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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Indian cricketer Gautam Gambhir (Delhi - born) has announced his retirement from all formats of cricket on 6th December 2018. In domestic cricket, he played cricket for Delhi.
 - In IPL, he played cricket for Kolkata Knight Riders and Delhi Daredevils.
- ❖ The Chennai city police have launched an exclusive mobile application 'CCTV Chennai city' to monitor 1.5 lakh CCTV Cameras in the city.
- ❖ The 15th India Health Summit was organised by the Confederation of Indian industry (CII) with the theme 'Indian Healthcare – A Changing Paradigm' in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has launched the state's 'Tourist Police' in Kohima. Thus, it becomes the 2nd North eastern state after Arunachal Pradesh to have a separate Tourist police.
- ❖ The United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) has named Rwanda's First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame as Global Special Ambassador for Adolescents Health and Well-Being.

TAMIL NADU

Global summit of Tamil entrepreneurs

- ❖ The global summit of Tamil entrepreneurs and professionals titled 'The Rise' will be hosted at Madurai.
- ❖ It is jointly organized by the Confederation of Tamil Agriculture Commerce Industry and Services, CK Prahalad Center for Emerging India, First World Community and the Pillar Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship.

NATIONAL

13th edition of CII Agro Tech India-2018

- ❖ The President of India inaugurated the 13th edition of CII Agro Tech India-2018 in Chandigarh.
- ❖ The Theme of the fair is “Technology in Agriculture: Increasing Farmer’s Income”.
- ❖ Great Britain was the partner country for the event whereas China and Canada were the focus countries.
- ❖ Punjab and Haryana were the host states.
- ❖ The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Ministry of Food Processing Industries are the Partner ministries.

INTERNATIONAL

Asia Pacific Summit 2018

- ❖ The Asia Pacific Summit 2018 was held at Kathmandu, Nepal.
- ❖ The Theme of the summit is ‘Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universal Values’.
- ❖ It was organised by the South Korea-based Universal Peace Federation and supported by the Nepal Government.
- ❖ This is the first international summit being held in Nepal after the 4th BIMSTEC Summit held on August 2018.

First country to make public transport free

- ❖ Luxembourg became the first country to abolish all fares on public transport by 2019.
- ❖ The move of free public transport was done to enhance the traffic congestion scenario in Luxembourg City, which is one of the worst traffic congestion-hit cities in the world.

Australia criminalises orphanage trafficking

- ❖ Australia has become the first country in the world to criminalise the act of falsely inducing Children into Orphanages as a form of ‘Slavery’.
- ❖ As per the Modern Slavery Bill passed by the Government, the ‘Orphanage Trafficking’ will be treated as a trafficking offense and slavery.
- ❖ The move is believed to be the first move of its kind in the world.

Orphanage trafficking

- ❖ It is estimated that 80% of children in orphanages around the world have at least one living parent but are in orphanages in a bid to attract international volunteers.
- ❖ This is what’s called “Orphanage trafficking”.

ECONOMY

Crude bill pay in rupee

- ❖ India has signed an agreement with Iran to pay for crude oil it imports from the Persian Gulf nation in rupees.
- ❖ The MoU was signed following the US letting India and 7 other nations to keep buying Iranian oil despite sanctions were re imposed on Iran in November 5.
- ❖ The Indian refiners will make rupee payments in the UCO Bank account of the National Iranian Oil Corporation (NIOC).
- ❖ Earlier India paid its 3rd largest oil supplier in Euros using the European banking channels.

ENVIRONMENT

HC judge U C Dhyani to monitor Ganga cleaning

- ❖ The National Green Tribunal has appointed former Uttarakhand High Court judge, Justice U C Dhyani, as the head of the 3-member committee to oversee the rejuvenation work of the Ganga river.
- ❖ Earlier on 6th August 2018, Justice Arun Tandon was appointed as the head of the said panel, but later he was replaced.

Climate Vulnerable Forum

- ❖ The first 'Completely Online' Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) was held at the Marshall Islands.
- ❖ It is an intergovernmental meeting represented by Heads of Government level ministries.
- ❖ It focuses on Global warming and set a target to keep the rising temperature beyond 1.5 degree Celsius.
- ❖ The Climate Vulnerable Forum was founded by the Maldives government and India is one of the Observer States of this Forum.

STATES

First Muslim mayor of Kolkata since Independence

- ❖ Firhad Hakim, Minister of Municipal Affairs, West Bengal has become the first Muslim Mayor of Kolkata since Independence.
- ❖ He was chosen as the 29th Mayor of the city, defeating Meena Devi Purohit.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Turner Award 2018

- ❖ Glasgow based artist and film maker Charlotte Prodger won the 2018 Turner Award at Tate Britain in London, UK.
- ❖ He won this award for her 33-minute film called 'BRIDGIT', that explores queer identity, which was shot in an iPhone.
- ❖ It is the Britain's prestigious contemporary art award.
- ❖ The Award was instituted in 1984 by a group named Patrons of Art.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Anti Corruption Day – 09 December

- ❖ The International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) is observed every year across world on December 9 to raise public awareness of corruption.
- ❖ The day aims to promote and strengthen measures to prevent and combat corruption more efficiently and effectively.
- ❖ The day has been celebrated since the passage of the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) on 31 October 2003.
- ❖ UNCAC is the first legally binding, international anti-corruption instrument that provides a chance to mount a global response to corruption.
- ❖ The UN along with the UNDP and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) organized a global campaign called “Corruption: An impediment to Sustainable Development Goals”- for spreading the awareness on corruption.



International Day of Human Rights - 10 December



- ❖ The International Day of Human Rights or Human Rights Day is celebrated annually on 10 December.
- ❖ The theme of the 2018 Human Rights Day is #StandUp4HumanRights.
- ❖ Adopted in 1948 by the UN General Assembly (UNGA), 10 Dec 2018 marked the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).
- ❖ The Universal Declaration of Human Rights document is the most translated document in the world, available in more than 500 languages.

Nobel Prize Day – 10 December



- ❖ The Nobel Prize Day is observed annually on December 10.
- ❖ The day has been observed to commemorate the day on which the first Nobel Prizes were awarded.
- ❖ The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in 10 December 1901, 5 years after Nobel's death (10 December 1896).
- ❖ The Nobel Laureates are announced at the beginning of October each year and they were awarded on 10 December from the Swedish King.



- ❖ All Nobel Prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, except for the Nobel Peace Prize, which is awarded in Oslo, Norway.
