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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to set up a training centre for Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) commandos in Saharanpur's Deoband.
  - Deoband is on the Uttaranchal and Haryana border.
- ❖ August 19th is the annual International Orangutan Day.
  - This international event aims to promote the conservation of critically endangered orangutan and encourage the welfare of their habitat.
- ❖ The 2021 edition of the World Athletics U20 Championships has been started in Nairobi, Kenya.
  - The World U20 Championships are held from 17 to 22 August, 2021.
- ❖ Amway India has announced that it has appointed Olympian Saikhom Mirabai Chanu as the brand ambassador for Amway and its Nutrilite range of products
  - Chanu, a weightlifter, won the silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in the women's 49kg category.
- ❖ Lionel Messi joined Paris St Germain Football club after leaving Barcelona after 21 years.
  - Barcelona is the club where he had begun his professional career.

## TAMIL NADU

### Third state to present separate Agri budget - TN

- ❖ Tamil Nadu became the third state to have a separate agricultural budget.
- ❖ That is after Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The tradition of having an exclusive budget for agriculture was started by Karnataka in 2011-12.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh followed in 2013-14.

### Note

- ❖ Article 202 of the Constitution of India enables states to issue an estimated statement of receipts and expenditure for a financial year (commonly referred to as 'Budget' or 'Annual Financial Statement').

### **National award for teachers**

- ❖ Asha Devi is one of the recipients of national award for teachers given away by the Union government.
- ❖ She is the headmistress of the Panchayat Union Middle School at Piratiyur, Trichy.
- ❖ Asha Devi is one among the 44 teachers selected across the country for the award, and among the only two teachers from Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The second teacher from Tamil Nadu to receive the award was D Lalitha.
- ❖ She is the headmistress of Government Girls Higher Secondary School in Modakurichi.

## **NATIONAL**

### **Amrit Mahotsav Shri Shakti Challenge-2021**

- ❖ The union minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnav launched the 'Amrit Mahotsav Shri Shakti Challenge-2021'.
- ❖ This to encourage technology solutions developed by Women Entrepreneurs that facilitate Women's Safety and Empowerment.
- ❖ The aim is to empower women to help them achieve their full potential.



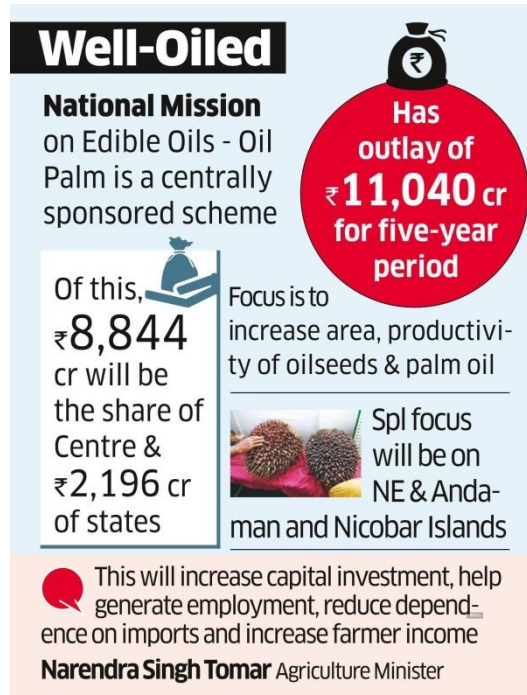
### **Bilateral maritime exercise - India and Vietnam**

- ❖ The Indian Navy and Vietnam People's Navy (VPN) undertook a bilateral maritime exercise in the South China Sea.
- ❖ This is to strengthen the defence ties among the two navies.
- ❖ From India, INS Ranvijay and INS Kora took part in the exercise.
- ❖ From the Vietnam People's Navy, frigate VPNS Ly Thai To (HQ-012) participated in the drill.
- ❖ The bilateral interaction aims to consolidate the strong bond shared by the two navies and would be another step towards strengthening India-Vietnam defence relations.

- ❖ This visit also holds special importance as Indian Naval ships celebrated the country's 75th Independence Day in Vietnam.

### **National Mission on Edible Oils**

- ❖ The Cabinet approved the 'National Mission on Edible Oils — Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)'.  
❖ This approval was given in order to promote the domestic cultivation of oil palm in next five years.  
❖ It will help in reducing India's dependence on imports.  
❖ The decision was taken after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced this new Central scheme on August 15.



**Well-Oiled**

**National Mission**  
on Edible Oils - Oil Palm is a centrally sponsored scheme

Has outlay of **₹11,040 cr** for five-year period

Of this, **₹8,844 cr** will be the share of Centre & **₹2,196 cr** of states

Focus is to increase area, productivity of oilseeds & palm oil

Spl focus will be on NE & Andaman and Nicobar Islands

This will increase capital investment, help generate employment, reduce dependence on imports and increase farmer income

**Narendra Singh Tomar** Agriculture Minister

### **About the scheme**

- ❖ The National Mission on Edible Oils is a centrally sponsored scheme.
- ❖ This scheme will subsume the “National Food Security Mission-Oil Palm programme.
- ❖ It was launched in line with the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat scheme.
- ❖ The National Mission on Edible Oil was launched with the aim of covering oil palm in an additional area of 6.5 lakh hectare by 2025-26.
- ❖ It seeks to reach the target of 10 lakh hectares.



## **UNITE AWARE**

- ❖ The External Affairs Minister (EAM), S Jaishankar, announced the rollout of “UNITE AWARE” tech to help protect UN peacekeepers.
- ❖ He made this announcement at the UN headquarters in New York while he was chairing UN security council open debate on “Technology and Peacekeeping”.
- ❖ UNITE AWARE is a mobile tech platform developed by India to provide terrain-related information to the UN peacekeepers.
- ❖ This is to ensure their safety.
- ❖ It is developed in partnership with the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Operational Support.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Cooperation in remote sensing satellite data sharing**

- ❖ BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) signed an agreement for cooperation in remote sensing satellite data sharing.
- ❖ The deal will enable building a virtual constellation of specified remote sensing satellites of BRICS space agencies and their respective ground stations will receive the data.
- ❖ The BRICS agreement was signed under India's Chairmanship of the bloc.

### **Vietnam consul office in India**

- ❖ Vietnam opened its first-ever consul office in India in Bengaluru.
- ❖ It is appointed N.S Srinivasa Murthy as its consul.
- ❖ India is the 26th investment partner of Vietnam.
- ❖ Vietnam is India's fourth-largest trading partner in the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

## **SPORTS**

### **Odisha's sponsor - Indian Hockey teams**

- ❖ The Odisha government will sponsor the Indian Hockey teams for 10 more years.
- ❖ The current sponsorship ends in 2023.
- ❖ The state government started sponsoring the national hockey teams in 2018.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Humanitarian Day - August 19

- ❖ It is observed every year to pay tribute to humanitarian personnel and those workers who lost or risked their lives while doing humanitarian service.
- ❖ In 2021 we are celebrating the 12th World Humanitarian Day (WHD).
- ❖ The theme for 2021 WHD is TheHumanRace: a global challenge for climate action in solidarity with people who need it the most.
- ❖ 19 August marks the day on which the then Special Representative of the Secretary-General to Iraq, Sérgio Vieira de Mello and 21 of his colleagues were killed in the bombing of the UN Headquarters in Baghdad.
- ❖ World Humanitarian Day was commemorated for the first time on 19 August 2009.





## **World Photography Day - August 19**

- ❖ World Photography Day is celebrated every year to promote photography as a hobby and also inspire photographers around the globe to share a single photo with the rest of the world.
- ❖ The first official World Photo Day was observed on August 19, 2010.
- ❖ The origin of World Photo Day comes from the invention of the Daguerreotype.
- ❖ It is a photographic process developed by Frenchmen Louis Daguerre and Joseph Nicéphore Niépce in 1837.

