

Current Affairs 13th December 2018

National News

1. Delhi HC Bans Online Sale of Medicines Across India

- i. The **Delhi High Court** ordered a ban on the **sale of online medicines by e-pharmacists across the country**. The court directed both Central and state government to ensure immediate implementation of the order.
- ii. The HC bench comprising **Chief Justice Rajendra Menon and Justice V K Rao** passed the judgment while hearing a PIL filed by Delhi-based dermatologist Zaheer Ahmed who complained that lakhs of medicines were being sold on the internet every day without much regulation, posing a huge risk to patients and doctors alike.

- Jagat Prakash Nadda is the present Minister of Health and Family Welfare.

2. India Signs Ascension Pact To 30-Member Trans Regional Maritime Network

- i. **India signed an ascension pact to the 30-member** Trans-Regional Maritime Network that will give it an access to the information on ships passing through the Indian Ocean Region.
- ii. India already has bilateral White Shipping Agreements with 36 countries. The pact will give India the access to information on ships which pass through the Indian Ocean region that will greatly help the security forces in keeping a tab on any suspicious activity, an official said.

- Nitin Jairam Gadkari is the present Minister of Shipping.

International News

3. President Kovind Dedicates ACARE Project To People Of Myanmar

- i. **President Ram Nath Kovind is on a state visit to Myanmar. He dedicated** - India assisted project '**Advanced Centre for Agricultural Research & Education**' (**ACARE**) - to the people of Myanmar. The project focuses on Genetics, Post Harvest Technology, Participatory Knowledge Management and capacity building for farmers in Myanmar.
- ii. Earlier, President Ram Nath Kovind dedicated the Advanced Centre for

Agricultural Research and Education to the people of Myanmar. The President also dedicated the **Rice Bio-Park to the people of Myanmar.**

- **Myanmar (Burma) Capital:** Naypyidaw, **Currency:** Burmese kyat.
- **Myanmar** is the only ASEAN member state that is both a land and maritime neighbor of India.

Appointments

4. Kamal Nath To Be New CM of Madhya Pradesh

i. **Congress party has chosen MP statue unit president Kamal Nath** as the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh. He will replace outgoing Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

ii. A one-line resolution has been passed at the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting in Bhopal to choose the Madhya Pradesh chief minister. Congress party high command will now take the final decision.

5. K Chandrasekhar Rao Sworn in As Telangana CM

i. **Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) Chief K Chandrasekhar Rao** was sworn in as the **Chief Minister of Telangana**, for the second time. A few ministers will also swear-in on the occasion at a ceremonial programme to be held at the Raj Bhavan.

ii. The TRS leaders also submitted a letter about electing Mr. Rao as the party Legislature Party leader to **Governor ESL Narasimhan.**

6. Zoramthanga To Be Sworn In As Mizoram CM

i. **In Mizoram**, the new government of **Mizo National Front (MNF)**, headed by **Mr. Zoramthanga** will be sworn in on 15th December.

ii. It was decided at a meeting between **Governor Kummanam Rajasekharan** and a delegation of the MNF party led by Zoramthanga at Raj Bhavan in Aizawl.

- **Mr. Zoramthanga will replace Lal Tanhawla.**
- He was the state chief minister for two terms earlier from 1998 to 2008.

7. CAG Rajiv Mehrishi Appointed Vice-Chair of UN Panel of Auditors

i. CAG has announced that **Comptroller and Auditor General Rajiv Mehrishi** has become the **Vice-Chair of the UN Panel of Auditors.** The United Nations Panel of Auditors consists of External Auditors of the United Nations and its agencies.

ii. Currently, **the panel is chaired by the Comptroller and Auditor General of the UK, Sir Amyas Morse**. The panel also elected the Comptroller and Auditor General of the UK as Chair of the Panel for another term (2019).

- **Presently, the UN Panel of Auditors consists of 11 countries** - India, Germany, Chile, Canada, France, Italy, Philippines, Ghana, Indonesia, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

Ranks and Reports

8. Russia Emerges As World's No. 2 Arms Producer: SIPRI Report

i. A Swedish think tank **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)** announced that **Russia has emerged as the world's second-largest arms producer after the United States**.

ii. Russia surpassed Britain, which had held that spot since 2002 and remains Western Europe's No. 1 arms maker.

- **Russia Capital:** Moscow, **Currency:** Russian ruble.

9. Climate Change Performance Index 2018: India Ranks 11th, Sweden Tops

i. The **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)** 2018 was released on the sidelines of a UN summit on global warming. As per the Index, **Sweden has topped the list while India was on 11th position**.

ii. The European Union as a whole rose from 21st to 16th place, but its biggest economy, Germany, fell from 22nd to 27th because of its reliance on lignite coal, a big source of greenhouse gas emissions. Saudi Arabia came last, in 60th place, partly due to its obstructive role during international climate negotiations.

- **Sweden Capital:** Stockholm, **Currency:** Swedish krona.

Awards

10. Manika 1st Indian to Win 'Breakthrough Table Tennis Star' Award

i. **Manika Batra** won the **'Breakthrough Table Tennis Star'** award at the prestigious **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Star Awards in Incheon, South Korea**.

ii. India coach **Massimo Costantini** won **Table Tennis Star Coach award**.

Sports

11. SAIL Hockey Academy Wins Aga Khan Gold Cup Tournament

- i. Steel Authority of India's Hockey Academy** beat **Army XI Danapur** to clinch the **115th All India Aga Khan Gold Cup hockey tournament held at Major Dhyan Chand hockey stadium in New Delhi.**
- ii.** Jay Prakash Patel scored the match-winning goal for the SAIL Hockey Academy (SHA) in the final match. SHA is SAIL's Rourkela Steel Plant.

12. Allan Border Medal Rebranded As Australian Cricket Awards

- i. Cricket Australia (CA)** and the **Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA)** announced to rebrand its **Allan Border Medal** to **Australian Cricket Awards from 2019 onwards.**
- ii.** The event is held on an annual basis to celebrate the performances of Australian players across national and domestic cricket.
 - **Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA)** CEO: Alistair Nicholson.
 - The 2019 Australian Cricket Awards is slated to be held on February 11, 2019, at The Crown Palladium, Melbourne.