

## NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### High level committee to examine working of CCIM, CCH and their governing legislation

- The high level Committee has been formed to examine the working of the regulatory bodies **Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM)** and **Central Council of Homoeopathy (CCH)**
- Both the council will be inspected by the new committee and will suggest suitable reforms.

### 5th Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav in North East Region

- The Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav (RSM) is being organized to present rich diversity and uniqueness of Indian culture and to promote the cultural inter-linkages amongst the states to strengthen National integration.
- It also envisages reconnecting the new generation with Indian culture and bringing together the artists of other parts of the country to get known to the culture of North East
- About 5,000 artists from North East India and 2,000 artists from across the country will showcase India's cultural heritage through performances, arts and cuisines.

## INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### Taiwan Signs MoU to Build Home Grown Submarines

- An MoU has been signed for the project between the **navy**, Taiwanese shipbuilder **CSBC Corporation** and the **National Chung-Shan Institute of Science and Technology**, which develops combat system integration.
- The project is a part of the island's **indigenous defence policy** and the **delivery** of the submarine is expected to take **eight years** and **deployed within 10 years**.

## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

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### Russian VTB Bank to Shut Its Only Office Branch in India

- Russian **VTB Bank** has announced its intention to close its only office in India as part of its ongoing cost optimisation strategy.
- The bank will continue operations in the country and further develop their partner and client network in the country.
- VTB Bank was launched in India in **New Delhi** in April 2008. The branch holds an Indian banking licence for transactions in national and foreign currencies.
- The Delhi branch focused on trade financing, foreign exchange transactions, corporate lending, settlement and cash services, and opening Rouble accounts for Russian tax residents operating in India.

**IOB to get Rs.1,100-crore capital infusion**

- Chennai-based Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) will get **Rs 1,100 crore** capital infusion from the Government
- This was approved after the bank achieved the parameters set by the government as part of a **turnaround-linked capital infusion plan**.
- It was the **second tranche** of capital infusion in public sector banks to enhance their capital base while the first tranche was first announced in July, 2016.

**Airtel enters definitive agreement to acquire Tikona Digital**

- **Bharti Airtel** has signed an agreement with Mumbai based Internet service provider **Tikona Digital Networks** to acquire its **4G business in 5 circles**
- The amount of the deal is approximately **Rs 1,600 crore** but the amount of acquisition is not disclosed and now it is moved for regulatory approvals.
- This acquisition will help Airtel to provide unmatched high-speed wireless broadband experience to customers

## PEOPLE IN NEWS

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**Liverpool great Ronnie Moran dies, aged 83**

- Former Liverpool captain and coach **Ronnie Moran** was passed away at **83**.
- He has appeared 379 times for **Liverpool football club** between 1952 and 1968.
- He served as a coach and caretaker manager during the early 1990s. During his period Liverpool won 11 league titles and four European Cups.

**David Rockefeller, billionaire philanthropist, dies aged 101**

- **Billionaire philanthropist** and former head of Chase Manhattan Corp, David Rockefeller has died at 101.
- David was the last in his generation of one of **U.S.'s most famously philanthropic families**

**Amitabh Bachchan Launches 'ABC of Breast Health' App**

- The app is launched for both **IOS and Android versions** and is available in **Apple and Google Play Store for free download**.
- Aim: To educate the nation about every aspect of breast cancer and non-cancer breast health issues.
- The App has been conceived, created and designed by the Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation, Hyderabad.

# ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY

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## *Mysterious Night Parrot Sighted in Western Australia for First Time in 100 Years*

- It is the first verified sighting of the bird in WA for almost 100 years. The Night Parrot was **green and yellow with black barred feathers**
- The scientists hope that more such Night Parrot population live in those areas relatively undisturbed by human-caused habitat degradation or feral animals.
- The night parrot with scientific name *Pezoporus occidentalis*, is a small parrot endemic to the continent of Australia.
- It is well known as being one of the most elusive and mysterious birds in the world, with no known sightings of the bird between 1912 and 1979.

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