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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Author Chetan Bhagat has released a trailer of his new book named, One Arranged Murder.
- ❖ Wing Commander Gajanand Yadava is awarded the `Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2019` in `air adventure` category.
- ❖ Ashwani Bhatia has been appointed as the managing director of State Bank of India.
- ❖ Ronnie O'Sullivan defeated Kyren Wilson and won the World Snooker Championship 2020.
- ❖ Mahindra Group Chairman, Anand Mahindra and Adobe Chairman, Shantanu Narayen will be conferred with 2020 Leadership Awards.

## NATIONAL

### Trifood Project

- ❖ Two new tertiary processing centres – TRIFOOD have been launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ It aims to increasing the value addition to the non-timber forest products collected by tribal forest gatherers.
- ❖ It will be implemented jointly by TRIFED and Ministry of Food Processing.

### Kormo Jobs App

- ❖ Google has announced the launch of its Kormo Jobs app for India to help entry-level job seekers to find and apply for the job positions.
- ❖ Jobs was originally piloted in Bangladesh and subsequently launched in Indonesia.
- ❖ It has since grown into a job platform that can help job seekers and businesses of all sizes in multiple markets.



### **Hallmarking of precious metals**

- ❖ The Ministry of Consumer Affairs has declared that the provision of mandatory hallmarking of precious metals like gold jewellery and artifacts will be effective from 1st June 2021.
- ❖ Hallmarking is a certification process for accurate determination and official recording of precious metal.
- ❖ It ensures the purity and fineness of the metal.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Military Coup in Mali**

- ❖ Recently, Mali's President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has resigned after soldiers had arrested him and Prime Minister Boubou Cisse in the capital Bamako as part of a coup.
- ❖ Mali, having gained independence in 1960, was long held in high esteem for its democratic principles.
- ❖ Since 2012, however, the country has been rocked by a succession of violent confrontations with Islamic extremists after the military staged a coup.



## **ECONOMY**

### **National Strategy for Financial Education 2020-2025 (NSFE)**

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India has released a national strategy for financial education to be implemented in the next five years.
- ❖ The multi-stakeholder led approach is aimed at creating a financially aware and empowered India.
- ❖ It is the second NSFE, the first one being released in 2013.
- ❖ It is prepared by in consultation with the four financial sector regulators
  - Reserve Bank of India,
  - Securities and Exchange Board of India,
  - Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India and
  - Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority.

### **Green Deposit Programme**

- ❖ A “Green Deposit Programme” has been launched by the HSBC India exclusively for corporate clients.
- ❖ Under this programme, the bank will use the deposits to finance green initiatives and environment friendly projects.
- ❖ The scheme will finance eligible businesses and projects that encourage the transition to a low-carbon, climate resilient, and sustainable economy.

### **Ramesh Chand Task Force**

- ❖ Ramesh Chand task force set up by NITI Aayog has recommended to link sugarcane prices to sugar rates.
- ❖ The task force highlighted that it is essential to keep the industry in a good financial health.
- ❖ In its report, the task force has recommended for a one-time increase in the minimum sugar price at Rs 33 per kg.
- ❖ This report of the task force was finalized in March 2020 and published on August 20.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **95 New cool brown dwarfs**

- ❖ A research team, discovered 95 cold brown dwarfs near our sun through the NASA-funded citizen science project “Backyard Worlds: Planet 9”.
- ❖ These cool worlds offer the opportunity for new insights into the formation and atmospheres of planets beyond the solar system.
- ❖ Brown dwarfs are unusual celestial objects, much heavier than planets but not massive enough to become stars.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

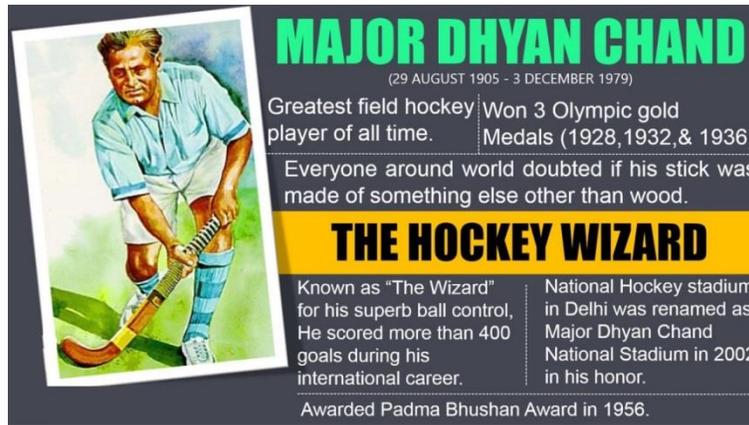
### **Natural Gas reserves in Black Sea**

- ❖ According to the announcement made by the Turkish President, 320 billion cubic metres of natural gas has been discovered in black Sea.
- ❖ Turkey is highly dependent on Russia, Iran and Iraq for its energy resources.
- ❖ Thus, the discovery of oil exploration will help to reduce its imports.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### National Sports Day – August 29



- ❖ National Sports Day is observed to commemorate the birthday of Indian hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.
- ❖ Major Dhyan Chand was the captain of the Gold medal winning Indian hockey team at the Berlin Olympics in 1936.
- ❖ Dhyan chand joined the Indian army as the soldier in 1922.
- ❖ Government of India has decided to celebrate his birthday as the National Sports Day since 2012.

### Telugu Language Day – August 29

- ❖ The day falls on August 29 because on this day, prominent Telugu writer Gidugu Venkata Ramamurthy was born.
- ❖ Spoken Telugu is different from written Telugu due to which learning written Telugu was not helpful during understanding or communicating.
- ❖ With the help of Ramamoorthy, the spoken Telugu came to be standardized and was accepted by scholars.

### International Day against Nuclear Tests – August 29

- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about the effects of nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions.
- ❖ It was observed for first time in 2010 and since then observed annually to galvanize necessity of banning nuclear weapon tests.

- ❖ It commemorates closure of Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test site of Kazakhstan (also known as The Polygon) on 29 August 1991.

### INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTS

**CELEBRATED ON**  
**29 AUGUST**

NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING BEGAN ON  
**16 JULY 1945**

UNITED STATES conducted **1054** tests during 1945-1992

**2 December 2009** declared 29 August as THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTS

**2010** marked the inaugural commemoration of THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTS

### WHY?

- Nuclear Tests result into Human and Environmental tragedies
- Considered as means of achieving the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world
- To enhance public awareness and education about the effects of nuclear weapons test explosions
- Educational events, activities and messages aim to prevent further nuclear weapons testing

**MAJOR HEALTH HAZARD FROM NUCLEAR TEST**  
Increasing risk of developing cancer due to radioactive particles

**ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON THE DAY**  
Symposia, conferences, exhibits, competitions, publications, lectures in academic institutions, media broadcasts and other initiatives

The International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War has estimated that roughly **2.4 million** people will eventually die as a result of the atmospheric nuclear tests conducted between 1945-1980

NEARLY **2,000** TESTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE

MORE THAN **60** TEST LOCATIONS AROUND THE GLOBE

