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## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Tamilselvi – 3rd gender nurse**

- ❖ S. Tamilselvi, a 22-year-old transgender person from Vellore, is set to become the country's first third gender student to pursue a diploma programme in nursing.
- ❖ Tamilselvi will now join the Government Vellore Medical College.



- ❖ The decision is based on recommendation of the State Human Rights Commission Member D. Jayachandran.

## **NATIONAL**

### **33rd ASEAN Summit and Related Summits concludes**

- ❖ The 33rd edition of the ASEAN Summit concluded on November 15, 2018 at Suntec Singapore Convention Centre, Singapore.
- ❖ The Summit also saw the conclusion of other related summits like
  - 13th East Asia Summit (EAS),
  - 2nd Regional Comprehensive Economic Summit, (RCEP) and
  - 21st ASEAN Plus Three Summit
- ❖ Prime Minister of Singapore, Lee Hsien Loong, was the Chairman of this year's Summit.

- ❖ Lee handed over the ASEAN Chairmanship to Thailand's Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 13th East Asia Summit, 2nd RCEP Summit and ASEAN-India Summit in Singapore.
- ❖ It was Prime Minister Modi's 5th East Asia Summit. India has been participating in the East Asia Summit since its very inception in 2005.
- ❖ Prime Minister Modi also addressed the audience during the Fintech Conference.
- ❖ He became the first head of government to deliver the keynote speech at the Singapore Fintech Festival.
- ❖ He launched APIX, a banking technology designed to reach two billion people without bank accounts worldwide.

### **Conference on Global Digital Content Market (GDCM) 2018**

- ❖ The conference on Global Digital Content Market (GDCM) 2018 was held in New Delhi with focus on 'Asia Pacific region'.
- ❖ Its aim is to give industry stakeholders a platform to come together and discuss new avenues in the films, music, gaming and creative industry.
- ❖ It is being organized by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- ❖ India has been chosen as a host nation for the conference by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) due to the strong creative industry in the country in films, music and media.

### **Ape fossil – Kutch Basin**

- ❖ The Palaeontologists have unearthed a fossilised upper jaw (maxilla) in Kutch basin, Gujarat.



- ❖ It is the oldest and the only known ape fossil discovered in peninsular India.
- ❖ The upper jaw belonged to an adult ape (hominoid family), belonging to the genus Sivapithecus and lived about 11-10.8 million years ago (Miocene).

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS**

### **Lifetime Achievement Award - Dr. Martha Farrell**

- ❖ Late Dr. Martha Farrell has been honoured with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the 6th Indian Social Work Congress in New Delhi.
- ❖ Dr. Farrell is being recognized for her lifelong work towards gender equality, women's empowerment and prevention of sexual harassment at workplace.
- ❖ She was among 14 people killed in a terrorist attack on a guest house in Kabul, Afghanistan on May 13, 2015.
- ❖ Dr. Farrell had been leading a gender training workshop with the Aga Khan Foundation in Kabul at the time of the attack.

### **Global Indian of the Year Award**

- ❖ Shantanu Narayen, CEO of Adobe Systems Inc has won the Global Indian of the Year Award.
- ❖ Adobe Systems is the maker of image-editing software Photoshop and digital document reader PDF.
- ❖ Shantanu Narayen has been named by the Fortune in its 2018 Business Person of the Year list.
- ❖ The list ranks 20 business executives "delivering on the bottom line and beyond".
- ❖ Narayen ranks 12th on the list, which has been topped by the CEO of insurance company Progressive Tricia Griffith.

### **Alyque Padamsee**

- ❖ Alyque Padamsee, noted ad guru and theatre personality, died in Mumbai.
- ❖ Mr Padamsee was best known for his role as Muhammad Ali Jinnah in 1982 historcial drama "Gandhi".

- ❖ He was honored with Padmashri in 2000 and was named "Advertising Man of the Century" by The Advertising Club in Mumbai.
- ❖ He also received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Tagore Ratna in 2012.

## SPORTS

### World Kick Boxing Championship

- ❖ Aabid Hamid, a 15-year-old Kashmiri student, has won gold medal at the World Kick Boxing Championship in Argentina, held from 5th to 10th November 2018.
- ❖ Aabid Hamid won gold medal in the 52 kg category. He was the only gold medal winner from India in the tournament.
- ❖ Eight other players including three from Kashmir won silver medals.
- ❖ Master Hashim, Ms Abrou and Mr Irshad Ahmad Ganie are among the silver medal winners.

### World Billiards Championship

- ❖ Indian Player Pankaj Advani won the IBSF 150-up Billiards Championship held at Yangon, Myanmar.
- ❖ It was his 3rd straight IBSF (International Billiards and Snooker Federation) billiards title in the 150-up format.
- ❖ He defeated Myanmar's Nay Thway Oo in the final and won the World Billiards Championship (150-Up) 2018 title.
- ❖ With this win, he has increased his world titles tally to 20.
- ❖ He had won the previous two titles in the 150-Up format in Bengaluru in 2016 and in Doha, Qatar, in 2017.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Philosophy Day – 15 November (3rd Thursday of Nov)

- ❖ The World Philosophy Day was annually observed on the 3rd Thursday of November to honor philosophical reflections around the world.
- ❖ This year World Philosophy Day lies on November 15.

- ❖ This day strives to promote an international culture of philosophical debate that respects human dignity and diversity.
- ❖ In 2005, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) established World Philosophy Day.

### **National Press Day – 16 November**

- ❖ The National Press Day was celebrated in India on 16th November every year.
- ❖ The National Press Day commemorates the day on which the Press Council of India (PCI) started functioning.
- ❖ The PCI was constituted on 4 July 1966 and started functioning on November 16, 1966.
- ❖ This day is a symbolism of a free and responsible press in India.

### **International Day for Tolerance – 16 November**

- ❖ The International day of tolerance is observed on 16 November every year.
  - ❖ Its aim is to educate people about the negative effects of intolerance and make people aware about the need of tolerance in society.
  - ❖ It is an annual observance declared by the UNESCO in 1995.
  - ❖ The first ever World Tolerance Summit held in Dubai on November 15 -16. It was organized by the International Institute of Tolerance.
  - ❖ The Theme of the Summit was ‘prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration’.
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