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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated the annual Toshali National Crafts Mela in Bhubaneswar.
 - It has become one of the most popular handlooms and handicrafts fairs in Eastern India.
- ❖ Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma has inaugurated India's longest road arch bridge "Wahrew Bridge" at Sohbar in East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya.
- ❖ The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has won the Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) 10th National Ice Hockey Championship trophy after a win over Ladakh in the finals in Gulmarg.
 - Ladakh has been considered as the capital of ice hockey in India.
- ❖ The Department of Science and Technology announced that India is currently in third position in scientific publications after China and US.

NATIONAL

Operation Sard Hawa

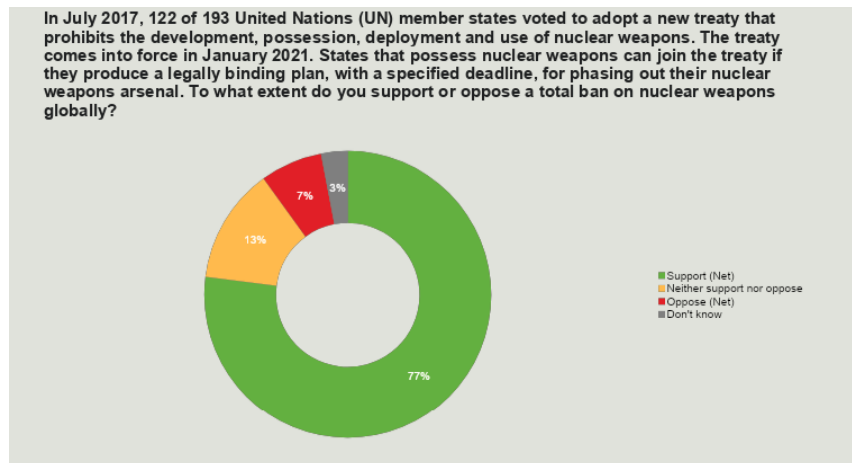
- ❖ It was launched by the Border Security Force in the western border of Rajasthan.
- ❖ The purpose of the operation is to check the instances of infiltration due to dense fog in the region.

INTERNATIONAL

Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

- ❖ On January 22, 2021, the first treaty to ban nuclear weapons called the "Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons" came into force.
- ❖ This treaty is the first legally binding international agreement that aim to eliminate nuclear weapons completely.
- ❖ The treaty was approved by United Nations General Assembly in 2017.
- ❖ It was supported by 120 members of the UN.
- ❖ However, none of the nine members of the UN that possess nuclear weapons supported it.

- ❖ These nine countries are US, Britain, Russia, China, France, Pakistan, India, Israel and North Korea.
- ❖ India does not support the Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- ❖ India is committed to the policy of “No First Use” against nuclear weapon states and non-use against non-nuclear weapon states.
- ❖ India is also committed to negotiations regarding the Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty.
- ❖ FMCT is a proposed international agreement.
- ❖ The agreement prohibits production of enriched Uranium and Plutonium.
- ❖ India has also not signed Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.



Asia Cooperation Dialogue

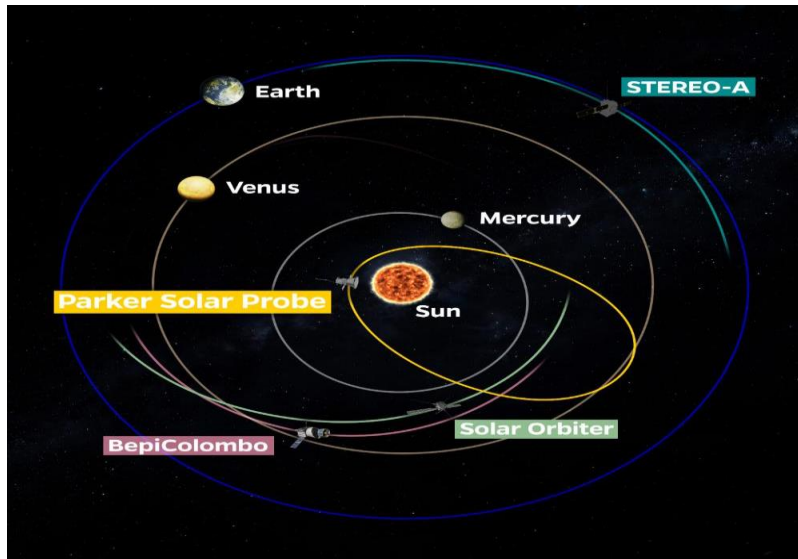
- ❖ It was held under the theme “The new Normal and Safe and Healthy Tourism”.
- ❖ The Asia Cooperation Dialogue countries also adopted the “Ankara Declaration” in the end of the meet.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Parker Solar Probe

- ❖ Parker Solar Probe Marks Seventh Successful Swing around the Sun.
- ❖ It passed just 8.4 million miles (13.5 million kilometers) from the Sun’s surface.
- ❖ NASA’s Parker Solar Probe mission provides inputs about our understanding of the sun.

- ❖ It will travel through the sun's atmosphere, closer to the surface than any spacecraft before it.



The Hum of the Universe

- ❖ It was recently detected by the North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav).
- ❖ According to the researchers, the hum was produced by gravitational waves.
- ❖ It comes from a type of dead star called a “Pulsar”.
- ❖ These stars are basically neutron stars.
- ❖ This is the first time the humming sound has been heard from a pulsar collision.
- ❖ Earlier scientists have observed such humming sound.
- ❖ However, they were from black hole mergers.
- ❖ The humming sound from blackhole mergers were detected by LIGO observatories.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Coal minister's award

- ❖ Union coal and mines minister Pralhad Joshi presented coal minister's award to Central Coalfields Ltd.
- ❖ It is a subsidiary of Coal India Ltd (CIL) with its headquarters in Ranchi, Jharkahand.

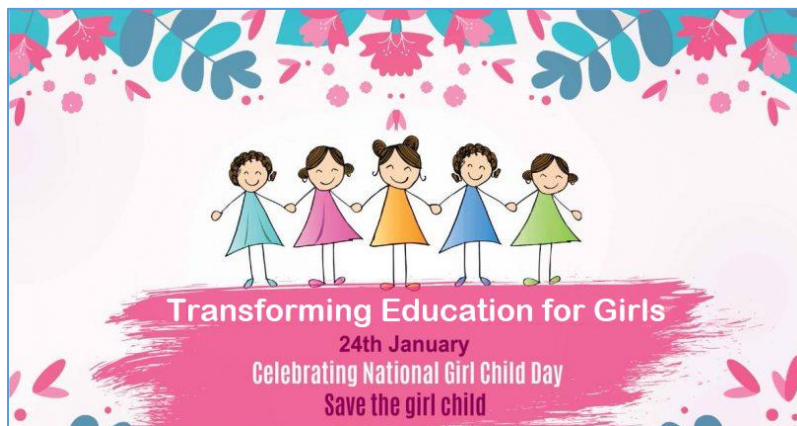
- ❖ The minister also presented the same award, instituted for promoting best and sustainable coal mining in the country, to other CIL subsidiaries.
- ❖ While Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) received the award for outstanding performance in coal production, Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) got it for sustainable mining.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Girl Child Day – January 24

- ❖ It was started by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Government of India in 2008.
- ❖ It is being celebrated across the nation with objectives of generating awareness on the issue of declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and create a positive environment around valuing the girl child.

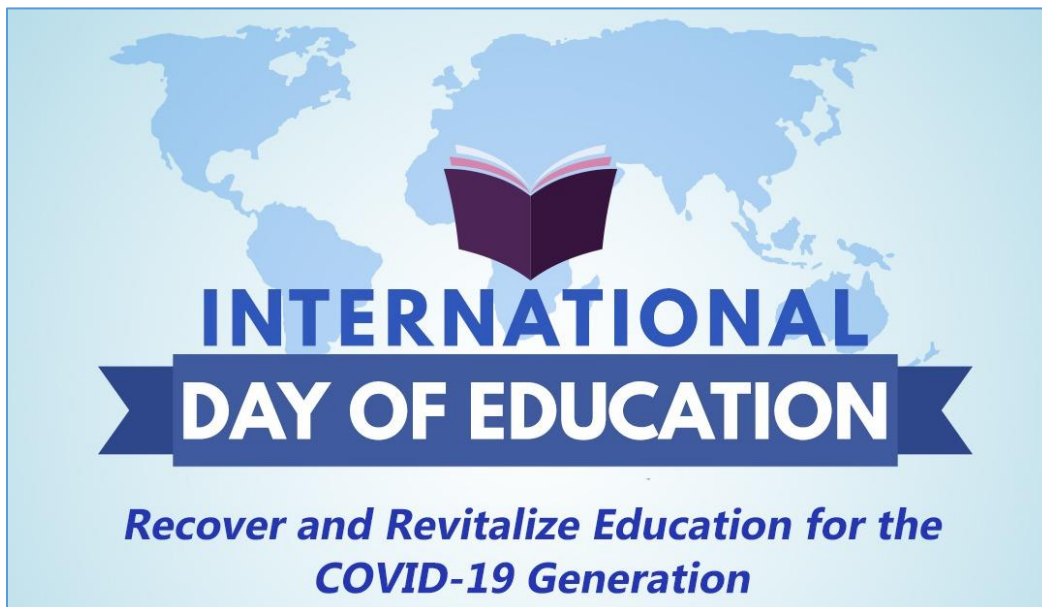


- ❖ India is observing National Girl Child Week 2021, which begins from January 21 and continues till January 26.

- ❖ The state of Punjab has announced January 2021 to be the "month of Girl Child".
- ❖ The theme for this is 'transforming education for girls'.

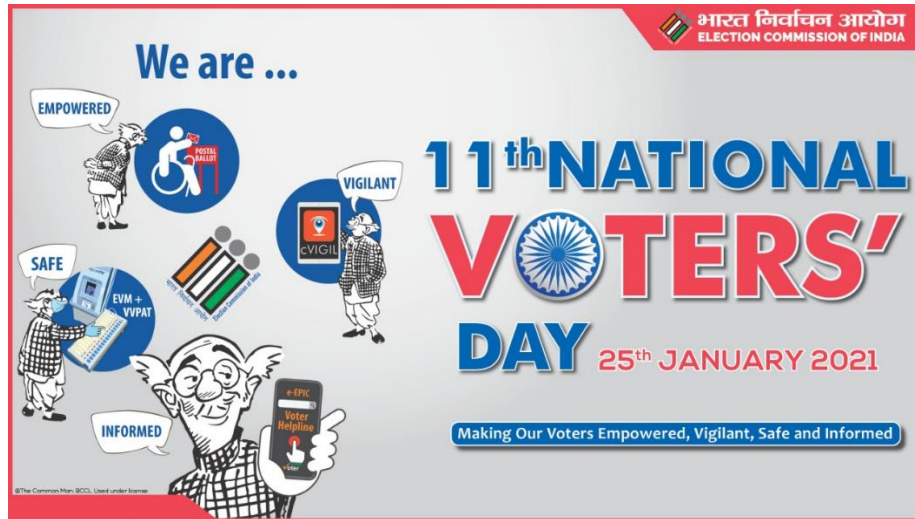
International Education Day - January 24

- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming this day as International Day of Education on December 3, 2018.
- ❖ The theme for this year will be "Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation."
- ❖ Sustainable Development Goal 4 aims to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all" by 2030.
- ❖ The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted in 1989.



National Voter's Day – January 25

- ❖ It was started for the very first time on 26th January 2011 to mark the Indian Election Commission's Foundation Day in 1950.
- ❖ The theme for this will be "Making our voters Empowered, vigilant, safe and informed."
- ❖ The Chief Election Commissioner of India was Sukumar Sen.



National Tourism Day – January 25

- ❖ India's National Tourism Day is celebrated on January 25.
- ❖ India also participates in the celebration of the UN World Tourism Day (September 27).



The International Customs Day (ICD) - January 26

- ❖ The theme for this year will be "Customs bolstering Recovery, Renewal and Resilience for a sustainable supply chain".
- ❖ IT is observed by the World Customs Organization (WCO).
- ❖ WCO is the only international body dedicated exclusively to international customs and border control matters.

International Customs Day

In collaboration with the National Trade Facilitation Committees, TradeMark East Africa and UNCTAD are working towards:

-  Enhance implementation of trade facilitation measures at national, regional and continental levels
-  Enhancing functionality of the Trade Information Portals to promote transparency of trade procedures
-  Simplification of trade procedures reducing time and costs for traders
-  Building capacity of stakeholders and institutions that make trade inclusive and beneficial to all
-  Make the NTFC more efficient in its coordinating mandate between the business community and public agencies and better responsive to trade facilitation reforms
-  Help increase the use of automation and technologies in trade and customs processes.

