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1. International Missing Children's Day 2022



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International Missing Children's Day is an awareness event that is observed every year on 25th of May. The aims of the day are to place a spotlight on the issue of child abduction, educate parents on safeguarding measures to protect their children and also honour those who have never been found and celebrate those who have. This awareness event is run in conjunction with the Global Missing Children's Network. The network, which was formed in 1998, has 23 member countries who all connect in order to share information and best practice, working towards improving the effectiveness and success rate of missing children investigations.

History of the Missing Children's Day:

Missing Children's Day began as an observance in the USA in 1983. The date was chosen following the disappearance of 6-year-old Etan Patz on 25th May 1979 from New York City. International Missing Children's Day which observes the same date was launched a number of years later in 2001 and is now observed all over the world.

2. Ministry Of Education Releases National Achievement Survey Report (NAS) 2021



The National Achievement Survey (NAS) report for the 2021 edition has been released. NAS2021: One of the largest surveys in the world, the National

Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 was conducted on 12.11.2021 across the country, to identify the learning gaps & to take remedial measures. The NAS 2021 report cards for the national, state and district levels have been made available at the official website "nas.gov.in."

Key points of the report:

- NAS 2021 conducted on November 12 last year assessed over 34 lakh students in 1.18 lakh schools at 720 districts across 36 states and Union Territories.
- NAS assesses the health of the school education system in the country by conducting a comprehensive evaluation survey of children's learning competencies at Classes 3, 5, 8 and 10 with a cycle period of three years. It reflects the overall assessment of the school education system. The last NAS was held in 2017.
- NAS 2021 covered both central and state government schools, government-aided schools and private schools across the country.
- The survey was conducted in 22 languages in Language, Mathematics and EVS for Class 3 and 5; Language, Mathematics, Science and Social Science for Class 8 and Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Science and English for Class 10.
- The report is based on the performance in all subjects through disaggregation by gender (female, male), Area (Rural and Urban), Management of schools (Government, Government aided and Private unaided) and Social Groups (Schedule Caste (SC), Schedule Tribe (ST), Other Backward Communities (OBC) and General.

The objective of the report:

The objective of NAS 2021 is to evaluate children's progress and learning competencies as an indicator of the efficiency of the education system, so as to take appropriate steps for remedial actions at different levels. It will help to unravel the gaps in learning and will support state/UT governments in developing long term, mid-term and short-term interventions to improve learning levels and orient on differential planning based on NAS 2021 data.

3. Centre launches Swachh Survekshan 2023



Swachh Survekshan 2023

Union Government of India has launched the Eighth Edition of Swachh Survekshan – SS-2023 under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0. Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Manoj Joshi launched it at a virtual event in New Delhi. Designed with the theme of ‘Waste to Wealth’ as its driving philosophy, Swachh Survekshan- 2023 is curated towards achieving circularity in waste management. The survey would give priority to the principle of 3 Rs- Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.

About the Swachh Survekshan

The Swachh Survekshan has developed into an inspiration tool, rather than being just an assessment tool. This largest survey undertaken anywhere has brought about substantive changes at the ground level, with cities performing well and having a sense of pride. Swachh Survekshan has emerged as the largest Urban sanitation survey in the world. It was observed that whenever the Swachh Survey starts, there is an enhanced level of activities undertaken by the cities and cities are visibly cleaner during the months the survey is conducted. Therefore, in SS-2023, the evaluation will be conducted in four phases, instead of three phases in earlier editions.

4. Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus re-elected as Director-General of World Health Organization



World Health Organization has re-appointed Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as Director-General of WHO for the second term with effect from 16th August 2022. His re-election was confirmed during the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva. He was the sole candidate. Dr Tedros was first elected in 2017. Before joining the WHO, Dr Tedros was served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and as Minister of Health in Ethiopia.

The vote by secret ballot, announced by Ahmed Robleh Abdilleh from Djibouti at a major annual meeting, was seen as a formality since Tedros was the only candidate running. Ministers and delegates took turns to shake hands and hugging Tedros, a former health minister from Ethiopia, who has steered the UN agency through a turbulent period dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. Rajesh Bhushan appointed as chairperson of Committee B at the 75th World Health Assembly



Union Health Secretary, Rajesh Bhushan has been appointed as the chairperson of the Committee B at the 75th World Health Assembly (WHA). Committee B primarily discusses administrative and financial matters of the World Health Organization (WHO). Each year, the World Health Assembly has

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a long and complex list of health challenges and responses to review and the Assembly functions through two committees — A and B.

About Committee A:

Committee A meets to debate technical and health matters. It has listed critical issues to discuss during the 75th WHA including pandemic preparedness and response, amendment in International Health Regulations 2005, WHO work in a health emergency, Global Strategy for HIV, TB, Viral hepatitis and eradication of polio, Immunisation agenda 2030, Infection prevention and control and human resources for health etc.

About Committee B:

Committee B will discuss and prepare a report on many important issues which includes health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory including East Jerusalem and the occupied Syrian Golan, the budget for WHO for the year 2022-23, prevention of sexual exploitation, WHO reforms Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property, audit report of WHO, Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property and intergovernmental organizations issues.

6. A Gopalakrishnan won VASVIK industrial research award 2020



VASVIK Industrial Research Award

A Gopalakrishnan, Director of the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute has won the VASVIK (Vividhlaxi Audyogik Samshodhan Vikas Kendra) Industrial Research Award for the year 2020 in the category of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. The award, which carries a cash prize of Rs 1.51 lakh and citation, is in recognition of his

significant contribution towards the research works related to fish genetics. The research works related to fish genetics which is relevant for conserving many commercially important and endangered species.

About the VASVIK research award:

The VASVIK research award is presented to scientists and researchers who have excelled in various fields including agricultural sciences. His research works include the Genetic Stock Identification (GSI), species inventory, taxonomy, breeding and seed production of threatened and commercially important species for mariculture which has helped in improving scientific knowledge on Indian fishery and the conservative measures.

Why this award is given to Dr Gopalakrishnan?

The award committee observed that Dr Gopalakrishnan's genetic studies conducted and the technologies developed have served to produce molecular markers for many endangered fishes which is crucial for biodiversity conservation. Broodstock's development techniques and mariculture technologies formulated and standardised by him have helped in the economic upliftment of the society by providing alternate livelihoods.

7. MeitY hosts Digital India BHASHINI brainstorming session



Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, was present during a brainstorming session organised by MeitY on Mission Digital India BHASHINI – the National Language Translation Mission (NLTM). According to him, Startups are an essential component of our

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digital ecosystem, and Mission Digital India Bhashini will support them in developing India-specific and Indian Languages enabled IT solutions.

KEY POINTS:

- MSMEs, Startups, and Individual Innovators will have access to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) resources through the Bhashini Platform.
- The goal of this mission is to empower Indian citizens by linking them to the country's digital initiatives in their local language, resulting in digital inclusion. Bhashini is an interoperable platform that will catalyse the entire Digital Ecosystem. Realizing the goal of Digital Government is a huge step forward.
- The mission will create and cultivate an ecosystem that will bring together central and state government agencies, as well as start-ups, to develop and implement new products and services in Indian languages.
- A brainstorming conference was organised via video conferencing to encourage startup involvement. The conference drew a number of notable entrepreneurs working in the Indian language space.
- Mission Digital India Bhashini also aspires to significantly enhance material in Indian languages on the Internet in areas of public interest, such as governance and policy, science and technology, and so on, encouraging Indians to use the Internet in their own language.

Multilingualism provides a significant potential for businesses to build novel solutions and products that can serve all Indian citizens, regardless of their native language. To fulfil the aims of Digital India, enabling access to knowledge resources and digital empowerment of citizens is a top priority. The Hon'ble Minister of State expressed his desire to digitally link all Indians and encourage their digital inclusion through the use of AI/NLP to overcome linguistic hurdles on the Internet.

8. First-ever national conference of female legislators to be inaugurated by President



At the Legislative Assembly complex, President Ram Nath Kovind will kick off the two-day National Women Legislators' Conference-2022, which is expected to draw a large number of female parliamentarians and legislators from throughout the country. The first-ever such event, hosted by the state Assembly, is part of the nation-wide celebrations scheduled under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' honouring India's 75th anniversary of independence.

KEY POINTS:

- According to Assembly sources, the two-day conference will focus on modern issues such as women's rights, gender equality, and enough female representation in decision-making bodies.
- Speakers in the session Constitution and Women's Rights include Gujarat Assembly Speaker Nimaben Acharya, Lok Sabha MP Kanimozhi, former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar, and former Rajya Sabha member Brinda Karat.
- The panellists for the session "Role of Women in India's Freedom Struggle" will be MPs Supriya Sule and Jebi Methar, as well as former MP Subhashini Ali, while the speakers for the session Women's Rights and Legal Gaps will be West Bengal minister Shashi Panja, MP Jaya Bachchan, Delhi Assembly deputy speaker Rakhi Birla, and Kerala High Court justice Anu Sivaraman.
- In the last day session, "Under Representation of Women in Decision Making Bodies," Uttarakhand Assembly Speaker Ritu Khanduri, Telangana MLC Kavitha Kalvakuntla, and National Federation of

India Women general secretary Annie Raja will express their perspectives.

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will open the valedictory session, which will be addressed by state Devaswom and Parliamentary Affairs Minister K Radhakrishnan.

9. Indian Navy – Bangladesh Navy Bilateral EX Bongosagar begins



Bilateral Exercise Bongosagar

The third edition of Indian Navy (IN) – Bangladesh Navy (BN) Bilateral Exercise ‘Bongosagar’ commenced at Port Mongla, Bangladesh on 24 May 2022. The Harbour Phase of the exercise begins from 24-25 May which will be followed by a Sea Phase in the Northern Bay of Bengal from 26-27 May.

About Exercise Bongosagar:

- Exercise Bongosagar is aimed at developing a high degree of interoperability and joint operational skills through the conduct of a wide spectrum of maritime exercises and operations between the two navies.
- Indian Naval Ships Kora, an indigenously built Guided Missile Corvette, and Sumedha, an indigenously built Offshore Patrol Vessel are participating in the Exercise. Bangladesh Navy is being represented by BNS Abu Ubaidah and Ali Haider, both Guided Missile Frigates.
- The harbour phase of the exercise includes professional and social interactions, and friendly sporting fixtures, in addition to the tactical level planning discussions on the conduct of the exercises at sea. The sea phase of the exercise would facilitate ships from both the navies to

participate in intensive surface warfare drills, weapon firing drills, seamanship evolutions and coordinated air operations in a tactical scenario.

10. WEF’s Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index 2021: India Ranks 54



The World Economic Forum’s (WEF) ranked India 54th position (down from 46th in 2019) with a score of 4.1 in its Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021, but still, India remains the top performer in South Asia. Japan has topped (1) the global chart and the bottom position (117) is occupied by the country Chad.

About the WEF’s Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021

The WEF’s Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021 is a direct evolution of the Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index, which has been published biennially for the past 15 years. The Index assesses 117 economies, based on 5 subindexes, 17 pillars and 112 individual indicators, distributed among the different pillars.

The five Sub indexes:

- Enabling Environment
- Travel and Tourism Policy and Enabling Conditions
- Infrastructure
- Travel and Tourism Demand Drivers
- Travel and Tourism Sustainability

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- World Health Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;

- World Health Organization Founded: 7 April 1948.

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- Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: **Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar**
- Parliamentary Affairs Minister: **K Radhakrishnan**
- Lok Sabha Speaker: **Om Birla**
- Uttarakhand Assembly Speaker: **Ritu Khanduri**
- Gujarat Assembly Speaker: **Nimaben Acharya**
- National Federation of India Women general secretary: **Annie Raja**
- World Economic Forum (WEF) Founder and Executive Chairman: **Klaus Schwab**;
- World Economic Forum (WEF) Headquarters: **Cologny, canton of Geneva, Switzerland**;
- World Economic Forum (WEF) was Established: **1971.**

QUIZ

1. Who among the following has been appointed as a Director-General of WHO for five years?

- (a) Robert Califf
- (b) Adrienne Nicole Edwards
- (c) **Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**
- (d) Xavier Becerra

2. What is the theme of the 8th Edition of Swachh Survekshan - 2023 under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0?

- (a) **Waste to Wealth**
- (b) Urban Waste to Wealth
- (c) Azaadi@75
- (d) Clean City, Green City

3. A Gopalakrishnan, Director of the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute has received the VASVIK Industrial Research Award 2020. This award is given in how many categories?

- (a) 7
- (b) 5
- (c) **8**
- (d) 9

4. Gautam Adani has been named among the world's 100 most influential people of 2022 by TIME magazine. He has been named in which category?

- (a) Icons
- (b) Pioneers
- (c) **Titans**
- (d) Innovators

5. Which of the following company BCCI has signed up for Non-Fungible Tokens (NFT) partner for the Women's T20 Challenge?

- (a) My11Circle
- (b) **FanCraze**
- (c) Rario
- (d) binance

6. Which of the following leading technology diagnostics service provider has come up with its first commercial drone flight in India's healthcare sector?

- (a) Abbott Laboratories
- (b) bioMérieux
- (c) **Redcliffe Labs**
- (d) Bio-Rad Labs

7. Which of the following state has launched the 'Kalaingarini All Villages Integrated Agricultural Development Programme'?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) **Tamil Nadu**
- (d) Karnataka

8. Which of the following states has launched the 'SAMBHAV' portal to monitor grievances, schemes, programmes and policies of the departments?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) **Tamil Nadu**
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

9. Which of the following government organisation has recently announced to launch of a revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) mobile application which to create an ABHA address?

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) Suraksha Clinic
- (c) **National Health Authority**
- (d) Department of Health Research

10. In partnership with which trust, the Department of School and Mass Education, Odisha has launched India's first 'Olympic Values Education Programme' (OVEP)?

- (a) Jaypee Sports International Limited
- (b) Yachting Association of India
- (c) Karnam Malleshwari Foundation
- (d) **Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust**