

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEP 26, 2018

TAMIL NADU

- **Tiruvallur Police – had activated an exclusive Mobile number ‘9444042322’ – to lodge complaints about illegal sale of Gutka and banned Tobacco products**
- **Dr A Edwin Joe Committee Report on ‘Organ Transplant’ Procedures**



- ✓ The 2 member committee under Dr Joe, Director of Medical Education submitted its report to health secretary, J Radhakrishnan on Sep 26th, 2018
- ✓ The Committee suggests 3 separate ‘Waitlist’ for patients awaiting Organ transplants
 - ✓ 1 - Patients within Tamil Nadu
 - ✓ 2 - Patients from other states
 - ✓ 3 - Patients from abroad
- **Chennai’s Kamarajar Port – creates Record by unloading 56,750-metric tonne consignment of Sand imported from Malaysia through the Vessel, M.V. Aurelia within 48 hours**
- ✓ The consignment marked to the Public Works department of the state was handled by Telangana based Private company, Inrhythm

- **A statue of Tiruvalluvar – to be unveiled in Colombo Tamil Sangam on Sep 29, 2018**
- **International Silappathikaram Research Conference** – organized by Thanjavur Tamil University and Sydney Tamil Literature Arts Society – concluded at Sydney, Australia

STATES

- **Jammu & Kashmir - Measles-Rubella vaccination campaign inaugurated across Jammu district** – for children between 9 months to 15 year age group
- ✓ This is the first such campaign to introduce the Rubella vaccine in India's childhood immunization programme

NATIONAL

- **Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Union Territories of Delhi and Chandigarh - to fix uniform tax rates on petroleum products, liquor, registration of vehicles and transport permit**
- ✓ The States/UT's will also constitute a sub-committee to give the recommendation regarding the uniform tax rate within the next 15 days
- **Arun Jaitley, Min of Finance and Corporate Affairs – launches 'Financial Inclusion Index' and a mobile application called 'Jan Dhan Darshak'**



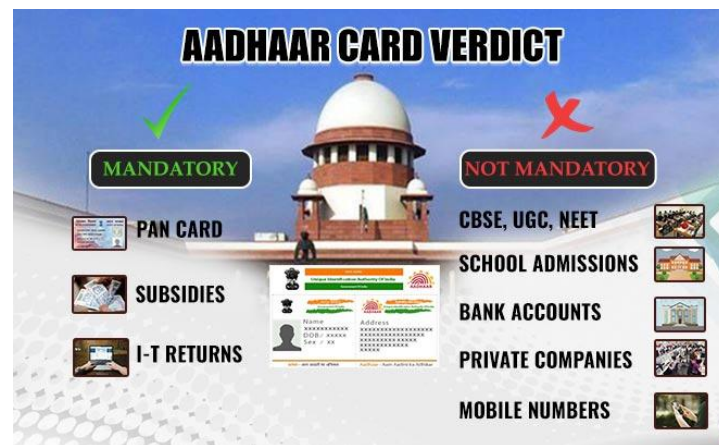
- ✓ The annual Index - ranks the various States on the basis of 3 factors - Access, Usage and Quality of the Financial services
- ✓ The mobile app – will act as a guide for the common people to locate any of the financial service touch points (Banks, ATMs, Post offices) at any place in the country

- **Arun Jaitley – launches a website ‘www.psbloansin59minutes.com’ – to provide faster loans to MSME** (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) sector
 - ✓ The web portal will enable the approval of loans upto Rs 1 crore to MSME sector within 59 Minutes
 - ✓ The loans would be provided by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and 5 other Public Sector Banks, SBI, Bank of Baroda, PNB, Vijaya Bank and Indian Bank
- **J P Nadda, Union Health Minister – announced that 1000 people have benefited on the 1st Day of the launch of ‘Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana’**
 - ✓ World's largest government-funded healthcare programme was launched by the PM, Narendra Modi from Ranchi in Jharkhand on September 23, 2018.
 - ✓ Under the scheme, over ten crore families (50 crore beneficiaries) will be provided a health cover of Rs 5 lakh every year
- **India – launches quit-line number ‘1800-11-2356’ on all the tobacco products packaged from Sep 1, 2018**
 - ✓ India is the 4th such country in Asia after Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia to have a helpline number dedicated for helping people quit tobacco products
 - ✓ India is also the only SAARC country to launch the helpline number
 - ✓ Around 46 countries globally have quit line numbers as part of health warning

SUPREME COURT VERDICT

- **Supreme Court – Uphelds most of the Provisions of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 on Sep 26, 2018 by a 4-1 majority among the 5-judge Constitution bench**
 - ✓ Of the 5 Judges, Chief Justice Dipak Misra, and Justices A.K. Sikri, A.M. Khanwilkar, Ashok Bhushan validated the provisions of the Aadhaar with few restrictions, while Justice D.Y. Chandrachud held that the entire Aadhaar project is ‘Unconstitutional’
 - ✓ Overview of the Key Judgement
 - ✓ Aadhaar - PAN Linkage mandatory
 - ✓ Aadhaar – Not needed for CBSE, NEET, UGC and school admissions
 - ✓ Aadhaar – Not needed for mobile connections and for opening bank accounts
 - ✓ Aadhaar - a must for availing facilities of welfare schemes and government subsidies
 - ✓ Section 57 of the Aadhaar Act allowing private entities to use Aadhaar for verification purpose – Cancelled
 - ✓ Section 33(2) of the Aadhaar Act allowing UIDAI to share data with specially authorised officers in the interest of national security - Cancelled
 - ✓ Section 47 of the Aadhaar Act struck down - Any individual can file complaints now

- ✓ No child can be denied benefits of any scheme if he/she doesn't have Aadhaar card
- ✓ Aadhaar metadata cannot be stored for more than six months – So far, the limit was 5 years
- ✓ Aadhaar fails only 0.232% but dismantling Aadhaar would mean disturbing 99% of the population enrolled
- ✓ Aadhaar collects minimal biometric and demographic data, but it cannot be duplicated with these data



- **Supreme Court - ruled that it is not mandatory for the Government to make reservations for scheduled castes or scheduled tribes (SC/STs) for promotions in Public sector Jobs – on September 26th, 2018**
- ✓ The 5-Judge bench comprising Chief Justice Dipak Misra, Justice Kurian Joseph, Justice R F Nariman, Justice S K Kaul and Justice Indu Malhotra – held that there is no requirement to collect 'quantifiable data of backwardness' of SC/STs to provide reservation in promotions
- ✓ It also observed that there is no need to refer the '2006 M Nagraj Case Judgement' to a larger Bench of 7 judges
- ✓ 2006 Nagraj Case Judgement – asked the states to quantify the backwardness of SC/STs with authentic data in case they want to provide reservation – which was struck down now by the Supreme Court
- **Supreme Court - allows live streaming and video recording of court proceedings across the country on Sep 26th, 2018**
- ✓ The 3-Judge bench comprising Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices AM Khanwilkar and DY Chandrachud - asked the government to frame rules in this regard under Article 145 of the Constitution
- ✓ The court observed that the move will bring transparency and accountability into the Judicial system
- ✓ The verdict was based on the petitions, including those filed by senior advocate Indira Jaising, law student Snehil Tripathi and NGO 'Centre For Accountability and Systemic Change' on the issue

- **Supreme Court – on Sep 25th 2018 – asked the Parliament to urgently enact a legislation to prevent Persons with criminal cases from contesting elections**
- ✓ It had allowed them to contest the polls for the time-being, but with a condition that they should make ‘repeated self-declarations’ about their criminal history in Print and electronic media
- ✓ A constitution bench of CJI Dipak Misra and Justices R F Nariman, A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud and Indu Malhotra said the “self publicity” would help curb criminalisation of politics

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **India – to organize ‘Gandhi March’ in Netherlands – to launch the 2-year long celebrations of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**
- ✓ The ‘March’ will see participation of people of all nationalities and around 20 ambassadors of different countries
- ✓ There are around 30 streets in the country named after Mahatma Gandhi
- ✓ The birthday of Mahatma Gandhi is celebrated all over the World as ‘International Day of Non-Violence’
- **India – to set up ‘AYUSH Information Cell’ in Romania – to encourage Ayurveda practice in Romania**
- ✓ The formal ‘digital’ inauguration of the cell was done by India’s Vice president, Venkaiah Naidu on Sep 19, 2018



- ✓ On this occasion, he also released a book on ‘Ayurveda in Romania’
- ✓ The cell will organize seminars, lectures, courses to create awareness of AYUSH system among the Public in Romania

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **21st Central Zonal Meeting – held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh under Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister**



- ✓ History of Zonal Councils
- ✓ Zonal councils are created to encourage inter-state cooperation as per States Reorganization Act, 1956
- ✓ The 5 Zonal councils created are --
- ✓ Northern Zonal Council: Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, National Capital Territory of Delhi (UT) and Chandigarh (UT)
- ✓ Central Zonal Council: Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh
- ✓ Eastern Zonal Council: Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa and West Bengal
- ✓ Western Zonal Council: Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra and UTs of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli
- ✓ Southern Zonal Council: Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry (UT)
- ✓ North Eastern Council: Set up under North Eastern Council Act, 1972 – has the North eastern states separately
- ✓ Chairman of Zonal council – Union Home Minister
- ✓ Vice Chairman of Zonal council – Chief Minister of respective zonal states on rotation basis for a period of 1 year
- **UAE – to host ‘Interfaith Alliance Forum’ on November 19-20, 2018 in Abu Dhabi**
- ✓ An estimated 450 religious leaders and spiritual advisors are expected to participate in the Forum
- ✓ The forum coincides with ‘World Children's Day’ celebrated on November 20, highlighting the importance of unifying views among religions and cultures to ensure the protection of children.

PERSONALITIES

- **Statue of Nelson Mandela – unveiled at the United Nations – to honour the 100th Birth anniversary of the late South African leader**



- ✓ UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres declared ‘2019-2028’ as the "Nelson Mandela Decade of Peace” at the UN headquarters in New York

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Japan – becomes the World’s 1st country to land 2 Robotic Rovers in Asteroid Ryugu**



- ✓ It is also the first man made robot to have landed in an asteroid
- ✓ The ‘MINERVA-II1’ rover that landed in the Asteroid had 2 rovers, Rover-1A and Rover-1B
- ✓ The rovers were aboard the Hayabusa2 spacecraft, developed by Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
- ✓ In October, Hayabusa2 is scheduled to deploy a larger rover called ‘MASCOT’

APPOINTMENTS

➤ Air Force Re-shuffle

- ✓ Air Marshal Anil Khosla – to be appointed as new ‘Vice Chief of Air Force’
- ✓ He is currently serving as the ‘Deputy Air Chief’
- ✓ He will be designated as the ‘Commander-in-Chief’ of Eastern Air command, which is headquartered at Shillong
- ✓ Air Marshal HS Arora – will take over as the ‘Commander-in-Chief’ of Western Air Command

➤ Army Re-shuffle

- ✓ Lt-General Manoj Mukund Naravane – will be the new Chief of the Eastern Command in Kolkata from Oct 1, 2018
- ✓ Lt-General Abhay Krishna – will be the new Chief of the Central Command in Lucknow
- ✓ Lt-Gen Naravane is the current ARTRAC chief and will be the senior most officer when Gen Bipin Rawat retires in Dec 2019

AWARDS

- **Adhunika Prakash, Chetana Misra and Tamanna Dhamija – 3 Indian Women among ‘Top 5 Global leaders’ selected for \$1 million award by Facebook’s ‘Global Community Leadership’ programme**



- ✓ The selected leaders are among 115 people chosen as ‘Community Leaders’ by Facebook to work for community issues
- ✓ Adhunika Prakash - Founded non-profit ‘Breastfeeding Support for Indian Moms’ in Pune, primarily for breastfeeding parents
- ✓ Chetana Misra - Founded ‘Mompreneurs India’, a women-based community to share knowledge and start ‘online’ business
- ✓ Tamanna Dhamija – Founded ‘Baby Destination’ to help mothers exchange information and support one another

- **Global Goalkeepers Awards – Given by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – to 3 Youngsters for making the world better than what it was when they were born**



- ✓ Amika George (18 years - Indian-origin Girl) - Winner of 'Campaign' Award for her 'Period Poverty' campaign
- ✓ Nadia Murad (24 years – Iraqi Girl) – Winner of 'Changemaker' Award
- ✓ Dymus Kisilu (28 years – Kenyan Boy) – Winner of 'Progress' Award
- ✓ It has to be noted that Nadia was also a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize

SPORTS

- **13th International Silesian Women's Boxing Championships, Gliwice, Poland (Sep 9-15, 2018)**
 - ✓ Senior category – **Mary Kom**, 5-time World champion won Gold in 48 kg category and Manisha won Silver in 54 kg category
 - ✓ Youth category - **Jyoti Gulia**, former World champion won Gold in 51 kg category
 - ✓ She is India's only boxer to have qualified for Youth Olympic Games in Argentina to be held in October 2018
 - ✓ Junior category – Gold medal winners
 - ✓ Bharti (46kg), Tingmila Dounge (48kg), Sandeep Kaur (52kg), Neha (54kg), Arshi Khanam (57kg) and Komal (80kg)
- **2018 Serbia Junior and Cadet Open (table tennis), Belgrade, Serbia**
 - ✓ **Payas Jain (Delhi)** – won the Cadet boys singles title
 - ✓ Junior Girls – won the Team title
 - ✓ India's A team (Payas Jain and Vishwa Deenadayalan) – won the Cadet boys team event title (Gold)
 - ✓ India's B team (Divyanish Srivastava and Aadarsh Om Chhetri) – won the Silver medal in Cadet boys team event
- **Junior World Wrestling Championship, Slovakia**
 - ✓ **Mansi Ahlawat** – wins bronze in 57kg category
 - ✓ A former National level Gymnast, she had earlier won Silver medal in Junior Asian Championship in Delhi this year

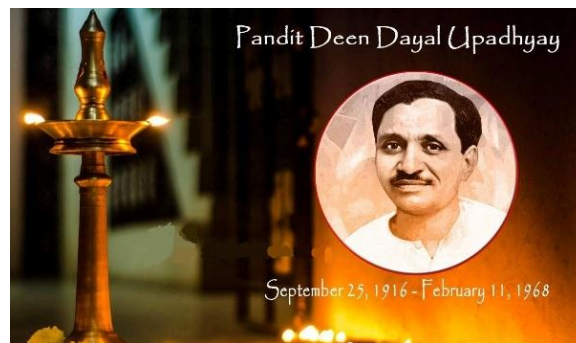
➤ **Best FIFA Football Awards 2018, London**



- ✓ Best Men's Player - Luka Modric (Croatia)
- ✓ Best Women's Player - Marta (Brazil)
- ✓ Best Goal - Puskas Award - Mohamed Salah (Egypt)
- ✓ Best Goalkeeper - Thibaut Courtois (Belgium)
- ✓ Best Men's Coach - Didier Deschamps (France)
- ✓ Best Women's Coach - Reynald Pedros (France-Lyon Women's team)
- ✓ Fair Play - Lennart Thy (Germany)
- ✓ Fan Award - Peru fans
- ✓ FIFPro World 11 2018 - David De Gea, Dani Alves, Marcelo, Sergio Ramos, Raphael Varane, Eden Hazard, N'Golo Kante, Luka Modric, Cristiano Ronaldo, Kylian Mbappe, Lionel Messi
- ✓ Earlier, Luka Modric was the winner of the 'Golden Ball' at Russia 2018 and was also named as UEFA's 2017/18 'Men's Player of the Year' a month ago
- ✓ This is the first time since 2007 (when Brazil's Kaka won) when a player other than Cristiano Ronaldo or Lionel Messi had won this coveted award

INTERNATIONAL DAY

➤ **Antyodaya Diwas - September 25**



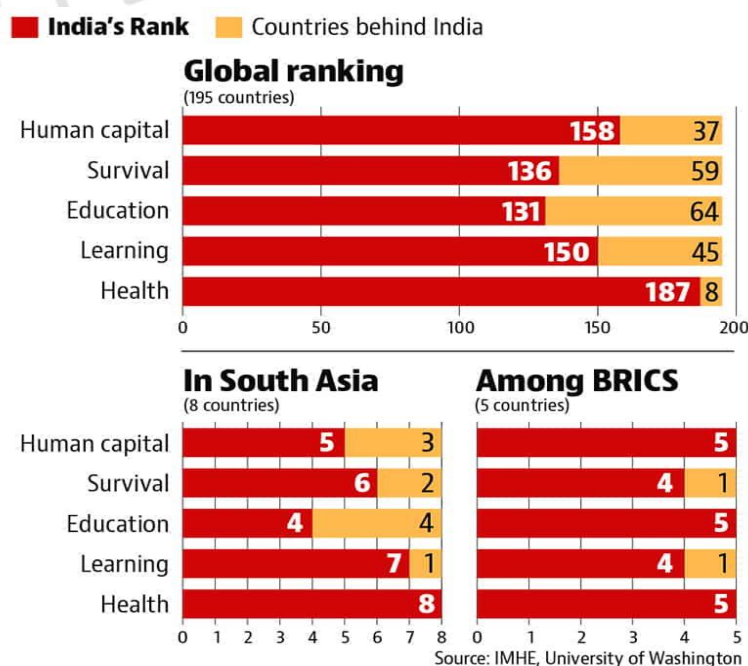
- ✓ This year it was celebrated as part of fortnight Swachhata Hi Sewa movement that was launched in September 15, 2018

- ✓ It marks the birth anniversary of Deendayal Upadhyaya, who was born in the year 1916 in Mathura
- ✓ Deendayal Upadhyaya, a noted Philosopher and Political personality, co-founded and served as the leader of the party 'Bharatiya Jana Sangh' from 1953 to 1968
- ✓ He became president of the Jana Sangh in December 1967
- ✓ Bharatiya Jana Sangh was the forerunner of the Bharatiya Janata Party
- ✓ He founded the Rashtra Dharma Prakashan publishing house in Lucknow and launched 'Rashtra Dharma', a monthly magazine
- ✓ Later he launched the weekly 'Panchjanya' and the daily 'Swadesh'
- ✓ He wrote a drama 'Chandragupta Maurya' in Hindi and later wrote a biography of Shankaracharya
- ✓ The Union Government had announced 25th September as "Antyodya Diwas" to mark his 98th birth anniversary in the year 2014
- ✓ He was found dead near Mughalsarai junction railway station (Uttar Pradesh) on February 11th, 1968

REPORT

➤ Human Capital Rankings – Released by University of Washington

- ✓ The rankings are based on Investments in education and healthcare based on a report released by Seattle-based 'Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation' and published in The Lancet
- ✓ India ranks at 158th place among 195 countries that are surveyed for the year 2016 (India was ranked 162 in the list in 1990)



- ✓ India is placed just behind Sudan (ranked 157) and ahead of Namibia (ranked 159). The United States ranked 27th, while China placed at 44th and Pakistan 164th position
- ✓ According to the survey, Finland tops the list of 195 countries in the two key sectors, Health and Education
- ✓ Human capital is a measure of the education and health levels in a population, expressed as the number of expected years lived between the age of 20 and 64

OBITUARY

➤ Jasdev Singh, Commentator (87 years)



- ✓ He started his career at All India Radio in 1955 and became a cricket commentator
- ✓ He was the voice of Indian sports on Doordarshan during the 80s and 90s
- ✓ He was conferred with the Padma Shri in 1985 and the Padma Bhushan in 2008
- ✓ He had covered 9 editions of Olympics from 1968 to 2000 and was also honoured with the 'Olympic Order' in 1988 in Seoul by IOC
- ✓ He also covered 6 editions each of both Asian Games and Hockey World Cups

