

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEP 30, 2018

TAMIL NADU

- **Dr G Balasubramanian – appointed as Vice-chancellor of Tamil University, Thanjavur – for a period of 3 years**



- ❖ Currently, he is pro-vice-chancellor at Dravidian University
 - ❖ He has functioned as external examiner for Singapore university and at the University of Warsaw, Poland as a visiting professor
 - ❖ He has carried out research on the survey, documentation and revitalization of endangered languages in the border districts of Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh, Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu and Kolar in Karnataka
- **Odisha Bhawan, the official guest house of Odisha Government – inaugurated in Chennai by Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister of Odisha**



- ❖ This is the 5th official guest house of the State Government outside Odisha
- ❖ The Chennai guest house has 16 double-bed rooms and 5 suites
- ❖ It also has an auditorium with a capacity for 300 people
- ❖ It is constructed with an investment of around Rs 22 crore

NATIONAL

- **Ram Nath Kovind, President of India – inaugurated the Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention in New Delhi**



- ❖ The convention marks the start of 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi and Swachh Bharat Mission
 - ❖ The convention focused on India's target to achieve Sustainable Development Goal-6 to end open defecation by the year 2030
 - ❖ It was organised by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
 - ❖ Swachh Bharat Mission was launched on Oct 2, 2014 to eliminate open defecation and to start cleaning up the entire streets in the country
 - ❖ It had set a deadline of Oct 2, 2019 to achieve an open defecation-free India
 - ❖ The mission aims to build 90 million toilets in rural India at a projected cost of Rs.1.96 lakh crore (US\$30 billion)
 - ❖ The Theme of the campaign is 'Satyagrah se Swachhagrah'
 - ❖ The slogan of the campaign is 'One step towards cleanliness'
- **India's 1st Corn festival – begins in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh**



- ❖ It is an unique event showcasing the various types of Corn and their health benefits
- ❖ Incidentally, Madhya Pradesh is one of the largest Corn producing states in the entire country and Chhindwara district is the highest corn producer in Madhya Pradesh

INTERNATIONAL

- **World Health Organisation – launches a new initiative ‘SAFER’ – to support Governments for reducing the harmful consumption of Alcohol**
 - ❖ “SAFER” provides 5 high-impact strategic actions to achieve the objective --
 - ❖ **Strengthening restrictions on alcohol availability**
 - ❖ **Advance and enforcing drink driving countermeasures**
 - ❖ **Facilitating access to screening, brief interventions, and treatment**
 - ❖ **Enforcing bans or comprehensive restrictions on alcohol advertising, sponsorship, and promotion**
 - ❖ **Raising prices on alcohol through excise taxes and pricing policies**
 - ❖ WHO has set a deadline of 2025 for reducing atleast 10% of harmful usage of Alcohol
 - ❖ Alcohol causes more than 3 million deaths globally every year as per WHO
- **Canada – strips the honorary citizenship granted to ‘Aung Sang Suu Kyi’ – over the issues of handling the Rohingya refugees**



- ❖ She received this honour in 2007 at Ottawa
- ❖ Only 5 others have been given this honorary citizenship by Canada so far, which includes Dalai Lama, Malala Yousafzai and Nelson Mandela

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **India & Uzbekistan – signs 2 MoU’s for collaboration in the areas of infrastructure and capacity building in ICT sector**



- ❖ The fields of interest include e-Governance, HRD, Telemedicine, IT-ITeS trade promotion etc.,

ECONOMY

- **International Monetary Fund (IMF) – to lend \$57.1 billion until 2021 to Argentina**
- ❖ This is the Biggest ever Loan offered to any country in the history of IMF - as per Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of IMF
- ❖ The loans are part of the 'bail-out' package to help the country which is on the grip of an economic crisis with rising interest rates and a falling currency

APPOINTMENTS

- **N Ravi, Publisher of Hindu Group of Newspapers – elected as Chairman of Press Trust of India**



- ❖ He Succeeds the Viveck Goenka, Chairman and Managing Director of the Express Group
 - ❖ He won several acclaims in Journalism which includes, G.K.Reddy Memorial Award, Honorary Doctorate by the Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati and BREAD Role Model Award
- **Vijay Kumar Chopra, Chief Editor of Punjab Kesari Group of Newspapers – elected as Vice chairman of Press Trust of India**



- ❖ He Succeeds N.Ravi , who is currently elected as the Chairman of PTI
- ❖ He won Padma Shri in 1990 for literature and education
- ❖ He also served as Chairman of PTI twice before in 2001 and 2009

- **Jayant Mammen Mathew, executive editor of Malayala Manorama – elected as the President of Indian Newspaper Society for the year 2018-19**



- ❖ He takes over from Akila Urankar of Business Standard
 - ❖ Other office-bearers elected include Shailesh Gupta of Mid-day (deputy president), L. Adimoolam of Dinamalar (vice-president) and Sharad Saxena of Hindustan Times (treasurer)
 - ❖ A 41-member executive committee has also been elected
- **Government – has appointed Rangachari Sridharan as the Chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)**



- ❖ NFRA is an independent entity functioning as an ‘Regulator’ for the auditing profession
 - ❖ He would serve for a period of 3 years or till he attains the age of 65 years
- **Prasenjit Mukherjee – is appointed as Full time member of NFRA**
 - **Rakesh Kumar – takes charge as 36th Chairman and Managing Director of Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited**



- ❖ He joined NLCIL in May 2012 as Director of Finance
- ❖ Prior to joining NLCIL, he was Director/Finance of Brahmaputra Polymers and Crackers Limited
- ❖ He is a nominated member of ‘Energy PSU Task Force’ (EPTF) formed by Government of India to control the operational expenses (OPEX) relating to travel, insurance etc. in PSUs under the control of Ministry of Coal

- **Justice B Rajendran – re-elected as Regional Vice chairman, commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association based in London, United Kingdom**



- ❖ He will assume the position till 2021
- ❖ He was earlier selected for the position in 2015 and served for a period of 3 years

SPORTS

- **Yuvraj Wadhvani (Mumbai) – wins U-13 boys title at the Asian Junior individual squash championships, Chennai**



- **Archery World cup Finals, Samsun, Turkey**



- ❖ **India's Abhishek Verma – clinches 2 medals, Bronze in individual category and Silver in the compound mixed team event along with his teammate Jyothi surekha vennam**

