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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman flagged off the 'Run for Unity,' an event organised to mark the birth anniversary of freedom fighter and India's first Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhai Patel at Chennai on October 31st.
- ❖ The book, titled 'The Fire Burns Blue: A History of Women's Cricket in India', co-authored by sports journalists Karunya Keshav and Sidhanta Pathak, will be released on November 30.
 - It is a book on history of women's cricket in India. The book will be launched as the part of the publishing house's new imprint, Westland Sport.
- ❖ The Vice President has recently released the book 'Yoga and Mindfulness' authored by Yoga exponent, Ms. Mansi Gulati, at Sardar Vallabhbbhai Patel Conference Hall, Vice President's House, in New Delhi.
- ❖ Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed 3 senior IRS officers
 - K Dash,
 - Akhilesh Ranjan and
 - Neena Kumaras new members of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).
- ❖ With these 3 new joining, CBDT now has full house strength of five members and chairman.

TAMIL NADU

TN gets SEBI approval to launch State Shelter Fund

- ❖ Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) gave nod to Tamil Nadu Government for launching its State Shelter Fund for attracting investments in the affordable housing segment.
- ❖ In this regard, the Tamil Nadu government established the Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund which is the category-I Alternative Investment Fund.
- ❖ This was announced at an event called 'Innovative and Alternative Finance for Business and Infrastructure Development in India'.

- ❖ It was organized by the United Economic Forum (UEF), Chamber of Commerce and World Islamic Economic Forum Foundation (WIEF).

NATIONAL

Long cohabitation is a presumed marriage – Supreme Court

- ❖ The Supreme Court has upheld the “presumption” that
 - A couple who live together as husband and wife are legally married and
 - The woman can claim maintenance under Section 125 of the Criminal Procedure Code.
- ❖ The judgement was ruled by a bench of Justices R. Banumathi and Indira Banerjee.
- ❖ The judgment was based on an appeal filed by a woman against a Karnataka High Court decision of June 2009.

International Solar Alliance membership to all UN countries

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval for opening up the International Solar Alliance (ISA) membership to all countries that are members of the UN.
- ❖ In this regard, the Cabinet has approved to move a resolution in the first Assembly of ISA for amending the Framework Agreement of ISA.

Separate High Court for Andhra Pradesh

- ❖ The Supreme Court of India has recently given the nod for a separate High Court for Andhra Pradesh and it will start functioning from 1st January 2019.
- ❖ It will be the 25th high court in the country.
- ❖ It will initially function from a temporary structure till the permanent building comes up in the State’s capital Amaravati.
- ❖ Since the bifurcation of the State on June 2, 2014, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have had a common high court situated at Hyderabad.
- ❖ The existing court will be known as the Telangana High Court from next year.

Ambassadors of India

- ❖ Dinkar Asthana (IFS: 1990), who was Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Lao People's Democratic Republic.
- ❖ Gaddam Dharmendra (IFS:1990), who was Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- ❖ Ms.Nina Tshering La, who was Deputy Chief of Mission, Hanoi has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- ❖ Sanjay Kumar Verma (IFS:1988), who was Additional Secretary at Headquarter has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Japan.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

New Chairperson for Competition Commission of India

- ❖ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed former IAS officer Ashok Kumar Gupta as the Chairperson of Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- ❖ He replaces acting Chairperson Sudhir Mital.
- ❖ CCI is a quasi-judicial statutory body established under the Competition Act, 2002.
- ❖ It was established in October 2003 and became fully functional in May 2009.
- ❖ Section 8(1) of the Act provides CCI shall consist of Chairperson and not less than 2 and not more than 6 Members.
- ❖ Presently, Chairperson and 4 Members are in position.
- ❖ It has been functioning as collegium right from its inception.
- ❖ It functions under the Ministry of Cooperate Affairs.

Robyn Denholm Replaces Elon Musk as Tesla Chair

- ❖ Elon Musk had agreed to step down as chairman of Electric carmaker Tesla as the part of a settlement with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

- ❖ Robyn Denholm will leave her Chief Financial Officer (CFO) post at Telstra and take over Musk's position, which he has been holding for 14 years.



- ❖ However, Musk will remain on the board as a director and Tesla CEO.
- ❖ It is the first time Musk has relinquished any control of his company since he became board chair and CEO in 2004.

Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award

- ❖ Veteran journalist and the Hindu Group of Publications Chairman N Ram has been chosen for the prestigious Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award.
- ❖ The award is presented by the Press Council of India, for his outstanding contribution towards journalism.
- ❖ In a statement, the Press Council of India (PCI) also announced other winners of the National Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2018.

Award Category	Recipient	Journal/Newspaper
Rural Journalism	Ruby Sarkar	<i>Deshbandhu</i>
	Rajesh Parshuram Joshte	<i>Daily Pudhari</i>
Developmental Reporting	VS Rajesh	<i>Kerala Kaumudhi</i>
Photo Journalism-Single News	Subhash Paul	Rashtriya Sahara
Photo Journalism-Photo Feature	Mihir Singh	Punjab Kesari
Best Newspaper Art: covering cartoons, caricature and illustrations	P Narasimha	<i>Nava Telangana</i>

- ❖ No entry could qualify in the newly introduced award category of 'Sports Reporting'.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Legal Services Day - 09 November

- ❖ The National Legal Services Day (NLSA) is observed every year in India on 9th November to spread awareness for ensuring reasonably fair and justice procedure for all citizens.
- ❖ The aim of celebrating this day is to offer free of charge, proficient and legal services to the people belonging to weaker sections of society.
- ❖ On this day, Lok Adalats are organized across the country.
- ❖ It was started by the Supreme Court of India in 1995.

World Science Day for Peace and Development – 10 November

- ❖ The World Science Day for Peace and Development (WSDPD) is annually celebrated on November 10 to raise the awareness of the benefits of science Worldwide.
- ❖ The day highlights the important role that science plays in our society.
- ❖ The Theme of the day for the year 2018 is "Science, a Human Right".
- ❖ It was proclaimed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2001 and celebrated for the first time in 2002.


