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TAMIL NADU

Hon’ble CM – announced that “The Chennai Muffosil Bus Terminus”, popularly known as Koyambedu Bus Stand, will be renamed as Purathi Thalaivar Dr MGR Bus Stand.

NCC Cadets from Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman team - won laurels at the ‘All India Thal Sainik’ camp held in New Delhi from September 17 to 28, 2018.

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The team also secured second position for health and hygiene and obstacle course and sixth position in girls overall.
The boys senior division team also won the prize for best cultural performance.
The Thal Sainik Camp is an all India level competitions of Army related skills held annually.

K Vally, Senior Ticket examiner of ‘Nilgiri Mountain Railway’ was honoured as ‘Everyday Heroes’ by the Railway Board.
She has been recognized for entertaining the passengers by singing songs in Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu and Hindi besides in the local language of the Nilgiris, Badaga.

Karnataka – becomes the 1st state in the country – to give legal protection to good Samaritans who help accidents victims with emergency medical care within the ‘Golden hour’.
This was made legal with the President giving his consent to the ‘Karnataka Good Samaritan and Medical Professional (Protection and Regulation during Emergency Situations) Bill, 2016’ under Article 200 of Constitution.
‘Golden hour’ in medical term is the first hour after traumatic injury when emergency treatment is very crucial.
Under this law, Karnataka government will provide financial help to good samaritans who help victims in timely manner.
It also seeks encourage people to offer first aid to victims without fear of harassment in hands of police and investigations.

Assam – becomes the 1st state in the country - to launch ‘Wage compensation’ scheme for Pregnant women working in tea estates
The scheme will be launched by Assam Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal on October 1, 2018 in Guwahati.
Under the scheme, an amount of Rs 12,000 will be given to the pregnant women in 4 instalments –
- Rs 2,000 in the first trimester
- Rs 4,000 in the second trimester,
- Rs 3,000 for institutional delivery
- Rs 3,000 for registration of the child’s birth
The women will also be given a maternity leave from the third trimester of pregnancy till three months after delivery.
In the Annual Health Survey of 2012-13, Assam recorded one of the highest maternal mortality rates in India, with over 300 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births (National Average – 130) and around 404 deaths in the state’s tea estates.

West Bengal - The country’s 1st Flood forecast and Early warning system – inaugurated at Kolkata
✓ It was established by The Kolkata Municipal Corporation with the support of the Asian Development Bank
✓ It will provide real-time data on rainfall intensity, temperature, air quality and other climate-related data

Tripura – to set up country’s 1st ‘Flute performance research institute’ – to highlight ‘flute’ as a traditional musical instrument
✓ The institute will conduct research on the various types of bamboo in Tripura to make the better quality ‘flutes’ for national and international markets

Jharkhand – is constructing India’s largest War memorial – as per Raghubar Das, CM of Jharkhand
✓ Stories of the slain soldiers’ bravery will be written in the war memorial, which will have a replica of the Kargil War
✓ The Government has also hiked the compensation amount to the kin of the soldiers who died while serving the country from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 10 lakh

Goa & Portugal – signs MoU on Water Management
✓ The agreement intends to collaborate in the areas of water supply operation and energy efficiency, waste water and sewerage planning, energy management and information management
Odisha CM – launches 3-day ‘Kalahandi Dialogue’, a global conclave on development

- Using the platform, the CM launched several projects for the district of Kalahandi
- Sujeet Kumar was the Chairperson of Kalahandi Dialogue
- The dialogue was aimed to involve youth in various development activities of the State

Madhya Pradesh - announced to form a ‘Gau mantralaya’ (Cow Ministry) in the state – as per the CM, Shivraj Singh Chouhan

- The Ministry will work towards the preservation and protection of cows in the State

PM’s Visit to Gujarat

- The PM inaugurated ‘Mahatma Gandhi Museum’ at Rajkot, Gujarat

- The Museum has been set up at the Alfred High School, which was an important part of the formative years of Mahatma Gandhi
- The Museum highlights the various events regarding the importance of Gandhian culture, values and philosophy
The PM also inaugurated a state-of-the-art ‘Amul chocolate plant’ set up with an investment of about Rs. 190 crore

**COURT VERDICT**

- Uttarakhand high court – directed the state government to provide reservation to transgenders in educational institutions and public appointments
- The direction, as part of several welfare measures suggested by the court, intends to provide the transgenders the right to a life of dignity

**INTERNATIONAL**

- USA, Canada & Mexico – signs a new trade deal to replace NAFTA, North American Free Trade Agreement

  - The new deal is called the ‘United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)’
  - Under the agreement, Canada has agreed to export a quota of 2.6 million vehicles to the United States, following the imposition of 25% global autos tariffs by the US on national security grounds
  - NAFTA – is an agreement signed by Canada, Mexico and the United States, which came into force on January 1, 1994

**COMMITTEES**

- Min of Finance – constituted a 9-member “Competition Law Review Committee” to review the Competition Act, 2002 under Injeti Srinivas, Corporate Affairs Secretary

  - It includes Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) Chairperson M S Sahoo and Competition Commission of India (CCI) Chairperson as members
The committee will review competition regulations in view of changing business environment and suggest the necessary changes to strengthen the existing law to promote best practices.

The CCI was established in 2009.

**PERSONALITIES**

**Elon Musk** – to step down as the Chairman of ‘Tesla’ and pay a penalty of $20 million to settle charges over his claims about taking the company ‘Private’

- He will still remain as CEO and can’t be re-elected to the role of Chairman for the next 3 years.
- Tesla is one of the leading electric vehicle maker in the United states.

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**

**World’s 1st Artificially conceived ‘Lion Cubs’** – born in South Africa’s ‘University of Pretoria’s mammal research institute’
The two cubs, a male and female – are conceived by means of artificial insemination
Lions are extinct in 26 African countries and currently, only 20,000 left with a decline of 43% over the last two decades, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, which lists the African lion as ‘vulnerable’

**ECONOMY**

**RBI – bars ‘Bandhan Bank’ from opening new branches**
- It had also put a freeze on the remuneration of Bandhan Bank MD and CEO Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- The RBI pulled up Bandhan Bank for its failure to bring down the promoter holding to 40% as mandated in the licensing norms for universal banks

**AWARDS**

**James P. Allison and Tasuku Honjo – conferred 2018 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine - for their discovery of cancer therapy by stimulating the ability of immune system to attack tumour cells**

- The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine is one of five Nobel Prizes established in 1895 by Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, in his will
- **First winners**
  - Male - 1901 - German physiologist, Emil von Behring - for his work on serum therapy and the development of a vaccine against diphtheria
  - Female - 1947- Gerty Cori for her role in elucidating the metabolism of glucose.
Chiranjiv Patel, prominent Entrepreneur - has bagged the prestigious "BW 40 under 40" award in BW Business World's 2nd edition of ‘40 Under 40’ awards - held in Gurgaon.

‘40 Under 40’ - which honours Indian entrepreneurs and professionals below the age of 40, nominated almost 300 entrepreneurs across India and from that they have scrutinized the best 40.

Deepika Kumari – won the Bronze medal in the Recurve individual event.

Archery World Cup, Samsun, Turkey
INTERNATIONAL DAY

International Day of Older Persons – October 1

- The day was observed since 1991
- The day intends to raise awareness about the issues affecting elderly and also to appreciate the contributions of older people to the society
- Theme 2018 - “Celebrating Older Human Rights Champions”

World Vegetarian Day – October 1

- The celebration of this day was established by the North American Vegetarian Society in 1977 and endorsed by the International Vegetarian Union in 1978
- World Vegetarian Day initiates the month of October as ‘Vegetarian Awareness Month’, which ends with November 1, World Vegan Day
- The day highlights the health and environment benefits of vegetarianism
World Habitat Day – October 1

- The day is observed on the first Monday of October since 1986.
- It reflects the present state of the world’s towns and cities and emphasise the basic right of all to receive adequate shelter.
- The main event was held in Nairobi, Kenya this year.
- Theme 2018 - Municipal Solid Waste Management.

International Translation Day – September 30

- International Translation Day is observed on September 30th.
- The day is celebrated to recognize the importance of translation services.

- The theme for 2018 was ‘Translation: Bridges of Communities’. 
- The slogan 2018 was ‘Bridging Worlds, Connecting People’.
The day recognizes the role of professional translation in connecting various nations
The theme for International Translation Day 2018 is “Translation: promoting cultural heritage in changing times”
The United Nations General Assembly has passed on May 24, 2017, a resolution declaring September 30 as International Translation Day
‘International Translation Day’ is celebrated every year on 30 September on the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators
The celebrations have been promoted by International Federation of Translators (FIT) ever since it was set up in 1953
St. Jerome was a priest from North-eastern Italy, who is known for translating Bible into Latin from the Greek manuscripts of the New Testament
He also translated parts of the Hebrew Gospel into Greek

**World River day – September 29**
The day is recognized on the fourth Saturday of every September
It highlights the impact of rivers on our lives and celebrates the world’s waterways
The day is celebrated since 2005

**OBITUARY**

**Pandit Tulsidas Borkar – Legendary Harmonium Artist (83 years)**

Borkar, born in Goa, designed a new model of the harmonium which involved raising the level of the keyboard - that was crafted and manufactured by Dashrath Bengude
He was honoured with the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademic Award in 2005
Borkar was also conferred the Padma Shri in 2016 for his contributions to Indian music.
Annie Besant (1847–1933), second President of The Theosophical Society from 1907 to 1933, was described as a ‘Diamond Soul’, for she had many brilliant facets to her character.

**THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY**

* Annie Besant joined The Theosophical Society on 21 May 1889, and became a devoted pupil and helper of HPB, pledging her loyalty to the President-Founder, Col. H. S. Olcott, and the cause of Theosophy.
* 1893 she represented The Theosophical Society at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago.

**IN INDIA**

* 1893 she landed in India.
* 1898-founded the Central Hindu School and College in Benares (now Varanasi). A few years later she started the Central Hindu School for Girls.
* 1921 -In recognition of Mrs Besant’s services to Indian education the degree of Doctor of Letters was conferred upon her.
SCOUT MOVEMENT

★ As Lord Baden-Powell deemed that Indians were unfit to be scouts, the Indian Scout Movement was founded by her in 1918, the boys wearing Indian turbans! When Baden-Powell came to India and saw how successful was the movement created by Annie Besant, it was amalgamated with the world movement, and she was made the Honorary Scout Commissioner for India.
★ In 1932 Baden-Powell sent her from London the highest Scout distinction, the ‘Silver Wolf’ medal.

SECOND PRESIDENT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

★ In 1907, after the passing of Col. H. S. Olcott, Annie Besant became the second International President of the Theosophical Society, an office which she held until her death in 1933. (IN Samacheer books it was mentioned as 1893)
★ Seven Great Religions,
★ 1905 - The first edition of her English translation of the Bhagavadgîtâ was published.
★ 1908 she announced the formation of a Theosophical Order of Service, which aimed at banding members together in groups with the motto ‘Union of all who Love in the Service of all that Suffer.’
★ She started The Adyar Bulletin, which continued until 1929. Presently the Adyar Newsletter fulfils a similar function.

ANNE BESANT AND J. KRISHNAMURTI

★ A new phase of Dr Besant’s activity began when she came into contact with two remarkable Indian boys, and declared that the elder of them, J. Krishnamurti, was destined to be the vehicle of the ‘World Teacher’, the Bodhisattva Maitreya
★ 1910 she assumed the guardianship of J. Krishnamurti and his brother.
★ Mrs Besant saw her role in Krishnamurti’s life as that of a catalyst: ‘Amma never told me what to do’, Krishnamurti gratefully recalled in later life.
★ The Order of the Star in the East was organized to pave the way for the very special work he was to do.
**HOME RULE MOVEMENT**

- Sep 3, 1916 – Home Rule League – Madras (Gokale Hall)
- HQ – Adyar
- President – ANNIE BESANT
- ORGANISING SECRETARY – G.S ARUNDALE
- GENERAL SECRETARY – C.P. RAMASAMY AIYER
- TREASURER – B. PWADIA
- First Conference – Cuddalore (V.P. Madava Rao as its president)
- Incarcerated in Nilgiri prison for her political activities
- Tiru. V. KA resigned his Tamil lecturer job in Wesley College
- She also started two journals: *The Commonweal, a weekly* dealing with issues of national reform; and *New India, a daily newspaper* which for fifteen years was a powerful instrument promoting Home Rule and revolutionizing Indian journalism

**IN INC**

- 1917 - Calcutta session
- She was elected First woman president of the Indian National Congress.
- Ten months after she began her political work, the Great War broke out. India was called upon to make great sacrifices, which she did gladly but not a single word was said by any British statesman as to India’s contribution.
- It was this blunder of British statesmen that convinced Dr Besant that the political work in India had to continue, and could not be modified or slackened because the Empire was at war.
- She was interned in 1917 for three months because of her success in arousing the love. As President of the Indian National Congress; she made the office one of active work throughout the year, instead of only presiding over it during the four-day annual meetings, as was the practice earlier.

**OTHER ASSOCIATIONS FOUNDED BY BESANT**

- 1914 – Young Men’s Indian Association
- 1918 – Madras Parliament
- Madanapalle College
- Adyar Arts League
- Home Rule League in Bombay
Girls’ College in Benares
Order of the Brothers of Service
Society for the Promotion of National Education (SPNE).

Presided over the Women’s Indian Association at Adyar — from which grew the All-India Women’s Conference at Poona (now Pune) in 1927 and the All-Asian Women’s Conference at Lahore in 1931

IDEALOGICAL DIFFERENCE WITH GANDHI

Unfortunately, she fell into disfavour with the Indian National Congress because of her opposition to Mr Gandhi’s plan of non-cooperation and civil disobedience as she foresaw the danger of instilling disrespect for the law.

Although she had a deep regard for Gandhi as someone whose life was guided by truth and compassion, she herself stood by constitutional methods for achieving political reform.

Mr Gandhi’s policies were adopted and the disasters she had anticipated occurred in various parts of India. Though she became unpopular and lost her position as a political leader, she still continued with her work for India.

HER FAMOUS WORKS

The Political Status of Women
The Law of Population
My Path to Atheism
Marriage, As It Was, As It Is, And As It Should Be: A Plea for Reform
Autobiographical Sketches
Why I Am a Socialist
Why I Became a Theosophist
The Seven Principles of Man
Bhagavad Gita (translated as The Lord’s Song) (1895)
Karma
The Ancient Wisdom
Dharma
The Religious Problem in India
Thought Power: Its Control and Culture
A Study in Consciousness: A contribution to the science of psychology.
Occult Chemistry with C. W. Leadbeater
An Introduction to Yoga
* Annie Besant: An Autobiography 1908
* Man and His Bodies
* Elementary Lessons on Karma
* A Study in Karma
* Initiation: The Perfecting of Man
* Man’s Life in This and Other Worlds
* The Doctrine of the Heart
* The Future of Indian Politics
* The Life and Teaching of Muhammad
* Memory and Its Nature
* Sin and Crime
* Life, Death, and Immortality
* The World and Its God
* Atheism and Its Bearing on Morals
* For the Crown and Against the Nation
* Why I Do Not Believe in God
* The Myth of the Resurrection