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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The 77th anniversary of the Quit India Movement was observed on 8 August.
  - On this date in 8 Aug 1942, Mahatma Gandhi gave a clarion call to end the British rule and launched the Quit India Movement at the Bombay session of the All-India Congress Committee.
- ❖ Saudi Arabia has announced a change in its law that will allow women to obtain passports and travel internationally without being escorted by a male “guardian”. This system was known as Guardianship system.

## TAMIL NADU

### Health Insurance in Tamilnadu

- ❖ As per data from the Union health ministry, Tamil Nadu has the maximum number of families covered by national health insurance.
- ❖ At least 1.57 crore families in the state now have a cover of Rs 5 lakh a family.
- ❖ The state combined Tamil Nadu Chief minister’s Health Insurance program with the Centre’s Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- ❖ In Tamilnadu, the most commonly sought medical procedure under Insurance was renal dialysis.

### Compulsory Aadhar in TN Schools

- ❖ Tamilnadu School Education Department has announced that students who are studying in government and government-aided schools must provide Aadhar card details.
- ❖ Information including parents must be collected by the schools and uploaded in Educational Management Information System (EMIS) portal managed by State Government.
- ❖ The Aadhar registration and collection of these details for EMIS is done by Samagra Shiksha, which is partly funded by the Union Government.



## NATIONAL

### Article 370

- ❖ Union Minister for Home Affairs introduced two statutory resolutions regarding Article 370 in Rajya Sabha on August 05, 2019. They were passed by Lok Sabha on August 06, 2019. The resolutions are
  - Constitution (Application to Jammu & Kashmir) Order, 2019 {Ref. Article 370(1) of Constitution of India} – issued by President of India to supersede the 1954 order related to Article 370.
  - Resolution for Repeal of Article 370 of the Constitution of India {Ref. Article 370 (3)}

### The 1954 order

- ❖ The 1954 presidential order constituted a founding legal document for Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ The Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 1954, lists the Articles and provisions that apply to J&K.
- ❖ By virtue of this order Jammu and Kashmir enjoyed special status under Article 370 of the Constitution of India.
- ❖ This Article describes it as a temporary provision and that it will cease to be operative if the President issues a public notification to that effect.
- ❖ Article 370 enabled a separate Constitution for J and K and all laws made by Parliament would not be automatically applicable there except without concurrence from State Government.
- ❖ These special measures can be altered only on the recommendation of the Sadar-i-Riyasat of Jammu and Kashmir (King), acting on the advice of the Council of Ministers, or by the “Constituent Assembly” of that State.

### Article 35 A

- ❖ In 1954, the President also listed a set of exceptions under Article 35A of the Constitution (this Article does not figure in the text of the Constitution of India, but figures only in the J&K’s Constitution).
- ❖ It was inserted by the Presidential order in 1954 not by Constitutional Amendment.
- ❖ It protected the exclusive laws of the state like
  - The bar on outsiders buying property
  - Kashmiri Women marrying non-Kashmiris losing their property rights



### The 2019 Order

- ❖ President Ram Nath Kovind has issued a presidential order under Article 370 (1) of the Constitution.
- ❖ This clause enables the President to specify the matters which are applicable to Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ As it can be issued only with the J & K government's concurrence, the notification uses the words "with the concurrence of the Government of the State of Jammu and Kashmir".
- ❖ Since the State is under President's rule and administered by Governor, the governor has given his concurrence on behalf of the State government.
- ❖ The Order supersedes the 1954 Order.
- ❖ This effectively means that all the provisions that formed the basis of a separate "Constitution" for Jammu and Kashmir stand abrogated.
- ❖ The Order declares that all the provisions of the Constitution of India, shall apply to Jammu and Kashmir too.

### Special measures to support 2019 Order

- ❖ A few clauses were added to the Article 367 of the Constitution. Article 367 contains "Interpretations".
- ❖ All references to the 'Sadar-i-Riyasat' acting on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers, will be considered as referring to "Governor" of the State.
- ❖ All references to the State government shall mean "the Governor".
- ❖ Article 370 (3) says that the President can declare that Article 370 is no more operative only on the recommendation of the Constituent Assembly.
- ❖ The reference to the "Constituent Assembly" has been amended to read "Legislative Assembly of the State".
- ❖ Since there is no State Assembly also now, Governor plays the role.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Monetary Policy Statement**

- ❖ As per advice of Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Reserve Bank of India has cut Repo rate by 35 basis points to 5.40 %.
- ❖ It will make bank loans cheaper.
- ❖ This was the fourth consecutive time that the MPC reduced the rates.
- ❖ This move is with the objective of



- Achieving the medium-term target for consumer price index (CPI) inflation of 4 %
- Supporting Growth.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Electricity from Ocean Waves**

- ❖ IIT-Madras has partnered with National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai to harness electricity from ocean waves.
- ❖ Both institutions will together develop turbines that can harness the power of ocean waves to generate electricity.
- ❖ The partnership is aimed at meeting renewable energy and climate change objectives of the government of India.
- ❖ IIT Madras is celebrating its 60th foundation day in 2019 (Found in 1959).

## **STATES**

### **Haryana Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2019**

- ❖ The Haryana Assembly passed the Haryana Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2019.
- ❖ The bill aims to make special provisions for prevention and control of criminal activity by organised crime syndicates.
- ❖ It empowers the state government with powers to intercept wire, electronic or oral communication to control crimes.

## **SPORTS**

### **Transgenders Cricketers in Australia**

- ❖ Cricket Australia has announced new transgender inclusive policy.
- ❖ This policy will enable transgender players to play the game of cricket at the highest levels.
- ❖ The decision is in accordance with the International Cricket Council's (ICC) gender recognition policy and gender diversity guidelines.
- ❖ Australia has set out a testosterone limit for transgender and gender-diverse players who want to play for state and national women's teams.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples – August 9**

- ❖ International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is celebrated annually on 9 August.
- ❖ The day aims to protect the rights of indigenous peoples and recognize the contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.
- ❖ It was first pronounced by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 1994.
- ❖ Indigenous people make up less than 5 per cent of the world's population, but account for 15 per cent of the poorest.
- ❖ They speak an overwhelming majority of the world's estimated 7,000 languages and represent 5,000 different cultures.
- ❖ This year's observance (2019) is dedicated to Indigenous Peoples' Languages in view of 2019 being marked as the International Year of Indigenous Languages.

