

**November – 27**

## **TNPSC BITS**

- ❖ Uber Eats has announced the appointment of actress Alia Bhatt as its brand ambassador. India will be the first country for the Uber Eats to have an appointed brand ambassador.

## **TAMIL NADU**

### **Heritage Electric Theatre to turn Museum**

- ❖ The Heritage Electric Theatre, on the Anna Road Head Post Office campus, is soon going to turn into a Museum exclusively for Philately, Stamp collection.
- ❖ It will be the first of its kind launched by the India Post which runs similar museums at New Delhi and Agra.
- ❖ It will have replicas of some of the oldest stamps and special covers in the country.
- ❖ The Electric Theatre, established in 1913, was the first theatre to screen silent films in Mount Road.
- ❖ At present, the theatre hosts a permanent philatelic exhibition with different themes every month.

## **NATIONAL**

### **International Tourism Mart 2018**

- ❖ The 7th edition of the 'International Tourism Mart' was held in Agartala, the capital city of Tripura.
- ❖ It was organised by the Union Ministry of Tourism in association with the Department of Tourism, Government of Tripura and North Eastern States.
- ❖ The theme for this year is "Adventure Tourism".
- ❖ It is an annual event organized in north-eastern region with the objective of highlighting tourism potential of region in domestic and international markets.



### **AAI cancelled UDAN licence - Air Odisha**

- ❖ The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has cancelled the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) licence of low-cost carrier Air Odisha for 7 airports for its irregular flight services.
- ❖ The cancelled airports are Jharsuguda, Raipur, Raigarh, Bilaspur, Ambikapur, Jagdalpur and Visakhapatnam.
- ❖ It was the sole operator in the recently inaugurated Jharsuguda Airport in Odisha.

### **Golden Jubilee episode - Mann Ki Baat**

- ❖ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 50th edition of his popular radio programme Mann Ki Baat on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- ❖ The programme was started in October 3, 2014.
- ❖ The Mann Ki Baat is broadcasted every month on the last Sunday.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **GRP Help App**

- ❖ ADGP (Railways) C Sylendra Babu has launched an application 'GRP Help App' at Coimbatore railway junction.
- ❖ Railway passengers can use this app to seek help from the Government Railway Police (GRP), Railway Protection Force (RPF).
- ❖ The railway commuters can share the image of any suspicious object through the App.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **SSB to patrol Dudhwa tiger reserve**

- ❖ Dudhwa Tiger Reserve and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) have joined hands to provide security to Dudhwa forests and its rich wildlife.

- ❖ A consensus was reached among all security agencies including SSB on the border and the Dudhwa field staff to strengthen the patrolling in and around Dudhwa to check forest and wildlife crimes.
- ❖ Dudhwa Tiger Reserve is a protected area in Uttar Pradesh that stretches mainly across the Lakhimpur Kheri and Bahraich districts.
- ❖ It comprises Dudhwa National Park, Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary and Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary.

## STATES

### India's second tallest statue of Lord Buddha unveiled

- ❖ The Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled 70-foot tall statue of Lord Buddha at Rajgir in Nalanda district of Bihar state.
- ❖ It is the second tallest statue of Buddha in the country.
- ❖ The statue has been installed above 16 metre radius pedestal in the middle of lake Ghora Katora.
- ❖ Ghora Katora is a natural lake surrounded by five hills.



## SPORTS

### Laureus World Sports Awards

- ❖ The 19th edition of the prestigious Laureus World Sports Awards will be held in Monaco on February 18 next year (2019).
- ❖ Considered the 'Oscars of sports', the Laureus World Sports Awards celebrate global sporting achievements across the calendar year.
- ❖ Last time year, tennis great Roger Federer won the Laureus Sportsman of the Year award for a record fifth time.
- ❖ While tennis great Serena Williams won the Laureus Sportswoman of the Year award for the fourth time.
- ❖ Former Indian cricket captains, Kapil Dev, Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar are the renowned members of the Laureus Academy.

### Commonwealth fencing championship

- ❖ India's C.A. Bhavani Devi made history by becoming the first Indian to win the gold medal in the senior Commonwealth fencing championship held in Canberra of Australia.



- ❖ The 25-year old Chennai girl defeated England's Emily Ruaux in the final.

- ❖ Bhavani had earlier this year won a silver medal in the Tournoi Satellite Fencing Championship in Iceland.

### **Artistic Gymnastics World Cup**

- ❖ Dipa Karmakar bagged a bronze medal in the vault event of Artistic Gymnastics World Cup in Cottbus, Germany.
- ❖ Earlier this year, Dipa had won a gold in the vault event at the FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin, Turkey.
- ❖ She had become the first Indian gymnast to win a gold at the World Challenge Cup.

### **AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships**

- ❖ The 10th edition of the AIBA (International Boxing Association) Women's World Championships was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ MC Mary Kom created history by defeating Ukraine's Hanna Okhota in the 48 kg final to win a record sixth gold at the World Championship.



- ❖ She beat the record of Irish boxer, Katie Taylor who had earlier won five world titles.
- ❖ Mary had won the previous titles in 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2010.

- ❖ Sonia Chahal settled for silver after losing to Wahner Ornella Gabriele of Germany in the 57 kg final.
- ❖ The 21-year old Haryana boxer won the silver medal in her maiden world championships.
- ❖ India hosted the tournament for the second time after 2006, when the country topped the table with eight medals (4 gold, 1 silver, 3 bronze).

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) Day – 21 November

- ❖ World COPD Day is celebrated on 21 November every year throughout the world.
- ❖ The theme of the day for the year 2018 is “Never Too Early, Never Too Late”.
- ❖ Its aim is to raise awareness about the chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and improve COPD care worldwide.

### International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women - 25 November

- ❖ The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is being observed every year across the World on 25th November.



25 NOVEMBER  
INTERNATIONAL DAY  
FOR  
**THE ELIMINATION  
OF VIOLENCE**  
*Against Women*

- ❖ The theme of the day for the year 2018 is “Orange the World: #HearMeToo”.



- ❖ The 25th of every month has been designated as Orange Day by the UN Women campaign ‘Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence against Women’ launched in 2009.
- ❖ The day is commemorated in the memory of the 3 Mirabal sisters, political activists from the Dominican Republic who were brutally assassinated during the Rafael Trujillo’s dictatorship in 1960.
- ❖ The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution on February 7, 2000, officially designated the day on November 25.

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