hero to Animals” by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)**



- ✓ The Minister had banned the Chinese Manjha (A thread use in Kites) in Delhi in July 2018

SPORTS

- **Ullas Narayan - wins India’s first international medal in Ultra Running**



- ✓ He won bronze in the 2018 International Association of Ultra Running (IAU) 24 Hour Asia & Oceania Championships in Taipei, Taiwan
- ✓ In the Team Event, Indian team comprising Ullas Narayan (250 km), Sunil Sharma (202 km) and L L Meena (192 km) - also won a bronze medal
- ✓ Ultra races consist of running extremely long distances which are much longer than the traditional races

➤ **Indian Chess team – wins silver at the World youth under-16 chess Olympiad, Konya, Turkey**



- ✓ The team comprises of GM Arjun Erigaisi, International Master P Iniyan, Koustav Chatterjee, Sankalp Gupta and Woman International Master Divya Deshmukh
- ✓ The team coached by GM Srinath Naryanan won in 7 out of 9 rounds
- ✓ India's Arjun won individual silver in the tournament while Sankalp won bronze medal

➤ **Gagan Sethi , defending champion – won the ninth edition of the JK Tyre Hornbill Rally, Kohima, Nagaland**



- ✓ He partnered with a new co-driver, Sabatullah Khan for this edition and won the title in the 'Open' category
- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA) - has submitted a formal expression of interest to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) - to bid for the 2032 Olympics**
- ✓ This is the first time that the IOA has officially submitted its expression of interest to host an Olympic Games in the country
 - ✓ New Delhi and Mumbai are the top two venues chosen by the IOA, but other venues may also be considered later
 - ✓ The bid process for the 2032 Olympics will start in 2022 and a host city will be announced in 2025
 - ✓ Indonesia has already submitted its expression of interest just after successfully hosting the Asian Games
 - ✓ Other venues that are interested to host the event include Chinese city Shanghai, Brisbane in Australia, North and South Korea together and Germany

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ 47th Indian Navy Day – December 4



- ✓ The day celebrates the achievements of Indian Navy
- ✓ The day is observed every year to commemorate the success of Indian Navy's 'Operation Trident' on Karachi Harbour during the 1971 Indo-Pak war
- ✓ INS Nipat, INS Nirghat, and INS Veer, Indian Navy missile boats - played a major role in the attack
- ✓ The anti-ship missiles were first used in the region during 'Operation Trident'

