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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Two Muslim Governors and all Nine Muslim Ministers in Sri Lanka, including four of Cabinet rank have resigned en masse in Sri Lanka.
 - They have taken a collective stand against the community being “demonised” since the Easter Sunday terror attacks.
- ❖ West Indies opener Chris Gayle overtook former South Africa captain AB de Villiers as the highest six-hitter in the history of the ICC World Cup with 39-sixes.
- ❖ Three Main accused in the Kathua gangrape and murder case of an 8-year-old girl child in Jammu and Kashmir were sentenced to life imprisonment under the Ranbir Penal Code. Three policemen were sentenced to 5 years imprisonment.
 - Introduced in 1932, only Ranbir Penal Code is applicable in Kashmir. It is named after Ranbir Singh, ruler of Dogra dynasty.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed banks to offer cheque book facility and other services to the no-frills account holders without demanding them to maintain any minimum balance.
 - The Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) Account is designed to offer certain minimum facilities free of charge to the such account holders.
- ❖ BJP Member of Parliament Virendra Kumar will be India's next Pro-tem Speaker and he was elected from Tikamgarh constituency in Madhya Pradesh.

TAMIL NADU

V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust

- ❖ VOC Port Trust in Thuthukudi and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) have signed a MoU for facilitating Direct Port Entry (DPE).
- ❖ DPE would enable direct movement of containers from factories to Container Terminal on a 24 * 7 basis without any intermediate handling at Container freight station.
- ❖ VOC Port Trust is the second largest port in Tamilnadu and is located in Gulf of Mannar.

NATIONAL

Visit to Maldives and Sri Lanka

- ❖ Post re-election PM Modi has visited Maldives and Sri Lanka.
- ❖ He was presented a replica of the “Samadhi Buddha Statue” by Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena.
- ❖ The Samadhi Buddha is a famous statue situated at Mahamevnāwa Park in Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka.
- ❖ Modi is the first international leader to visit Sri Lanka post Easter Sunday terror attacks.



- ❖ He also signed 6 bilateral agreements with Maldivian President Mohamed Solih in key areas like defence and maritime security.
- ❖ Modi was conferred with the Maldives' highest honour "Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen"
- ❖ He also addressed the Maldivian Parliament, the Majlis.
- ❖ India also agreed to offer training to the Maldivian Civil Servants.

National Data Warehouse

- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation proposes to set up a ‘National Data Warehouse’ on Official Statistics.
- ❖ It will use big data analytical tools to further improve the quality of macro-economic aggregates.
- ❖ It will also create a legislative framework under which the National Statistical Commission (NSC) may function with independence.

Chaukhandi Stupa

- ❖ The Archaeological survey of India under the Ministry of Culture has declared Chaukhandi Stupa as a 'protected area of national importance'.
- ❖ It is located in Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh (UP).
- ❖ It is known as 'Chaukhandi' because of its four-armed plan.
- ❖ It served as a shrine for a relic of Buddha. It appears to be in ruins and was originally constructed in 5th Century AD.
- ❖ It also finds mention in account of Hiuen Tsang, celebrated Chinese traveller of 7th century AD.



The Swachh Survekshan League

- ❖ Swachh Survekshan 2020 League (SSL) was launched by Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri.
- ❖ It will be a quarterly cleanliness assessment of Indian cities and towns.
- ❖ Continuous monitoring of cleanliness in cities will be the top priority for SSL.



National Maritime Heritage Museum

- ❖ The Government of India has announced that it will join hands with Portugal to set up maritime museum near ancient Harappans civilization at Lothal in Gujarat.
- ❖ It will be modelled on the Navy museum at Lisbon, Portugal and administered by the Portuguese Navy.
- ❖ The project will be implemented by under Sagarmala programme with the support of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Indian Navy and Gujarat State government.

ENVIRONMENT

Ocean Plastics

- ❖ After subscribing to the Ocean Plastics Charter last year, Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that single-use plastics will be banned in the country from 2021.
- ❖ “Ocean Plastics Charter” is a non-binding charter against pollution in the world's oceans.
- ❖ France, Germany, Britain and Italy along with European Union had also subscribed to this charter at last year's G7 summit, held at Quebec.
- ❖ Japan And US did not join the pact.

SPORTS

Yuvraj Singh

- ❖ Yuvraj Singh, 2011 World Cup hero and one of India's most celebrated cricketers has announced his retirement from international cricket.
- ❖ A cancer survivor, Yuvraj Singh featured in 40 Tests, 304 ODIs and 58 T20Is.
- ❖ He debuted under Sourav Ganguly in 2000.
- ❖ He is most famous for hitting six sixes in one over by Stuart Broad of England and getting the fastest 50 runs (in 12 balls) in 2007 T20 World Cup.
- ❖ He was the Man of the Tournament in the 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Brain Tumour Day – June 8

- ❖ World Brain Tumour Day is observed on 8th June of every year.
- ❖ German Brain Tumour Association first marked this day in the year 2000 to spread the awareness about the brain tumour among the general public.
- ❖ This day is observed to draw the attention of the public, R & D institutions towards the cause of a brain tumour and find an affordable treatment for all.

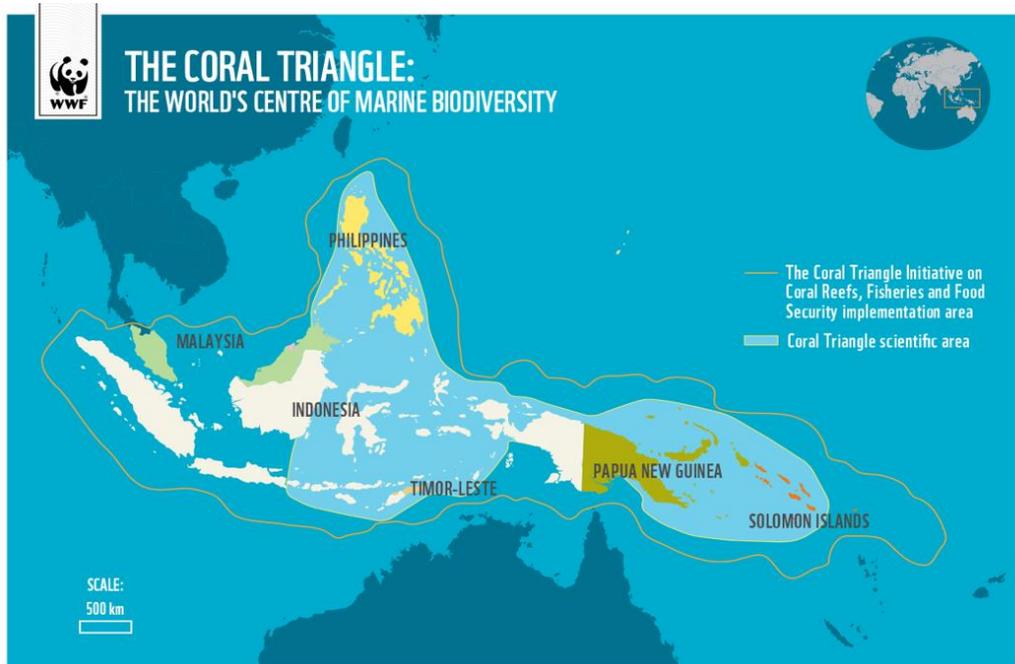
Coral Triangle Day – June 9

- ❖ The Coral Triangle Day is celebrated annually on June 9.
- ❖ It was first held on June 10, 2012, as a World Oceans Day.
- ❖ The day is celebrated to raise awareness of the ocean conservation and protection, especially on the Coral Triangle.

Coral Triangle

- ❖ Coral Triangle is the world's epicentre of marine biodiversity.
- ❖ It is also called the "Amazon of the seas"

- ❖ It is a roughly triangular area of the tropical marine waters of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste.
- ❖ It is considered as one of the 3 mega ecological complexes on Earth, together with Congo Basin and the Amazon Rainforest.



World Day Against Child Labour - June 12

- ❖ The World Day Against Child Labour is annually observed on June 12.
- ❖ It was first launched in 2002 aiming to raise awareness and activism to prevent child labour.
- ❖ The day is intended to foster the worldwide movement against child labour in any of its forms.

World Day Against Child Labour 2019

STOP
CHILD
LABOUR
152 million

Theme

**Children shouldn't work in
fields but on dreams**



MISCELLANEOUS

Girish Karnad

- ❖ Veteran actor, film director, critic of the right-wing policies, Kannada writer and playwright Girish Karnad (1938 – 2019) passed away.
- ❖ Nagmandala, Yayati and Tughlaq are some of his most famous works.
- ❖ Karnad served as the director of the Film and Television Institute of India from 1974–1975 and as Chairman of the Sangeet Natak Academy from 1988–1993.
- ❖ He was awarded Padmashri (1974), Padma Bushan (1992), the highest literary honour Gananpith (1998).