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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Atul Kumar Goel assumed charge as Managing Director and CEO of UCO Bank.
- ❖ The Army Aviation Force celebrated its 33rd Raising Day on 01 November 2018, and to mark this occasion, a Wreath Laying Ceremony was held at the Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate, New Delhi.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and South Korea for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet has been apprised of the following two instruments namely, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with Russia.
 - MoU with the Ministry of Transport of the Russian federation for the development of cooperation in transport education.
 - MoC with the Joint Stock Company "Russian Railways" (RZD) on technical cooperation in the field of railways.

TAMIL NADU

Permanent judges – Madras High Court

- ❖ The Centre has notified the appointment of Three Additional Judges of Madras High Court as Permanent Judges.
- ❖ The notification makes the following judges as permanent.
 1. RMT. Teekaa Raman
 2. N. Satish Kumar
 3. N. Seshasayee

NATIONAL

Clean Air Campaign

- ❖ An aggressive ten day long Clean Air Campaign from 01st to 10th November, 2018 was launched in Delhi by the Union Environment Minister to monitor and report polluting activities as well as to ensure quick action.

- ❖ 52 teams were jointly flagged off by the Minister. These teams will be visiting different parts of Delhi and adjacent towns of Faridabad, Gurugram, Ghaziabad and Noida.

For clean and green Delhi

▶ As many as 70 monitoring teams have been appointed across Delhi-NCR, including 52 from Central Pollution Control Board with two teams each to be operational in Noida, Faridabad, Gurugram and Ghaziabad

▶ **Criminal proceedings are likely in case of repeat offenders**

▶ Over 64 road-sweeping machines will be pressed into service

▶ Around 400 water sprinklers/tankers will be deployed by Delhi municipal corporations

▶ Temporary ban issued against construction work, hot-mix plants, stone crushers

▶ No biomass and industrial waste burning will be allowed



▶ No truck will be allowed to move uncovered while carrying construction and demolition waste

▶ **Around 35 private school buses with embedded filtration system flagged off to create awareness**

- ❖ The team will comprise
 - Local Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) as the team leader
 - Senior officials from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
 - Representatives from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
 - Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and
 - Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC).
- ❖ Delhi has 44 such teams while the cities in NCR (National Capital region) region namely Gurugram, Noida, Faridabad and Ghaziabad have two teams each.

Dharma Guardian 2018

- ❖ Armies of India and Japan began their first-ever joint military exercise at Counter Insurgency Warfare School, Vairengte of India.
- ❖ Vairengte is located in Mizoram.



- ❖ The 14-day long exercise focuses on strengthening the counter-terror cooperation.
- ❖ The Japanese contingent is represented by 32nd Infantry Battalion, while the Indian side by 6/1 Gorkha Rifles.

NITI Aayog - DRC Dialogue

- ❖ The Fourth Dialogue of the NITI Aayog - Development Research Centre (DRC) of the State Council, Peoples' Republic of China was held in Mumbai.
- ❖ This is the second ministerial dialogue between China and India since the meeting of Chinese President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Johannesburg during the BRICS summit.
- ❖ The Fifth edition of the NITI - DRC Dialogue will be held in Wuhan, China in November next year.

Supreme Court - 4 New Judges

- ❖ Justices Hemant Gupta, R.Subhash Reddy, M.R.Shah and Ajay Rastogi were sworn in as judges of the Supreme Court.
- ❖ With the appointment of these four new judges, the strength of the supreme court judges has risen from 24 to 28.
- ❖ The Supreme Court has a sanctioned strength of 31.
- ❖ This year, two Supreme Court judges Justices Madan B Lokur and Kurian Joseph are set to retire while Justice AK Sikri will demit office in March 2019.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

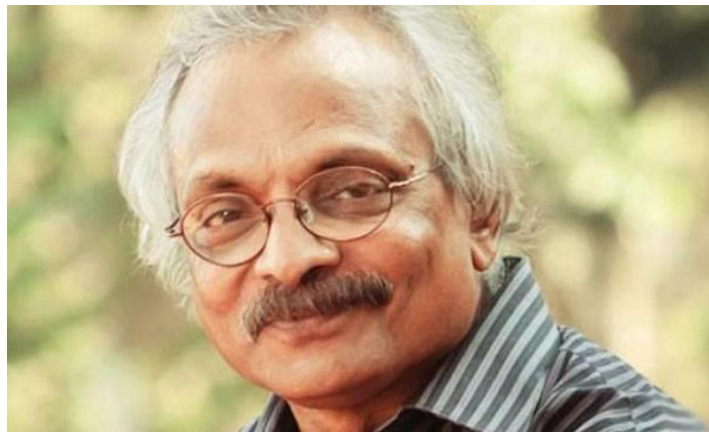
Agni-I

- ❖ India successfully conducted the night trial of the indigenously developed nuclear capable Agni-I ballistic missile off the Odisha coast on October 30, 2018.
- ❖ The surface-to-surface missile test was test-fired as a part of user-trial from the Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha coast.
- ❖ The night trial of the ballistic missile with a strike range of 700 km was first conducted in April 2014.
- ❖ The missile with a strike range of beyond 700 km has a specialised navigation system.
- ❖ Weighing 12 tonnes, the 15-metre-long Agni-I can carry payloads up to 1000 kg.
- ❖ It has already been inducted in the Indian Army.

STATES

Ezhuthachan Puraskaram- Kerala

- ❖ Writer M Mukundan has been selected for this year's Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, the top literary prize of the Kerala state government.
- ❖ The award was named after poet Thunchaththu Ramanujan Ezhuthachan, the father of Malayalam language and literature.



- ❖ It carries a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh and citation.

- ❖ The award committee comprised of Kerala Sahitya Akademi president as its chairman, cultural affairs secretary, poet K Satchithanandan and writers G Balamohan Thampi and Sunil P Ilayidom as members.

Neonatal mortality – Tamil Nadu

- ❖ Tamil Nadu has received an award from the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for recording one of the highest annual declines in the Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) between 2015 and 2016.
- ❖ The Union Ministry presented awards to best-performing States during the 5th National Summit on “Good and Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Health Care Systems in India” at Kaziranga in Assam.
- ❖ The Tamilnadu State bagged the second place in the rankings for the ‘highest annual decline in NMR 2015 versus 2016’. Himachal Pradesh stood first.
- ❖ Tamilnadu has already achieved the Sustainable Development Goal of reducing NMR to 12 per 1,000 live births by 2030.
- ❖ In 2015, Tamil Nadu’s NMR was 14 per 1,000 live births. This ratio declined to 12 per 1,000 live births in 2016, as per the Sample Registration System.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

100 Best foreign language films

- ❖ Satyajit Ray's epic masterpiece 'Pather Panchali' has been included by BBC's 100 best foreign language films.
- ❖ It is the only film from India to feature in the list.

20. The Mirror (Andrei Tarkovsky, 1974)
19. The Battle of Algiers (Gillo Pontecorvo, 1966)
18. A City of Sadness (Hou Hsiao-hsien, 1989)
17. Aguirre, the Wrath of God (Werner Herzog, 1972)
16. Metropolis (Fritz Lang, 1927)
15. Pather Panchali (Satyajit Ray, 1955)
14. Jeanne Dielman, 23 Commerce Quay, 1080 Brussels (Chantal Akerman, 1975)
13. M (Fritz Lang, 1931)
12. Farewell My Concubine (Chen Kaige, 1993)
11. Breathless (Jean-Luc Godard, 1960)
10. La Dolce Vita (Federico Fellini, 1960)
9. In the Mood for Love (Wong Kar-wai, 2000)
8. The 400 Blows (François Truffaut, 1959)
7. 8 1/2 (Federico Fellini, 1963)
6. Persona (Ingmar Bergman, 1966)
5. The Rules of the Game (Jean Renoir, 1939)
4. Rashomon (Akira Kurosawa, 1950)
3. Tokyo Story (Yasujirō Ozu, 1953)
2. Bicycle Thieves (Vittorio de Sica, 1948)
1. Seven Samurai (Akira Kurosawa, 1954)

- ❖ 'Pather Panchali' was placed at number 15 in the list.
- ❖ The list was topped by Japanese Film Director Akira Kurosawa's 'Seven Samurai'.
- ❖ 27 of the highest-rated films were in French, followed by 12 in Mandarin, and 11 each in Italian and Japanese films.

SPORTS

Formula One race - 2020

- ❖ Vietnam will host a Formula One race in April 2020.
- ❖ Vietnam becomes the third Southeast Asian nation to host a Formula One race.
- ❖ The race will be hosted in Vietnam's capital Hanoi.

World Corporate Games 2019

- ❖ Qatar will host the 23rd edition of the World Corporate Games in November 6 to 9 of 2019.
- ❖ This is the first time the World Corporate Games will be held in the Middle East.
- ❖ It will be the first time that the World Corporate Games incorporate eSports and mindsports.

- ❖ The World Corporate Games, established nearly 30 years ago, aims to bring together, the local, regional and international business sporting community.

IMPORTANT DAYS

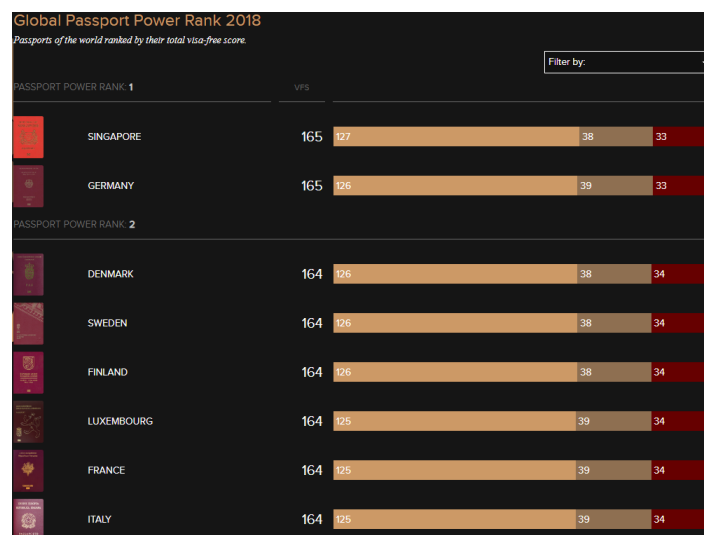
International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists - November 2

- ❖ The International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists is an UN-recognized day observed annually on 2 November.
- ❖ The day draws attention to the low global conviction rate for violent crimes against journalists and media workers, who plays a crucial role in informing and influencing the public about important social issues.
- ❖ To mark this year International Day, the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) launched an initiative to fuel awareness on the issue of journalists killed on the job called “Truth Never Dies”.

MISCELLANEOUS

Global Passport Index – 2018

- ❖ As per the annual passport index, Singapore and Germany have the world’s “most powerful” passport with access to 165 countries.



- ❖ The results are the part of citizenship planning firm Henley and Partners' annual passport index.
- ❖ The Indian passport was ranked at 66th in the world in the latest ranking of the Global Passport Index.
- ❖ The ranking was based on the passports' visa-free score.
- ❖ The Indian passport grants visa-free access to 66 countries.
- ❖ Falling in the last place of the list is Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan and Iraq.
