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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The 24th edition of the Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF 2018) was held at Kolkata, West Bengal. Highlight of the festival was 100 years of Bengali cinema. Australia was the focus country for KIFF 2018.
- ❖ The Bureau of Police Research & Development in collaboration with the Jharkhand Police organised the two days National Conference of Women in Police (NCWP) in the state capital of Jharkhand, Ranchi.

STATES

3rd state to ban hookah bars or lounges – Punjab

- ❖ Punjab becomes the third state in the country after Maharashtra and Gujarat to ban hookah bars or lounges.
- ❖ The ban was announced after the President Ram Nath Kovind has given assent to a bill passed by the Punjab state assembly.
- ❖ The objective of this law is to check the use of tobacco in various forms and to prevent diseases caused by use of the tobacco products.

Note

- ❖ The Punjab state assembly has passed the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of advertisement and Regulation of trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and distribution) (Punjab Amendment) Bill 2018 in March this year.

Sashakt Mahila Yojna

- ❖ The Himachal Pradesh Cabinet has approved the implementation of Sashakt Mahila Yojna in the State.
- ❖ It aims to empower the rural women by providing them an interface for organization and socio-economic development.
- ❖ It also decided to implement the Himachal Healthcare Scheme (HIMCARE) in the state, where a cashless treatment coverage of Rs 5 lakh per year per family.

Bhuseva programme and Bhudaar web portal launched

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister has launched Bhuseva programme and Bhudaar web portal to make land records available to people, in Amaravati.
- ❖ Under the Bhuseva programme, each agriculture land holding and rural and urban properties in Andhra Pradesh will be allotted a unique 11-digit identity number called “Bhudaar”.
- ❖ All revenue land-related transactions like mutation, registration etc. will be performed using the Bhudaar card.
- ❖ Temporary Bhudhaar number starts with 99. Permanent Bhudaar will start with 28. If it is a government land, 28 is followed by 00.
- ❖ Two types of Bhudaar cards are available
 - e-Bhudaar and
 - M-Bhudaar.

Land rights to enclave dwellers in north Bengal

- ❖ The West Bengal Assembly unanimously passed the West Bengal Land Reforms (Amendments) bill, 2018 to give land rights to the enclave dwellers in the north Bengal ending an era of uncertain future of people living in those areas.
- ❖ On 1st August 2015, India and Bangladesh had exchanged a total of 162 enclaves.
- ❖ The exchange was done to end one of the world’s most complex border disputes that had lingered for 7 decades since Independence.
- ❖ This bill will help the enclave dwellers to get a full-fledged status as citizens of India along with all civil amenities and citizenship rights.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador - Millie Bobby Brown

- ❖ Millie Bobby Brown, actor of Netflix’s sci-fi drama ‘Stranger Things’ has been appointed as the UNICEF’s latest Goodwill Ambassador.
- ❖ The 14 –year old, Emmy award nominated star is the youngest person ever to be appointed to this position.

- ❖ The announcement was made on the 20th November, World Children’s Day.



SPORTS

World Junior Badminton Championship

- ❖ India’s top junior shuttler Lakshya Sen (17) won bronze medal in the Li Ning BWF World Junior Badminton Championships 2018 held at Markham, Canada.
- ❖ In singles semi-final match, he lost to the World junior number one Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand.
- ❖ This was Sen’s first medal from this prestigious tournament in three attempts.
- ❖ Overall, this was India’s 5th boys singles bronze medal at BWF World Junior Championships and only medal India got at this year’s Championships.



UIM F1H2O Grand Prix of India

- ❖ Team Abu Dhabi's Shaun Torrente won the UIM (Union Internationale Motonautique) F1H2O Grand Prix of India held in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ It is the fifth round of powerboat racing.
- ❖ This is Shaun Torrente's 7th career-victory. He has climbed to the top of the championship standings.
- ❖ Second place was secured by Emirates Racing's Marit Stromoy, the only woman racer who participated in the race.
- ❖ Third position was occupied by Team Abu Dhabi' Erik Stark.
- ❖ This was the first-ever F1H2O Grand Prix hosted by India.

ATP Finals

- ❖ German Player Alexandar Zverev beat Serbian player Novak Djokovic to win the ATP World Tour Finals in London.
- ❖ Alexander Zverev is now the first German to win ATP Singles title since Boris Becker did it in 1995.
- ❖ Alexander Zverev had defeated Switzerland Player Roger Federer in the semi finals.

- ❖ In Men's Doubles Event, American's Jack Sock and Mike Bryan won the title by defeating France's Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut.
- ❖ It is the second highest tier of annual men's tennis tournament after the four Grand Slam tournaments.



Oldest European international goalkeeper - Football

- ❖ Bulgarian Georgi Petkov became the oldest European international goalkeeper as Bulgaria played a Nations League draw with Cyprus.
- ❖ Georgi Petkov is 42 years and eight months old.
- ❖ He beat the record of former Liverpool goalkeeper Elisha Scott, who was 42 years and six months old when he last played for Ireland in 1936.
- ❖ Giorgos Koudas is the oldest player to have represented a European nation when he played for Greece at the age of 48 in 1995.

1st Indian to win Sir Henry Cotton Rookie Of the year

- ❖ Chandigarh based Young Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma became the first Indian to win Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the year in DP World Tour Championship held in Dubai.
- ❖ He is the first Indian to win the award in the European Tour.

- ❖ While, Arjun Atwal (1995), Shiv Kapur (2005) and C Muniyappa (2009) had won the Rookie of the Year in the Asian Tour.


