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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ To create awareness about threats facing the jaguars, second international jaguar day was observed on November 29, 2019.
 - The event is coordinated by the UN Development Programme (UNDP), World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and governments.
- ❖ Former Belgian prime minister, Charles Michel has replaced Donald Tusk and has become the President of the European Council.
 - Also, Jean Claude Juncker will be replaced by Ursula von der Leyen as President of the European Commission.

NATIONAL

The Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill, 2019

- ❖ The bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on July 08, 2019 by in Lok Sabha by Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State for Culture to amend the Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1951.
- ❖ It passed in Lok Sabha on August 02, 2019 and passed by Rajya Sabha on November 19, 2019.
- ❖ The Act provides for the erection of a National Memorial in memory of those killed and wounded on April 13, 1919, in Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar.
- ❖ In addition, it creates a Trust to manage the National Memorial.
- ❖ Following people were trustees – President of Indian National Congress party, Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition (LOP) in Lok Sabha, Minister of Culture, Punjab's Governor and CM, 3 eminent persons nominated by Union government.
- ❖ The present Bill amends this provision “to remove” the President of the Indian National Congress as a Trustee.
- ❖ Further, it clarifies that when there is no LOP in Lok Sabha, then the leader of the single largest opposition party will be the Trustee.
- ❖ The three eminent persons nominated as Trustees can now be terminated before the expiry of the 5-year term without assigning any reason.



Spike Anti-tank Missiles

- ❖ The Indian Army has successfully test fired two Spike long-range anti-tank missiles at Mhow, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Spike is a fourth-generation missile which can engage any target with precision at ranges up to 4 kilo metres.
- ❖ The Spike long-range anti-tank missiles will bolster the Army's fire power capability.

ECONOMY

Essar Steel Verdict – Landmark Judgement

- ❖ In a landmark judgment, the Supreme Court has upheld the supremacy of the “Committee of Creditors” comprising the Financial Creditors of the bankrupt firms over the distribution of claims.
- ❖ In doing so, the apex court has given more weight to the financial creditors than operational creditors.
- ❖ It has ruled that the two sets set of creditors will be treated ‘differently’ during the insolvency proceedings and during taking over of a debt-ridden firm by another company.

Background

- ❖ The Ahmedabad bench of National Company Law Tribunal had in March 2019 approved global steel-giant Arcelor Mittal’s bid for Essar Steel.
- ❖ Arcelor Mittal’s offer did not cover operational creditors to Essar Steel.

GDP of July-September Quarter

- ❖ India's annual growth in Gross Domestic Product or GDP fell to 4.5% for the quarter ended September 30.
- ❖ It is the worst number in the last 6 years.
- ❖ According to the data released by National Statistical Office (NSO), the Gross Value Added (GVA) growth in the manufacturing sector contracted by 1% in the same quarter.
- ❖ Construction sector GVA growth too slowed to 3.3% from 8.5%.



ENVIRONMENT

Climate Emergency – European Parliament

- ❖ The European parliament has declared a global “climate and environmental emergency” as it urged all EU countries to commit to net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.
- ❖ The resolution as crafted by Pascal Canfin, French Liberal, Member of the European Parliament (MEP).
- ❖ Europe thus becomes the first continent to declare climate and environment emergency.
- ❖ MEPs also call on the new European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen to include a 55% reduction target of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in the European Green Deal.

6th Asian Dendrochronology Conference

- ❖ The 6th Asian Dendrochronology Conference was held at Lucknow.
- ❖ This is the first time that the conference is being held in India.
- ❖ Dendrochronology is the study of tree rings.
- ❖ Tree rings hold a wealth of information about not only a tree’s past but also that of the ecosystem in which it lives.
- ❖ Scientists at the conference have said that “Reconstructions of past responses of vegetation from different ecosystems can predict the impact of climate change”.

STATES

Loktak Inland Waterways Project – Manipur

- ❖ Union Ministry of Shipping has approved the Loktak Inland Waterways project in the Manipur.
- ❖ Loktak Lake is the largest freshwater lake in Northeast and is famous for the phumdis floating over it.
- ❖ Phumdis are a series of floating islands, exclusive to the Loktak Lake.
- ❖ The largest single mass of phumdis covers an area of 40 km².
- ❖ This mass constitutes the world’s largest floating park, named Keibul Lamjao National Park.
- ❖ The lake is located at Moirang in Manipur and is also home to endangered Sangai deers.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Akkitham Achuthan Namboodiri – Gananpith Awardee

- ❖ Noted Malayalam poet Akkitham Achuthan Namboodiri was declared the recipient of the 55th Jnanpith Award, the country's highest literary honour.
- ❖ He is said to be the proponent of modernism in Malayalam poetry through his work - Irupatham Noottandinte Ithihasam
- ❖ He is also known for his advocacy against social evils that are said to be prevalent in the Namboothiri (Brahmin) community.
- ❖ He was awarded Padma Shri in 2017.
- ❖ He is the sixth Malayalam writer to be conferred this award after G Sankara Kurup, Thakazhi, SK Pottekatt, MT Vasudevan Nair and ONV Kurup.

Akkitham's well-known works

- ❑ Akkithathinte Thiranjedutha Kavithakal (selected poems): 1985
- ❑ Sparsamanikal (collection of poems): 1991
- ❑ Balidarsanam (narrative poem): 1970
- ❑ Irupatham Noottandinte Ithihasam (narrative poem): 1952
- ❑ Anaswarante Ganam
- ❑ Idinjupolinja Lokam
(collection of poems): 1961
- ❑ Vennakkalinte Kadha (collection of poems): 1961
- ❑ Dharmasooryan (narrative poem): 1998
- ❑ Desa Sevika (story): 1947
- ❑ Akkitham Kavithakal
(complete poems): 2002
- ❑ Anthimahakalam (collection of poems): 2007

SPORTS

Syed Mustaq Ali Tournament – Abhimanyu Mithun

- ❖ On the eve of the Karnataka-Haryana Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 semis clash, Abhimanyu Mithun created history.
- ❖ He becomes only the second bowler to pick five wickets in six balls in T20 history (5 for 39), including a hatrick of three wickets.
- ❖ The Tournament is named after Syed Mustaq Ali who holds the distinction of scoring the first overseas Test century by an Indian player when he scored 112 against England at Old Trafford in 1936.

- ❖ It is held by BCCI since 2009-10.

CREATING HISTORY IN INDIAN CRICKET					
By claiming five wickets in the final over, including four off the first four balls against Haryana at Surat, Abhimanyu Mithun has not only created cricket history but also became the first bowler to accomplish a hat-trick in all three formats					
Format	For	Opponent	Inns	Venue	Season
FC (Ranji Trophy)	Karnataka	Uttar Pradesh	Second	Meerut	2009-10
	(6/86 + 5/95) Wickets: Piyush Chawla, Amir Khan & RP Singh				
List A (Vijay Hazare)	Karnataka	Tamil Nadu		Bangalore	Oct.25, 2019
	(5/34) Wickets: Shahrukh Khan, M Mohammed & M Ashwin				
T20 (Syed Mushtaq Ali)	Karnataka	Haryana		Surat	Nov.29, 2019
	Wickets: HJ Rana, R.Tewatia, Sumit Kumar & A.Mishra – four wickets off successive balls				

—Rajesh Kumar

Steve Smith – Fastest 7,000 Test Runs

- ❖ Steve Smith has become the fastest cricketer to score 7,000 Test runs (126 innings), shattering a record that had stood since 1946.
- ❖ He achieved the milestone during the second Test against Pakistan in Adelaide.
- ❖ The record was held for 73 years by Englishman Wally Hammond who played 131 innings) to score 7000 runs.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People – November 29

- ❖ Established in 1977, it marks the day in 1947 when the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution partitioning Palestine into an Arab State and a Jewish State.
- ❖ It being observed from 1978.
- ❖ The observance day is a sign of UN's unwavering commitment to the Palestinian people in their ongoing struggle to achieve self-determination, independence and sovereignty.



**International Day of Solidarity
with the Palestinian People** November 29
www.NationalDayCalendar.com

Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare – November 30

- ❖ The day is a tribute to the victims of chemical warfare and to reaffirm the commitment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to the eliminate of the threat of chemical weapons.
- ❖ This UN day is observed since 2005.

