

**EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCT 27, 2018**

**TAMIL NADU**

- **TN-SMART – the new web-based GIS system and its Mobile App – were launched by the Hon'ble CM, Edappadi K Palaniswami**



- ✓ The system and App will strengthen the response and recovery management during Disasters such as Floods, cyclone etc.,
- ✓ SMART – Multi hazard potential impact assessment and Emergency response tracking
- ✓ It was developed by the Government in association with RIMES of Thailand (RIMES – Regional integrated multi-hazard early warning system for Africa and Asia)
- ✓ The App would alert users with forecasts and analysis during emergencies

## NATIONAL

- **Indian Railways - to build World's highest Railway line linking New Delhi and Ladakh running along the Indo-China border**



- ✓ The proposed Bilaspur-Manali-Leh Line would become the world's highest railway line upon completion
- ✓ The 465km railway line would be constructed at a cost of Rs 83,360 crore
- ✓ The proposed railway line will be the world's highest at 5,360 metres above mean sea level
- ✓ Keylong station along the route will be constructed inside a tunnel at the height of 3000 metres which is a first in India

## INTERNATIONAL

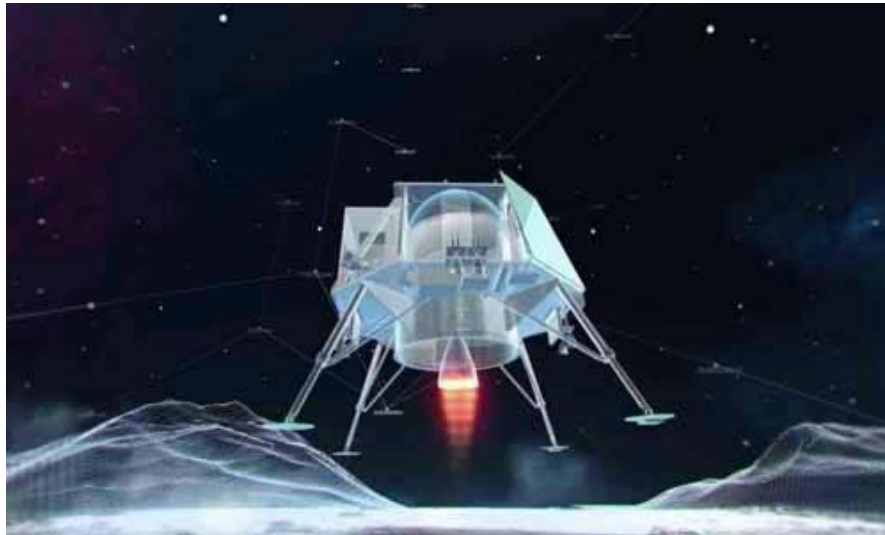
- **United States – to impose complete sanctions against Iran from November 5, 2018**



- ✓ The sanctions were announced following the signing of the new Law, Hezbollah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2018 by the US President, Donald Trump

# SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- ISRO – has successfully tested 'Vikram', the lander on Chandrayaan-2



- ✓ The Lander actuator performance test (LAPT) was performed on the scaled down version of Vikram for a soft and safe lunar landing
- ✓ The tests were carried out in the ISRO propulsion complex in Mahendragiri, Tamil nadu

## APPOINTMENTS

- Mahinda Rajapaksha – sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka



- ✓ He replaces Ranil Wickremesinghe, who was sacked by the President, Maithripala Sirisena
- ✓ Rajapaksha was the 18th Prime Minister of Sri Lanka from April 6, 2004 to November 19, 2005
- ✓ He had also served as the President of the country from November 19, 2005 to January 9, 2015

## AWARDS

- The winners of United Nations Human Rights Award -2018 were announced at the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of UN General Assembly
  - ✓ The awardees
    - **Asma Jahangir** – Pakistan’s late human rights activist
    - **Rebeca Gyumi** – A Tanzanian human rights activist
    - **Joenia Wapichana** – Brazil’s first indigenous lawyer
    - **Front Line Defenders** – A human rights organisation of Ireland
  - ✓ These awards were instituted in 1966 and first conferred in 1968
  - ✓ They were given once in every 5 years
  - ✓ So far, only one Indian personality, Baba Amte, has been awarded United Nations Human Rights Prize in the year 1988
  - ✓ The award ceremony will take place on December 10 on World Human Rights Day in New York.
  - ✓ **Asma Jahangir**



- ✓ Asma was the 4<sup>th</sup> Pakistani winner of the prestigious award after Begum Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan (1978), Benazir Bhutto (2008) and Malala Yousufzai (2013)
- ✓ She passed away on February 11, 2018
- ✓ She was awarded the Legion of Honour by France, the highest French order of merit for military and civil merits, in 2014
- ✓ She was the first woman to serve as the president of Pakistan's Supreme Court Bar Association
- ✓ In 1987, Jahangir co-founded the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and became its Secretary-General
- ✓ In between 1988 and 2018, she has served in several positions in various United Nation commissions

➤ **Global Agriculture Leadership Awards 2018**

- ✓ These awards are established in 2008 to recognize the leaders impacting the rural society
- ✓ They were announced during the 2018 Global Agriculture Leadership Summit held in New Delhi in October 2018
- ✓ **The Winners --**

S No.	Category	Awardee Name
1.	International Leadership Award	Prof. Rudy Rabbinge, Special Envoy – Food Security, Government of Netherlands
2.	Africa Leadership Award	Mr. Anthony Selorm K Morrison, President & CEO, Chamber of Agribusiness, Ghana
3.	Research Leadership Award	National Research Development Corporation
4.	Academic Leadership Award	Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
5.	Livelihood Leadership Award	Mr. Shailendra Chaudhary, MD, NERCORMP, Shillong
6.	Farming Leadership Award	Mr. Satishbabu Gadde, Andhra Pradesh
7.	Media Leadership Award	Mr. Ammar Zaidi, National Business Editor, PTI
8.	Development Leadership Award	Dr. PK Joshi, South Asia Director, International Food Policy Research Institute
9.	Agribusiness Leadership Award	Nagarjuna Agro Chemicals P. Limited, Hyderabad
10.	Industry Leadership Award	Sonalika Group, New Delhi
11.	Global Business Leadership Award	The Weather Company, IBM
12.	Technology Leadership Award	Tirth Agro Technology Private Limited, Rajkot
13.	Corporate Sustainability Award	PepsiCo Holdings India P. Limited, Gurgaon
14.	Lifetime Achievements Award	Padamshree Dr. KH Gharda, Chairman, Gharda Chemicals Limited
15.	Policy Leadership Award	Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh
16.	Program Leadership Award	The State Horticulture Mission, Government of Haryana
17.	Best Fisheries State	The State of Jharkhand
18.	Best Animal Husbandry State	The State of Bihar
19.	Best Horticulture State	The State of Nagaland
20.	Best Agriculture State	The State of Gujarat

➤ **First world Agriculture prize – awarded to Prof M S Swaminathan**



- ✓ The annual prize was instituted by the Indian council of Food and agriculture
- ✓ The award was presented by Vice President, Venkaiah Naidu
- ✓ Prof. Swaminathan is known as Father of Green Revolution in India
- ✓ The United Nations Environment Programme has celebrated him as 'The Father of Economic Ecology'

## SPORTS

➤ **Sourav Kothari – wins 2018 WBL World Billiards championship at Leeds, London**



- ✓ The former national and Asian billiards champion lost the crown on 2 occasions in the last 2 years

# INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ **Vigilance Awareness Week – 29<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**



- ✓ The week is observed by the Central Vigilance Commission every year during the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31st October) falls
- ✓ Theme 2018 - Eradicate Corruption-Build a New India
- ✓ One of the highlights of the week will be the establishment of Integrity Clubs in the schools and colleges to cultivate ethical values to the students

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