

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOV 7, 2018

### STATES

- ❖ **Odisha – CM, Naveen Patnaik launched 'BhubaneswarMe Wi-Fi', a citywide Wi-Fi service - to make the capital a fully Wi-fi enabled city**

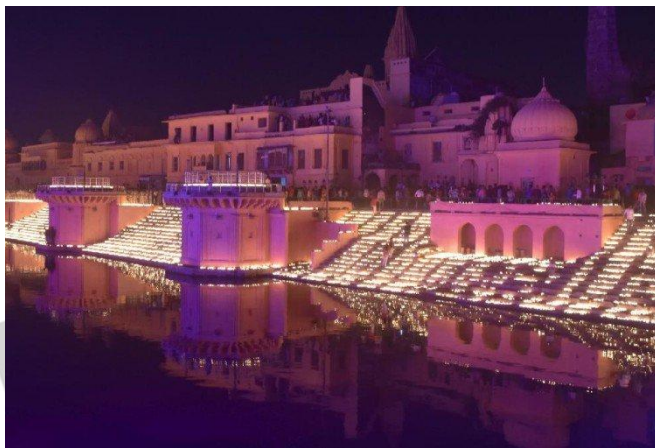


- With this move, the City of Temples will stamp its entry as a Global Smart City with 500 hotspots spanning the entire city
- There will be no charge on data usage for citizens, when they access government services through this network
- Besides, access upto 250 MB of data will be free for any user on a given day
- After the consumption of 250 MB, the government provides low-cost top up plans for the users
- On the first day 100 hotspots located in major locations with 275 access points (APs) went live
- Gradually, the hotspot locations will be increased to 518 with 1,800 access points.

❖ **Uttar Pradesh – CM, Yogi Adityanath announced that Faizabad district will be renamed ‘Ayodhya district’**

- The city, Ayodhya is located in UP's Faizabad district
- The CM also announced that a new airport named after Ram and a new medical college named after Raja Dashrath (Lord Ram's father) - would be set up in Ayodhya
- Recently, the State had changed the name of Allahabad to Prayagraj

❖ **Uttar Pradesh - Ayodhya Deepotsav 2018 conducted in the state - enters Guinness Book of World Records**



- A record 3,01,152 earthen lamps were illuminated on the bank of River Sarayu on Chhoti Diwali as part of Deepotsava
- The Guinness certificate was handed over to UP government's tourism department and Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University, Faizabad
- The feat was achieved in the presence of CM, Yogi Adityanath and South Korean first lady Kim-Jung Sook



# NATIONAL

## ❖ **Lucknow Cricket stadium – to be renamed after the former PM, Atal Bihari Vajpayee**

- The newly built **Ekana International Stadium of Lucknow** will be henceforth called '**Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium**'



- The stadium was renamed just ahead of the first-ever international T20 match between India and West Indies on November 6, 2018

## ❖ **Bengaluru based 'Ola' Cab service – to start its operations in Newzealand**

- Initially it will offer rideshare service in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch
- Ola had earlier launched operations in Australia and UK in January and August respectively
- Ola was founded in 2010 by Ankit Bhati and Bhavish Aggarwal

## ❖ **India – reelected to as a member of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Council - for another 4-year term from 2019 to 2022**

- The elections to the Council were held during the ongoing ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018 at Dubai
- 48 countries were elected to the council globally and 13 from Asia-Australasia region
- India secured 165 votes and ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Asia-Australasia region

# INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- ❖ **India & Malawi – sign 3 MoU's – for extradition Treaty, cooperation in the field of atomic energy for peaceful purposes and visa waiver for diplomatic and official passports**



- India will also extend a new Line of credit of \$215 million to Malawi for 18 water projects



- Vice President, Venkaiah Naidu was on a visit to Malawi on November 5

# CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- ❖ **49th International Film Festival of India, IFFI 2018 - will be held in Goa from November 20 to 28**



- The festival will showcase 212 films from over 68 countries
- International Competition section has 15 films out of which three are Indian.
- The festival will open with World Premiere of 'The Aspern Papers' with an international star cast
- In its 49th edition of IFFI, the Country of Focus will be Israel
- Jharkhand has been selected as the State of Focus for 49th IFFI 2018 and Jharkhand Day will be celebrated on 24th November 2018 as part of the festival
- This year Mr Dan Wolman from Israel will be honoured with Life time Achievement Award

## ECONOMY

- ❖ **Reserve Bank of India – to set up a digital 'Public Credit Registry' (PCR) – to capture loan information of individuals and corporate borrowers**
- The Public Credit Registry will also include data from entities like market regulator SEBI, the corporate affairs ministry, GST Network and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
- It will enable the banks and financial institutions to get a complete profile of existing and prospective borrowers on a real-time basis
- RBI intends to develop the registry from companies with a turnover of over 100 crore rupees in the last 3 years

❖ **A consortium of Banks – takes over Pune’s Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Stadium – over nonpayment of loans by the Stadium authorities**

- A due of Rs 69.53 crore was pending to Bank of Maharashtra, Karnataka Bank, Bank of Baroda and Andhra Bank

## **APPOINTMENTS**

❖ **Gafur Rakhimov (Uzbekistan) – appointed as President of International Boxing Association (AIBA), the amateur boxing federation**



- He replaces the current president, CK Wu
- He was a former boxer and coach and has been involved in AIBA since 1995
- In January 2018, he became AIBA Interim President
- He was awarded with the Honorary Order of the Olympic Council of Asia in 2003, after being a member of its Council since 1999
- In 2008, he also won the ANOC Merit Award for his involvement in the Olympic Family

## AWARDS

- ❖ **Namrata Biji Ahuja of The Week magazine – received the IPI (International Press Institute) India Award for excellence in journalism 2018**



- She has received this award for her exclusive story on Nagaland underground camps
- The award jury was headed by former Attorney-General of India Soli Sorabjee
- The award consisted of a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh, a trophy and a citation
- IPI India had instituted the award in 2003
- It is awarded annually to honour the best work done by an Indian media organisation or journalist in print, radio, television and internet mediums

## SPORTS

- ❖ **Rohit Sharma – becomes the first cricketer in history to score 4 T20I hundreds – during the 2<sup>nd</sup> T20I against West Indies in Lucknow**



- He overtook New Zealand's Colin Munro, who has scored 3 centuries
- He also overtook Virat Kohli (2,102 runs) to become India's leading run-getter in T20Is, and ended up second on the list of the highest run-getters in the world, just behind New Zealand's Martin Guptill (2, 271 runs)
- He now has 2,196 runs in the format
- He also became the first captain to score two T20I hundreds

# INTERNATIONAL DAY

## ❖ National Cancer Awareness Day – November 7



- The observance of the day was announced in 2014 by the former Union Health Minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan
- The day seeks to create awareness about the disease Cancer and to make it a national healthy priority
- February 4 is observed as the World Cancer day

