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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Prof. Thirukodi kaval Nilakanta Srinivasan (85), a distinguished Indian economist and a scholar, passed away in Chennai, Tamil Nadu on November 11, 2018.
 - He had been a mentor of macroeconomics to the present RBI governor, Urjit Patel.
- ❖ Stan Lee (95), the legendary comic book writer and former chief of Marvel Comics, passed away in Los Angeles, United States.
 - Lee created the Fantastic Four for Marvel Comics in 1961 and went on to create titles like Spider-Man and The Incredible Hulk.
- ❖ The International Conference on Yoga for Public Health was inaugurated at Kala Academy, Panjim of Goa. The two-day conference is being organised by the Ministry of Ayush with theme of ‘Yoga for Public Health’.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu’s Karthikeyan Pandian became India’s 57th Grandmaster, bagging the final norm after finishing joint first in Novi Sad, Serbia.

NATIONAL

Intex South Asia

- ❖ The fourth edition of Intex South Asia was inaugurated in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- ❖ It is the largest international textile sourcing show in South Asia.
- ❖ The event has been organized by Worldex India Exhibition and Promotion Private Limited in partnership with
 - Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL),
 - Retailers Association of India,
 - Clothing Manufacturers Association of India,
 - Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) etc.



South Asian Regional Conference on Urban Infrastructure

- ❖ The South Asian Regional Conference on “Urban Infrastructure: New Approaches to Public & Private Partnerships and Municipal Finance Innovations” was held at New Delhi.
- ❖ It was organised by NITI Aayog in partnership with
 - The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and
 - The Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- ❖ The conference discussed the key issues, perspectives and the way forward in the Urban Infrastructure.
- ❖ The South Asian regional conference is a first of its kind, with participation from across the South Asian region.

ISPRL Signs MoU with ADNOC

- ❖ Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) has recently signed MoU with the Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd (ISPRL) in Abu Dhabi.
- ❖ The MoU is related to exploring the possibility of storing ADNOC crude oil at Padur Underground Facility in Udupi district of Karnataka.
- ❖ ADNOC is the only foreign oil & gas company to invest by the way of crude oil in India’s strategic petroleum reserves program.
- ❖ ISPRL is an Indian government-owned company mandated to store crude oil for emergency needs and its headquarters is located at Noida.

Indian Social Work Congress

- ❖ The sixth Indian Social Work Congress was held at New Delhi.
- ❖ It was jointly organized by
 - National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) and
 - Department of Social Work (Delhi School of Social Work) University of Delhi.
- ❖ The theme of the 2018 Congress was “Human Development and Social Inclusion: Imperatives for Social Work Education and Practice”.

- ❖ The objective of the initiative is to bring about social fraternity to discuss the issues of social work, education and research in India.
- ❖ The congress was first held in 2013.

STATES

Himalayan State Regional Council constituted

- ❖ NITI Aayog has recently constituted the Himalayan State Regional Council (HSRC) in a bid to ensure sustainable development of the Himalayan region.
- ❖ The council will be chaired by Dr. V K Saraswat, Member of NITI Aayog.
- ❖ It will review and implement identified action points based on the reports of five working groups.
- ❖ The Council will also act as the nodal agency for sustainable development in the Himalayan region which has 12 States, including Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

New Chief Representative for Asia and the Pacific – BIS

- ❖ The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) has appointed Siddharth Tiwari as the Chief Representative for Asia and the Pacific. He succeeded Eli Remolona..



- ❖ He is based in the BIS's Representative Office for Asia and the Pacific in Hong Kong SAR (Special Administrative Region).

- ❖ Tiwari will work to deepen the cooperation between the BIS and central banks in Asia and the Pacific.
- ❖ BIS is an international financial institution owned by central banks which fosters international monetary and financial cooperation and serves as a bank for central banks.
- ❖ It is based in Basel, Switzerland.

Union Minister Ananth Kumar passed away

- ❖ Senior BJP leader Ananth Kumar (59), recently passed away in Bengaluru on November 12th, 2018.
- ❖ He was in charge of two key ministries – serving as
 - Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers since May 2014 and as
 - Minister of Parliamentary Affairs since July 2016 in the NDA govt.
- ❖ He represented the Bengaluru South parliamentary constituency in the Lok Sabha six times since 1996.

Brigadier Kuldip Singh Chandpuri passed away

- ❖ Brigadier Kuldip Singh Chandpuri (78) passed away on November 18, 2018 in Mohali, Punjab.
- ❖ He was known as the hero of the Battle of Longewala during the 1971 Indo-Pak war.



- ❖ He was a recipient of the Maha Vir Chakra, the country's second-highest gallantry award, for his role at Longewala.
- ❖ Kuldip Singh Chandpuri defended a border post in Rajasthan with just 120 Indian soldiers during the 1971 war against around 2000 Pakistani soldiers who were backed by more than 40 tanks.

SPORTS

World Cadets Chess Championship

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Gukesh D and Savitha Shri B won gold medals in U-12 Open and girls' category respectively at the World Cadets Chess Championship in Spain.



- ❖ Savitha Shri had earlier won a silver and gold at the Asian Youth chess championships in Bangkok.
- ❖ For Gukesh, this is the first World title.

IMPORTANT DAYS

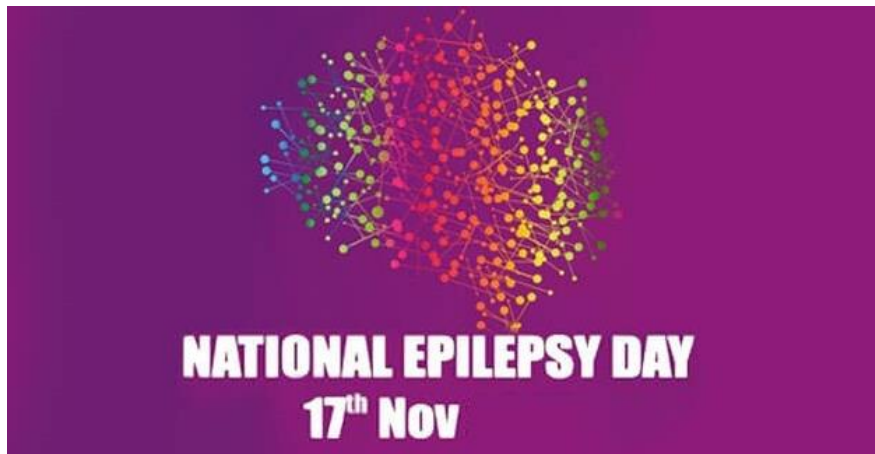
International Students' Day - 17 November

- ❖ International Students' Day is an international observance of the student community, held annually on November 17.
- ❖ The date commemorates the anniversary of the 1939 Nazi storming of the University of Prague, Czechoslovakia and the subsequent killing of 9 students and Professors on November 17.

- ❖ Students were protesting against the occupation of Czechoslovakia.
- ❖ The day was first marked in 1941 in London by the International Students' Council.

National Epilepsy Day - 17 November

- ❖ In India, November 17 is observed every year as National Epilepsy Day to create awareness about epilepsy.
- ❖ Epilepsy is a chronic disorder of brain characterized by recurrent 'seizures' or fits.



- ❖ The seizures are caused as a result of sudden, excessive electrical discharges in the neurons (brain cells).
 - ❖ Globally, the World Epilepsy Day or Purple Day is observed on March 26th annually.
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