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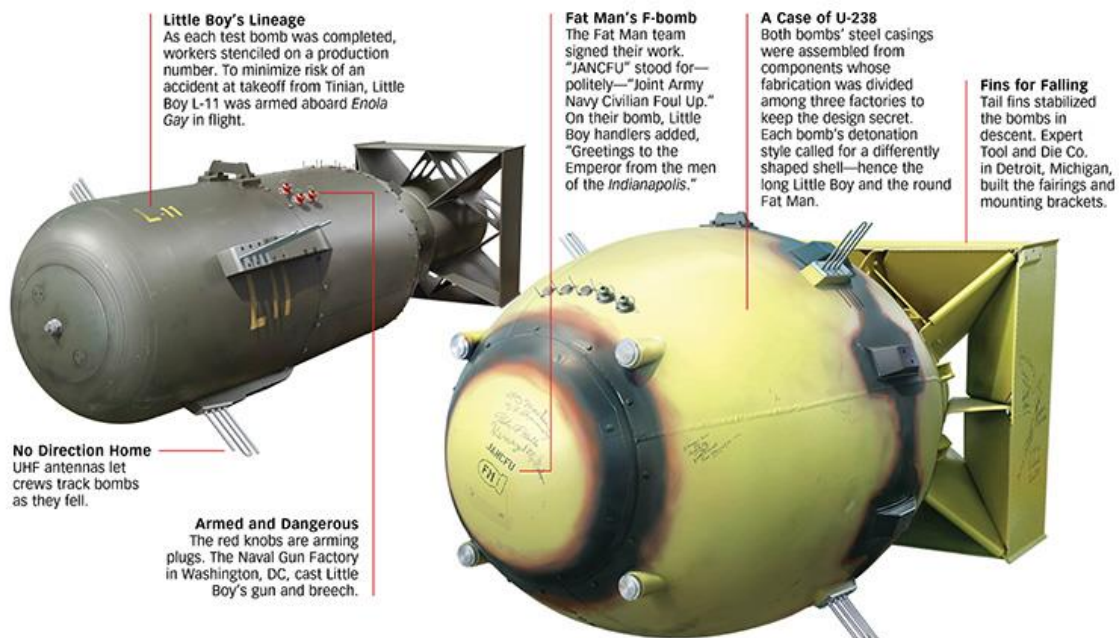
TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Sports Minister Kiren Rijju chaired the first General Council meeting of the Khelo India Scheme.
- ❖ Malayalam film 'Moothon' and National Award-winning documentary 'Son Rise' won awards at the 20th edition of New York Indian Film Festival.
- ❖ The famous Journalist and Author, Yatish Yadav wrote a new book titled, "RAW (Research and Analysis Wing): A History of India's Covert Operations.

INTERNATIONAL

75th Nagasaki Day

- ❖ On 9 August 2020, 75th Nagasaki Day is observed to remember the people and innocent children who were killed as the US dropped an atomic bomb on the Nagasaki city of Japan.
- ❖ On 9th August 1945, the US dropped the atomic bomb named "Fat Man".
- ❖ Consequently, on August 14th, Japan surrenders and ends the world war II.





ECONOMY

RBI Monetary Policy

- ❖ In its 7th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy 2020-21, the Reserve Bank of India has decided to maintain the "accommodative" stance and keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 4%.
- ❖ The decision has been taken to revive the growth and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on Indian Economy.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank has consequently decided to keep the reverse repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) unchanged at 3.35 percent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at 4.25 percent.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank's business assessment index (BAI) for first-quarter hit its lowest mark in the survey's history.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Ammonium Nitrate

- ❖ Ammonium Nitrate is a white, crystalline chemical that is soluble in water.
- ❖ It is the main ingredient used to manufacture commercial explosives.
- ❖ Under the UN classification of dangerous goods, ammonium nitrate is classified as an oxidiser.
- ❖ However, it can be used as an explosive when mixed with other contaminants.
- ❖ The Improvised Explosive Devices used by terrorists in the world contain Ammonium Nitrate Fuel Oil (ANFO).

ENVIRONMENT

Tick-borne SFTS virus

- ❖ It has re-emerged in China.
- ❖ The virus was first detected in 2009 and China had isolated pathogen of the virus in 2011.
- ❖ The virus belongs to the Bunyavirus category.
- ❖ It causes severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome (SFTS).
- ❖ The virus is known to infect mammalian hosts including cats, mice, hedgehogs, weasels, brushtail possums and yak.



STATES

The YSR Cheyutha Scheme

- ❖ It is to be launched in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ It aims to empower women from minority castes.
- ❖ The AP Government will also launch the YSR Asara Scheme along with YSR Cheyutha Scheme.
- ❖ The scheme is to benefit 90 lakh women of self-help group.

Tendu leaves scheme

- ❖ The Chhattisgarh Chief Minister (CM) Bhupesh Baghel launched a social security scheme namely “Shaheed Mahendra Karma Tendupatta Sangraha Samajik Suraksha Yojana” for tendu leaves collectors in the state.
- ❖ Tendu leaves are used for making bidis (leaf-wrapped cigarettes).

Schemes for girls & women

- ❖ In order to give a major boost to “Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao” campaign, Haryana Govt launched 2 new schemes.
- ❖ “Mahila Evam Kishori Samman Yojana” is to provide free sanitary napkins to girls and women of below poverty line (BPL) families.
- ❖ “Mukhya Mantri Doodh Uphar Yojana” to provide fortified flavoured skimmed milk powder to women and children.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Ajay Tyagi

- ❖ The SEBI Chairman Ajay Tyagi has been given a term extension of 18 months till February 2022.
- ❖ The decision was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister.
- ❖ The government had granted a 6-month extension to him before the expiry of his three-year tenure on March 1, 2020.

- ❖ The movement was launched in Calcutta Town Hall to protest against partition of Bengal by the British Government.
- ❖ It was first declared as National Handloom Day in 2015.
- ❖ It is being celebrated under the coordination of Ministry of Textiles.

International day of the world's indigenous peoples- August 9

- ❖ It aims to create awareness and to conserve the rights of indigenous people.
- ❖ The day was first pronounced by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in December 1994.
- ❖ 1995-2004 observed as the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples.
- ❖ This year's theme is "COVID-19 and indigenous peoples' resilience"

