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NATIONAL

Border Security Force - 57th Raising Day



- ❖ The Border Security Force (BSF) celebrated its 57th Raising Day on December 1, 2021.
- ❖ It is the country's border guarding organization on its border with Bangladesh and Pakistan.
- ❖ Border Security Force is one of the five Central Armed Police Forces of India.
- ❖ It was raised in the wake of the 1965 Indo-Pak war on December 1, 1965, to ensure the security of borders in India
- ❖ BSF has been termed as the First Line of Defence of Indian Territories.

EWS Criteria review panel

- ❖ The Government of India recently formed an Economically Weaker Section (EWS) review panel.
- ❖ The panel will look into the criteria of 10% reservation for the economically weaker section in government jobs and educational institutions.
- ❖ The panel will review the criteria determining the EWS category.
- ❖ It will examine approaches followed in identifying the EWS category.

- ❖ It will analyse and recommend new criteria to identify the EWS in the country.

Cyber Drill



- ❖ The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Department of Telecommunications operating under the Ministry of Communications conducted a Joint Cyber Drill 2021.
- ❖ The cyber drill was conducted for the Critical Network Infrastructure operators of India.
- ❖ The Critical Network Infrastructure is the systems, assets, and networks that are essential to ensure the security of a country.
- ❖ The drill aims to improve the cyber security readiness of India.
- ❖ Also, it aims to improve the protection and incident response capability of the country.

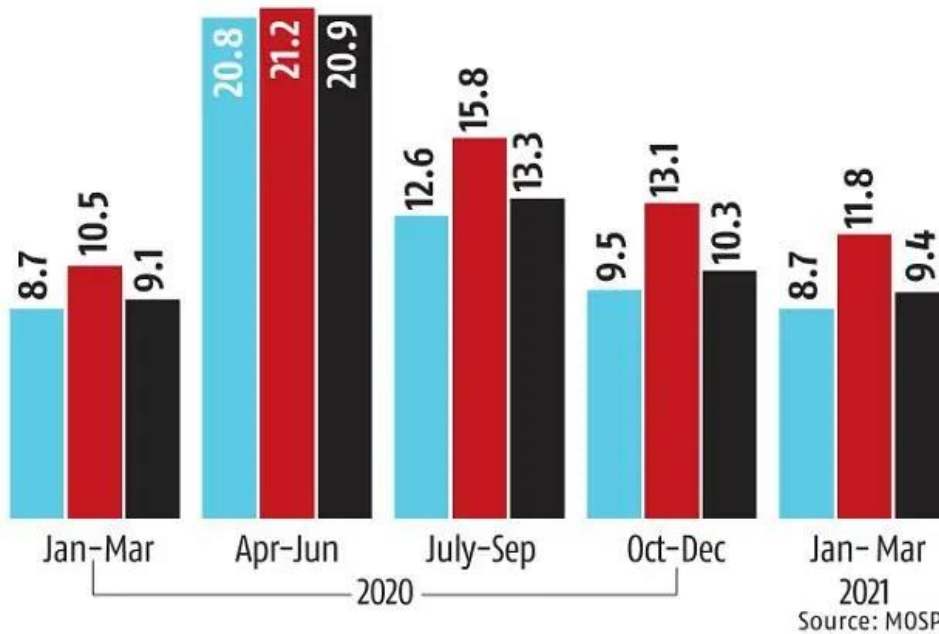
Periodic Labour Force Survey

- ❖ The National Statistical Office recently released its findings of the Periodic Labour Force Survey.
- ❖ This is a Quarterly bulletin and is the tenth in the series.
- ❖ This is for January to March 2021.
- ❖ The main objective is to estimate employment and unemployment indicators.
- ❖ The unemployment rate of people aged 15 years and above was 10.3%.
- ❖ The unemployment rate of urban females was 11.8% in 2021, which was 13.1% in 2020.

- ❖ The unemployment rate of urban males was 8.6% in 2021, which was 9.5% in 2020.
- ❖ The Worker Population Ratio in urban was 43.1%, which was 43.7% in 2020.
- ❖ The Labour Force Participation Rate in urban areas was 47.5%, which was 47.3% in 2020.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (ALL AGES) in %

■ Male ■ Female ■ All India-Person



AIRNxt

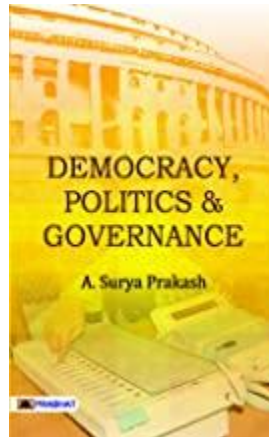


NEWS SERVICES DIVISION
ALL INDIA RADIO

- ❖ All India Radio has decided to begin a new programme called AIRNxt to offer youth a platform to air their voices as part of the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.
- ❖ AIR stations will allow youngsters from local colleges, universities to take part in programming, allowing them to discuss and curate youth-centric shows.



Democracy, Politics and Governance – Book



- ❖ The Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled “Democracy, Politics and Governance” in English and ‘Loktantr, Rajniti and Dharm’ in Hindi.
- ❖ This happened on the 72nd anniversary of the adoption of the ‘Constitution of India’
- ❖ The book was authored by Dr A. Surya Prakash.

INTERNATIONAL

Worldwide Cost of Living 2021 Index

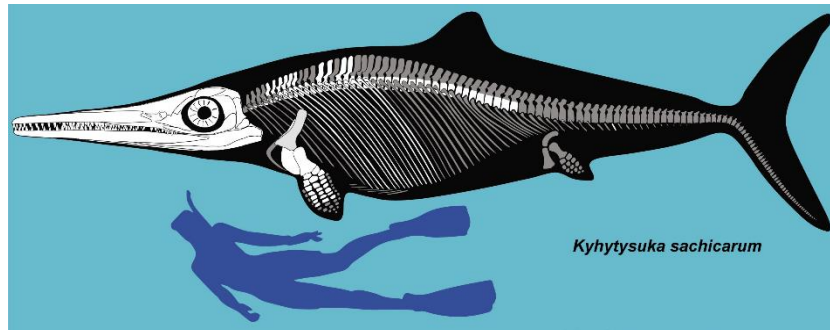


- ❖ Tel Aviv has become the world's most expensive city to live in, surpassing Paris and Singapore.
- ❖ This is as per the Economist Intelligence Unit's Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021.

- ❖ Tel Aviv climbed from 5th place to the top in 2021 due to the rising value of the Israeli currency shekel against the US Dollar and the increase in the price of grocery and transport.
- ❖ Paris and Singapore are jointly ranked second.
- ❖ They are followed by Zurich and Hong Kong at the fourth and fifth spots respectively.
- ❖ Syria's Damascus was ranked as the world's cheapest city.

Kyhytysuka sachicarum

- ❖ *Kyhytysuka sachicarum* is a new marine reptile species discovered by an international team of researchers.
- ❖ It is an extinct species.
- ❖ It was discovered from fossils found in central Columbia.
- ❖ *Kyhytysuka* means “the one that cuts with something sharp”.
- ❖ The word belongs to the indigenous language of central Columbia.



ENVIRONMENT

Study on Flash Droughts

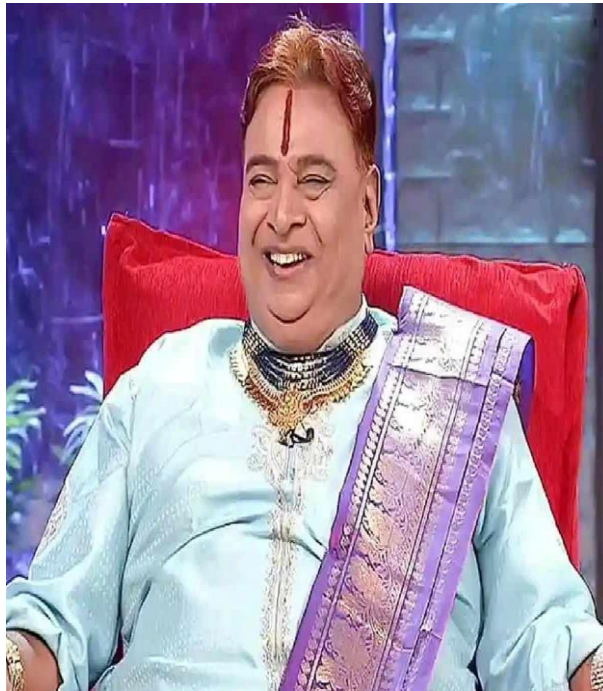
- ❖ A recent study has identified India among the global flash drought hotspots from 1980-2015.
- ❖ About 10-15% of areas under cultivation of rice and maize were affected by flash droughts during the monsoon seasons in India from 1951-2018.
- ❖ It predicted that by the end of the 21st century, the frequency of concurrent hot and dry extremes in India will rise by about five-fold.
- ❖ This can cause approximately a seven-fold increase in flash droughts.
- ❖ India could experience more flash droughts during the monsoon season than the non-monsoon season.

- ❖ Flash drought is the rapid onset or intensification of drought.
- ❖ It is set in motion by lower-than-normal rates of precipitation, accompanied by abnormally high temperatures, winds, and radiation.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Dance Master Shiva Shankar

- ❖ The renowned choreographer and actor, Shiva Shankar Master passed away in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ❖ He was born on 7 December 1948 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ He received the National Award for 'Best Choreographer' for the movie 'Magadheera'.



Startup India Grand Challenge 2021

- ❖ Sascan Meditech has been adjudged the winner of Startup India Grand Challenge 2021 in the medical device category.
- ❖ It is a Kerala-based medical technology start-up.
- ❖ The start-up was also recently selected as the winner of 'Anjani Mashelkar Inclusive Innovation Award 2021' from the Anjani Mashelkar Foundation.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Pollution Control Day - December 02

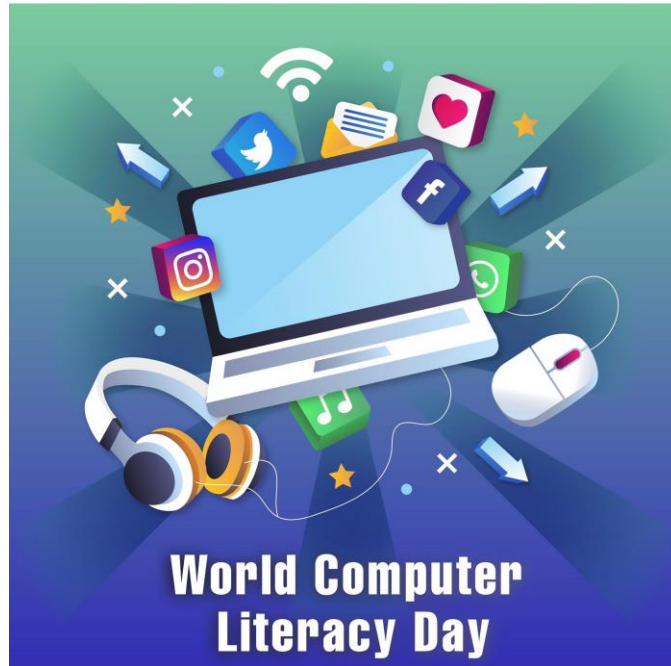
- ❖ The day is observed in the memory of the people who lost their lives in the Bhopal Gas Tragedy.
- ❖ The day is celebrated in India to make the citizens aware of laws that exist in India that help to contain pollution.
- ❖ The Bhopal gas tragedy occurred on December 2nd and 3rd, 1984.
- ❖ During the accident poisonous chemical methyl isocyanate leaked from a pesticide plant union carbide India Limited in Bhopal.
- ❖ It was considered the biggest industrial disaster in the world.



World Computer Literacy Day - December 02

- ❖ The day aims to promote awareness about computers and to encourage people to use them efficiently.
- ❖ It intends to encourage digital literacy in under-resourced communities worldwide.
- ❖ The day promotes technological skills, especially in children and women.
- ❖ The day was originally founded by the Indian computer company NIIT to mark its 20th anniversary in 2001.

- ❖ The day was first observed and held in the year 2001.



International Day for the Abolition of Slavery - December 02

- ❖ The day commemorates the brutal history of slavery practised by colonial rulers of past centuries.
- ❖ It aims to eradicate modern forms of slavery, such as trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, child labour, forced marriage, and the forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflict.

