

**EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOV 6, 2018**

**TAMIL NADU**

- ❖ **The NCC Directorate of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andamans – won the Championship Trophy for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in a row – in the All-India Vayu Sainik Competition – held in Jodhpur**



- A total of 600 cadets from 16 directorates participated in the competition
- The Directorate had earlier won All-India Thal Sainik competition at New Delhi and finished Runner-up in Nau Sainik competition at Karwar
- Cadet R Jayanth Kumar won the Flying Gold in the boys category
- Cadet P Kousalya won the Flying Silver in the girls category

❖ **The Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Storage and re-gasification terminal built inside Kamaraj Port Limited (Ennore) – will be ready for commissioning during the end of November 2018**

- The terminal is being built by Indian Oil Corporation Limited at a cost of Rs 5151 crore
- The terminal will supply about 2 million tonne gas directly through pipelines to about 30 customers in Manali Industrial area
- IOCL will also lay 1,385 km Natural gas pipeline from Ennore terminal to Nagapattinam through Puducherry
- The terminal will fast track the City gas distribution as IOCL had already bagged rights for 7 cities, including Coimbatore and Salem
- In Chennai, Torrent Gas Pvt Ltd will supply gas to household customers

## STATES

❖ **New Delhi – launches QR-enabled ‘Fridge Magnets’ for the digital payment of bills**

- The magnets are personalised and each customer will have unique QR Code mapped to their consumer account number
- There will be separate magnets for Electricity and Water bills
- Consumers can stick these magnets on their refrigerators at home and use their smartphones to scan QR Code on magnet to pay their bills instantly
- It is powered by SignCatch, an IT and services company

❖ **Bihar – to develop Patna Medical College and Hospital - into world’s largest 5462-bed hospital**



- An outlay of Rs 5540.07 crore has been allocated for the purpose
- The 1925-established Hospital would be redeveloped in 3 phases in 7 years
- The hospital currently has 1754 bed and 8 super speciality departments, which would be increased to 36
- Presently, the world’s largest hospital is in Belgrade with 3500 beds

## NATIONAL

- ❖ **“Mere Pyaare Prime Minister”** was the only Asian film that was screened at the 13<sup>th</sup> Rome Film Festival - held from 18<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Rome



- It was directed by the filmmaker Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra
- It deals with the menace of Open defecation
- The film focuses on four children living in a slum in Mumbai, in which one kid wants to build a toilet for his single mother and makes an appeal to the Prime Minister

## INTERNATIONAL

- ❖ **United States – unveils ‘Full’ sanctions on Iran**
  - The sanctions will affect about 50 banks and their subsidiaries, the National airline and 200 members of Shipping industry
  - However, Iranian oil exports were not fully cut with 8 countries granted temporary waivers for Oil exports, which includes China, India, Italy, Greece, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Turkey
- ❖ **Palau - becomes the first country in the World - to ban sunscreen - in a move to protect its coral reefs from chemicals**
  - The Western Pacific nation of Palau will impose the ban from 2020
  - As per the move, “reef-toxic” sunscreen, which contains one of 10 prohibited chemicals, a list that could grow later, can be confiscated from tourists when they enter the country and retailers who sell it can be fined up to \$1,000

# INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

## ❖ India & South Korea – signs MoU for strengthening cooperation in the fields of Tourism and Sports



- The agreement was signed during the current visit of Kim Jung-sook, the First Lady of the Republic of Korea, to India
- She was the Chief Guest at the Deepotsav event organised by Uttar Pradesh and at the ceremony of the new Memorial of Queen Suriratna (Heo Hwang-ok) in Ayodhya
- Princess Suriratna of Ayodhya travelled to Korea in 48 CE and married Korean King Suro

## DEFENCE

## ❖ India joins an Elite military club – with its 1<sup>st</sup> Nuclear ballistic submarine 'INS Arihant' completing its first 'deterrence trial'

- Arihant was launched **July 26 2009** by then **PM Manmohan Singh**
- Arihant's 83 MW nuclear reactor got "**critical**" **August 10, 2013**
- After fitting out and extensive sea trials she was **commissioned** August 2016

**6,000** tonne vessel was built under the **Advanced Technology Vessel (ATV)** project at the **Ship Building Centre** in Visakhapatnam

**INS Arihant** (Sanskrit for "Slayer of Enemies" (S-73) is the lead ship of India's Arihant class of nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines

Arihant is the first of three **Ship Submersible Ballistic Nuclears (SSBN)** being constructed under the **ATV**; the construction of the second one, **INS Aridhman**, is also almost complete now

**India completes nuclear triad**

India can no longer only launch nukes from land and air, as nuclear submarine **INS Arihant** has completed its deterrence patrol, letting it launch nukes from the sea as well

**3,500 km** range of missiles on **INS Arihant**

**3** N-powered subs built under **ATV** (advanced technology vessel) programme; **INS Arihant** is the first

**1990s** Construction of 3 n-powered subs began

**2009** **INS Arihant** launched into the water

**2013** Sub's 83 MW nuclear reactor got 'critical'

**6,000 tonnes** Weight of **INS Arihant**

**70+** N-submarines owned by **US**; **Russia** has about 30

- The testing of 6000 tonne submarine completes 'Nuclear triad' of the country, i.e India can now strike from Land, Air and Sea
  - All the big five nuclear nations — the US, Russia, France, China and the UK — are already full-fledged nuclear triad powers
- ❖ **South Korea and the United States - launched their battalion-level marine exercises “Korea Marine Exercise Program (KMEP)” - in Pohang, South Korea**



- The exercises were suspended in May 2018 for 6 months due to the peace efforts with North Korea by South Korea and United States
- 500 troops from the South Korean Marine Corps and the US III Marine Expeditionary Force are participating

## AWARDS

- ❖ **Dr Ramdas M Pai, Chancellor and President of Manipal Academy of Higher Education – conferred with ‘Lifetime Achievement Award 2018’ by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), in New Delhi**



Dr Ramdas M Pai awarded with Lifetime Achievement Award 2018 by FICCI

- Dr Pai is also the Chairman Emeritus, Manipal Education and Medical Group
- He has been awarded for his contributions in the fields of education and healthcare

# SPORTS

## ❖ 11<sup>th</sup> Asian Shooting Championship, Kuwait city



- Elavenil Valarivan (Tamil Nadu) & Divyansh Singh Panwar – won Bronze and Silver medal in 10m air rifle Junior Women’s and Men’s event respectively

# INTERNATIONAL DAY

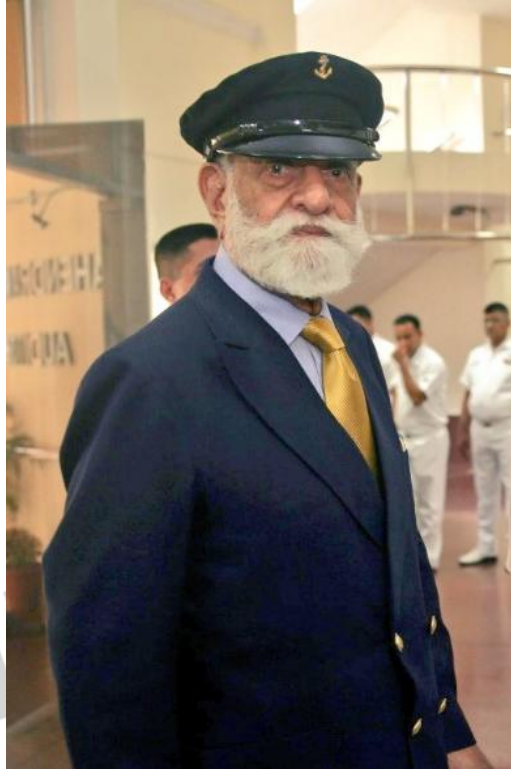
## ❖ World Tsunami Awareness Day – November 5



- The day aims to create awareness about tsunami and share innovative approaches to reduce the risk associated with the massive waves
- United Nations (UN) General Assembly declared November 5 as World Tsunami Awareness Day in 2015
- This date was chosen in memory of the Japanese story of “Inamura-no-hi”, which means the “burning of the rice sheaves”
- In 1854, during an earthquake, a farmer set fire to his entire harvest to warn villagers about Tsunami

# OBITUARY

## ❖ Vice Admiral (Retd) Manohar Pralhad Awati, a Veteran of 1971 Indo-Pak War (91 years)



- He had joined the Royal Indian Navy in 1945
- He was an expert in signal communication
- He had commanded Indian naval ships: “Ranjit”, “Vendurthy”, “Betwa”, “Tir”, “Mysore”, etc
- Admiral Awati was known as the Father of Indian Navy’s Solo circumnavigation projects
- He was awarded the ‘Vir Chakra’ for his service as the commanding officer of “INS Kamorta” during the 1971 India-Pakistan war.

