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NATIONAL

Foundation Day of Indian states/ UT's – November 01

- ❖ 7 Indian states celebrate their formation day on November 1. The states include, Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana.
- ❖ The union territories of Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar also celebrate their formation day on November 01.

Karnataka

- ❖ It is 63rd foundation day of Karnataka and the state is hosting Karnataka Rajyotsava by hoisting red and yellow flags of Karnataka.
- ❖ Karnataka, which was initially called as Mysore, was renamed as Karnataka in 1973.



Kerala

- ❖ For Kerala, it marks the 62nd anniversary of the establishment of the state.
- ❖ Organised on linguistic principles, the modern borders of Kerala came into existence in 1956.

Haryana

- ❖ Haryana celebrates its 52nd anniversary of the Formation Day on November, 2018. It was carved out of the former state of East Punjab on November 1, 1966.

Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh celebrated its 63rd Foundation Day on November 1.

Statue of Unity unveiled

- ❖ Prime Minister unveiled the 182-metre-high Statue of Unity, on the occasion of 143rd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (October 31, 2018), India's first Home Minister as well as First Deputy Prime Minister.
- ❖ The Statue is twice the Statue of Liberty and is the tallest in the world.
- ❖ It was built at a cost of Rs. 2989 crores and is located in Narmada District of Gujarat, 3.2 kms downstream of Narmada Dam.
- ❖ The statue was designed by Padma-Bhushan winning sculptor Ram V Sutar and was built by Larsen and Toubro and the state-run Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Ltd.
- ❖ It stands 177 feet higher than the current world's tallest, China's Spring Temple Buddha in the central Henan province.

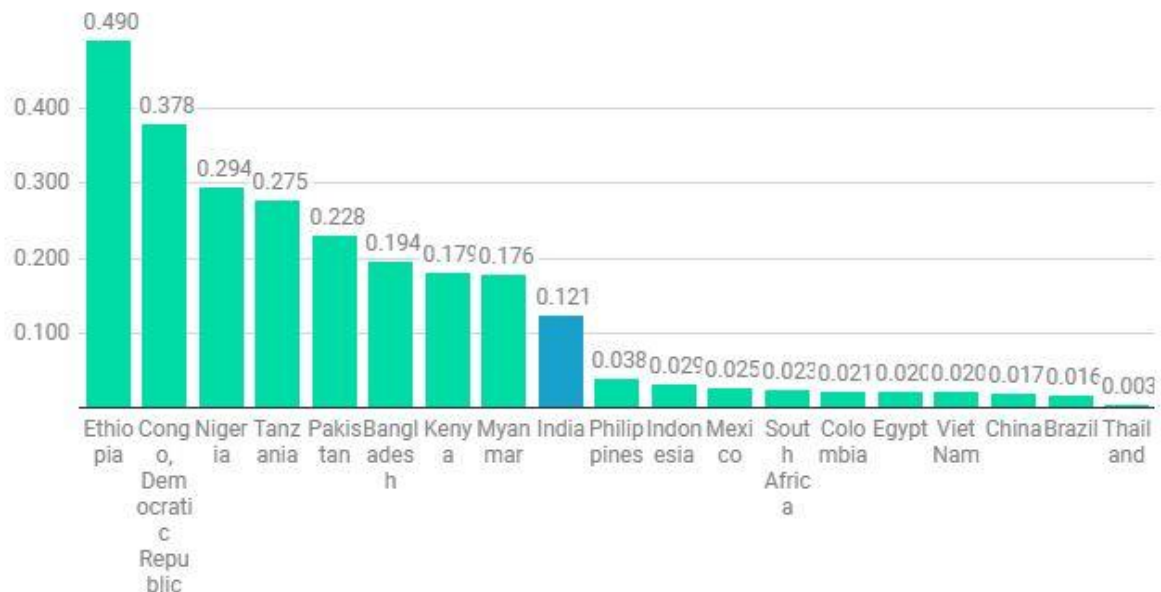


Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)

- ❖ India's MPI index in 2018 was 0.121, half of what it was in 2006.
- ❖ India has been placed at 53rd out of 105 developing countries.
- ❖ India's MPI is lower than the global average of 0.159 and the South Asian countries but higher than BRICS countries (excluding Russia).
- ❖ The MPI value ranges between 0 and 1 and the value of 1 indicates the highest deprivation level, while 0 indicates the lowest.
- ❖ The worst 10 districts were in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar (BIMARU states).
- ❖ While Kerala, Punjab, Goa and Delhi remain at the top by having lowest MPI.
- ❖ MPI is a measure that takes into account the incidence of poverty and the extent of deprivation.
- ❖ It is calculated by Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

World's poorest countries

MPI ratings for the twenty most populous developing countries



ECONOMY

First India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property

- ❖ The first ever India-US Dialogue on Intellectual Property (IP) was launched in New Delhi to deepen bilateral strategic cooperation on IP policy.
- ❖ The dialogue aims to identify solutions and also share technical knowledge and expertise between both countries in IP domain.
- ❖ It was launched by
 - US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) and
 - Industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) in partnership with US-India Business Council (USIBC).
- ❖ It will be convened annually, alternating between New Delhi and Washington, DC.

STATES

2018 Sangai Festival – Manipur

- ❖ The Manipur government will celebrate the “2018 Sangai Festival” at three venues of Manipur namely Keibul Lamjao, Imphal and Mao from 21st to 30th November.
- ❖ It is an annual cultural festival organised by Manipur Tourism Department to promote state as a world class tourism destination.
- ❖ For the first time in the history of Manipur, the U.S. Ambassador to India will also be present during the Festival.
- ❖ It is named after the State animal ‘Sangai’ the brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur.



India's First Robotic Dinosaurs Gallery

- ❖ India's first gallery on robotic dinosaurs was opened to the public at the Pushpa Gujral Science City, in Kapurthala, Punjab.
- ❖ This gallery is a joint initiative of the Union and state governments.
- ❖ The Pushpa Gujral science city is the biggest project of its kind in northern India.



Bathymetric Survey of the Dal-Nageen lake

- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir administration has appointed former Navy officer S K Jha as a consultant for conducting a comprehensive bathymetric survey of the Dal-Nageen lake.
- ❖ Bathymetric survey is the study of underwater depth of lake or ocean floors.
- ❖ The Nageen lake in Srinagar is a deep blue water offshoot of the Dal lake.
- ❖ The Nageen lake is surrounded by a large number of willow and poplar trees. Hence, it has been referred as a “nageena”, which means “the jewel in the ring”.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Gleitsman Award 2018

- ❖ Harvard University (US) has selected Nobel Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai (20) for its 2018 Gleitsman Award in recognition of her work promoting girls' education.
- ❖ The Gleitsman Award provides US \$125,000 for activism that has improved quality of life around the world.





Background

- ❖ In 2014, at the age of 17 she was awarded Nobel peace prize, becoming youngest Nobel Laureate in the history of Nobel award.
- ❖ She had shared this award with Indian children's rights activist Kailash Satyarthi.
- ❖ United Nations in her honour has declared 12 July as 'Malala Day'.

SPORTS

Under-21 Belgium Open

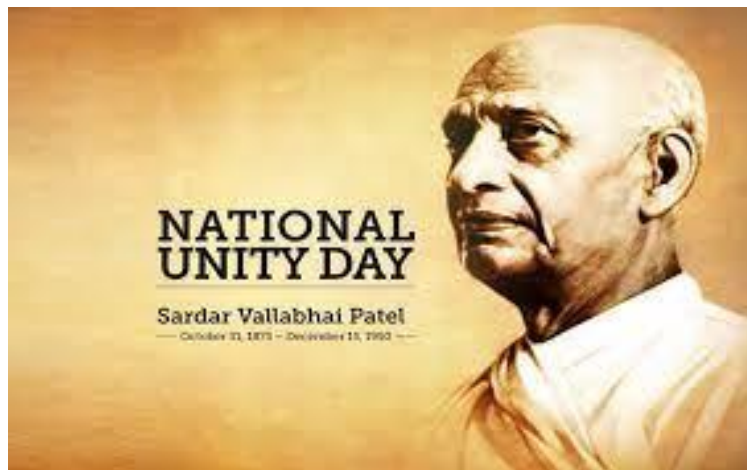
- ❖ Indian table tennis player Ayhika Mukherjee has won a silver medal in the under-21 women's singles category of the ITTF (International Table Tennis Federation) Challenge Belgium Open.
- ❖ She lost to South Korea's Youjin Kim in the final.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas – 31 October

- ❖ The birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is observed as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) on 31st October every year.
- ❖ Observance of the day provides an opportunity to re-affirm inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand actual and potential threats to unity, integrity and security of our country.
- ❖ Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is mainly responsible for the integration of 565 princely states into independent India.
- ❖ He was awarded 'Bharat Ratna' posthumously in 1991.



MISCELLANEOUS

Anupam Kher resigns as Chairman of FTII

- ❖ Veteran actor Anupam Kher has resigned as Chairman of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).
- ❖ He was appointed as Chairman of FTII in October 2017 and had replaced Gajendra Chauhan.
- ❖ With this, Kher became first chairperson of FTII to resign before completion of his full term.
- ❖ He had served as chairman of FTII for 11 months, which makes his tenure shortest since FTII's formation.