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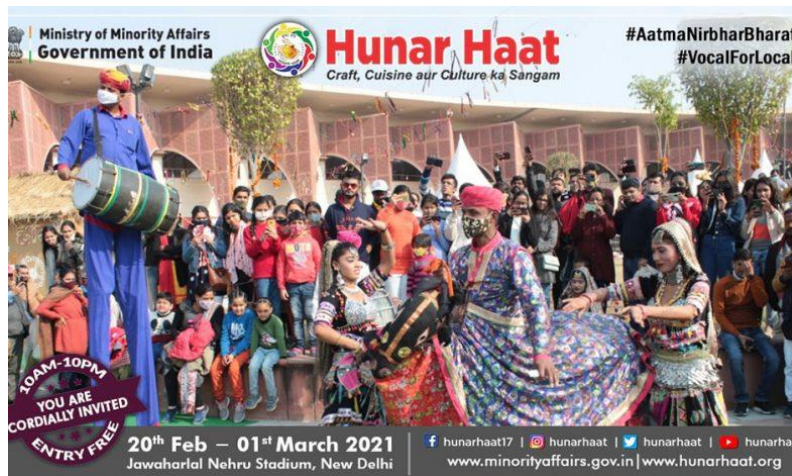
TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The under-construction airport in Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh) will be named Maryada Purushottam Sriram Airport.
- ❖ Ishant Sharma becomes the second Indian Fast Bowler after Kapil Dev (131 Tests) to play 100 Tests.

NATIONAL

26th edition of 'Hunar Haat'

- ❖ The Defence Minister has inaugurated the 26th edition of 'Hunar Haat' in New Delhi.
- ❖ The theme of the event is "Vocal for Local".
- ❖ It is an initiative led by the Ministry of Minority Affairs to provide the supremely talented artisans and craftsmen a platform.



Skill center for fire safety training

- ❖ It was inaugurated at Pilkhuwa in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ This is the first of its kind in India.
- ❖ This facility has been created by Delhi based DRDO laboratory 'Centre for Fire, Explosive and Environment Safety (CFEES)'.



Maritime India Summit 2021

- ❖ Prime Minister will inaugurate the virtual Maritime India Summit (MIS) 2021.
- ❖ The summit intends to be a powerful platform for international collaboration with partner countries for mutual exchange of knowledge and opportunities.
- ❖ FICCI is the industry partner for the summit.

8 toy manufacturing clusters

- ❖ The government has approved eight toy manufacturing clusters.
- ❖ It aims to boost India's traditional toys industry.
- ❖ These clusters will manufacture toys made of wood, Lacquer, palm leaves, bamboo and fabric.
- ❖ 8 clusters will be formed in these states
 - Madhya Pradesh: 3
 - Rajasthan: 2
 - Karnataka: 1
 - Uttar Pradesh: 1
 - Tamil Nadu: 1.
- ❖ Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh already have 2 toy clusters.

Renaming of world's largest stadium

- ❖ The world's largest cricket stadium at Motera in Ahmedabad was renamed the Narendra Modi Stadium.
- ❖ The rebuilt stadium is a part of the proposed, sprawling Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Sports Enclave.
- ❖ The enclave is spread in over 220 acres on the Sabarmati river bank in the north east area of Ahmedabad in Gujarat.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Spacecraft Named in Honor of mathematician

- ❖ A space supply ship, Cygnus NG-15 cargo dubbed as 'S.S. Katherine Johnson.
- ❖ It has been named in honour of Katherine Johnson.
- ❖ She is a NASA mathematician.

- ❖ She played a major role in the success of the first U.S. crewed spaceflight, Mercury-Atlas 6 Mission.



ENVIRONMENT

Ban on Vulture-Toxic Drugs

- ❖ Bangladesh has become the first country that has banned the painkiller ketoprofen.
- ❖ This painkiller is used widely to treat the cattle.
- ❖ But this painkiller is toxic to vultures.
- ❖ The Indian government had banned the use of diclofenac for veterinary purpose in the year 2006.
- ❖ Oman became the first country in Arabian Peninsula to ban the veterinary use of diclofenac.

STATES

India's First Digital University

- ❖ A Digital University has been set up in Kerala's Technocity, Mangalapuram.
- ❖ It is the country's first Digital University in the Kerala state.
- ❖ It will focus on postgraduate programmes and research.

Road Constructed Using Plastic Waste

- ❖ In a first-ever initiative in Tripura, the state has started using non-recyclable plastic waste in the construction of roads.
- ❖ It aims to reduce plastic waste and make the environment plastic-free.

Flower Processing Centre

- ❖ The Horticulture Department of Karnataka will set up a flower processing centre in collaboration with the International Flower Auction Bangalore (IFAB).
- ❖ The centre will be set up in order to convert the unsold flowers into its useful products.
- ❖ Karnataka accounts for 75% of total flower production in India.
- ❖ The state also has India's first and only flower auction centre.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

World HRD Congress Awards

- ❖ Union Bank of India was awarded in various category at the 29th Global HRD Congress awards.
 - Best Service Provider in Human Resources.
 - Best institution for “Excellence in Learning & Development”.
- ❖ Its Chief General Manager Kalyan Kumar was named as “Chief Human Resources Officer of the Year”.



New Chairman of NCSC

- ❖ Vijay Sampla took the charge of Chairman National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC).
- ❖ He has been the former Union Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment from 2014 to 2019.
- ❖ NCSC is an Indian Constitutional body.

- ❖ That has been established to provide safeguards against the exploitation of Scheduled Castes.
- ❖ It also, works for the socio-economic development of the scheduled castes and to prevent atrocities against them.
- ❖ Article 338 of the Indian constitution deals with National Commission for Scheduled Castes.

Youngest woman to row Atlantic

- ❖ A British woman, Jasmine Harrison of England has become the youngest woman to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean.
- ❖ She achieved the feat by finishing top in the 2020 Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Polar Bear Day – February 27

- ❖ It is organized by Polar Bears International.
- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about the impact of global warming and reduced sea ice on polar bear populations.

India Protein Day - February 27

- ❖ It aims to rally towards the mission of protein awareness and sufficiency in India.
- ❖ Theme of this year is Powering with Plant Protein!

Rare Disease Day - February 28

- ❖ It is observed on the last day of February each year.
- ❖ It to raise awareness for rare diseases and improve access to treatment and medical representation for individuals with rare diseases and their families.
- ❖ The European Organisation for Rare Diseases established the day in 2008.

National Science Day - February 28

- ❖ It commemorates the discovery of Raman Effect by Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman.
- ❖ He received a Nobel Prize for this discovery in the year 1930.
- ❖ It is used to create awareness about the role of science in society.
- ❖ The theme for National Science Day 2021 is 'Future of STI: Impact on Education Skills and Work'.
- ❖ The first National Science Day was celebrated on 28 February 1987.

