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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant was inaugurated in Lehragaga, in Punjab's Sangrur.
- ❖ 22nd World Blockchain Summit took place in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

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Indus Waters Treaty Arbitration



- ❖ The World Bank has appointed a “neutral expert” and a chairman of the Court of Arbitration regarding the Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric power plants.
- ❖ India and Pakistan are locked in a dispute over the two projects that come under the 1960 Indus Water Treaty.
- ❖ India and Pakistan signed the treaty in 1960 after nine years of negotiations, with the World Bank being a signatory of the pact.
- ❖ The treaty sets out a mechanism for cooperation and information exchange between the two countries regarding their use of the rivers.

MSP Hike

- ❖ The Cabinet has approved minimum support price (MSP) hike for all mandated rabi crops for marketing season 2023-24.

- ❖ The MSP for lentil (Masur) has seen the highest increase of Rs 500 per quintal.
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Crops	MSP for Rabi Crops (2022-23)	MSP for Rabi Crops (2023-24)	Increase in MSP (Absolute)
Wheat	2015	2125	110
Barley	1635	1735	100
Gram	5230	5335	105
Lentil (Masur)	5500	6000	500
Rapeseed & Mustard	5050	5450	400
Safflower	5441	5650	209

(Rs. Per Quintal)

Swadesh Darshan 2

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SWADESH DARSHAN 2.0

Swadesh Darshan 2.0 : KEY PRINCIPLES

- Develop Benchmark and Standards for Major Tourism Themes
- Sustainable and Responsible Tourism
- Destination and Tourist Centric Approach
- Integrated Development of Tourist Destinations
- Promote Domestic Tourism
- Policy and Institutional Reforms
- Operations and Maintenance on Sustainable Basis
- Synergies with Central and State Schemes

- ❖ The Union Government is to launch Swadesh Darshan 2 with chosen destinations from 15 States.
- ❖ Fifteen States are part of the first phase which include Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra.
- ❖ The initiative is being taken as part of the first phase of the 'Swadesh Darshan 2'.
- ❖ Some of the prominent places identified are Jhansi and Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh, Gwalior, Chitrakoot and Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh and Ajanta and Ellora in Maharashtra.

- ❖ It is promoted as part of India's new domestic tourism policy which moves away from theme-based tourist circuits and focuses on revving up destination tourism.
- ❖ The Swadesh Darshan Scheme was launched by the Centre in 2014-15 for the integrated development of theme-based tourist circuits.
- ❖ The Swadesh Darshan scheme is 100% centrally funded.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Seoul 'SARANG Festival



- ❖ The 8th edition of annual flagship cultural program of Embassy of India, Seoul 'SARANG- The Festival of India in Republic of Korea' concluded recently.
- ❖ Starting in 2015, SARANG has emerged as a prominent Indian cultural festival.
- ❖ The word SARANG has a very meaningful interpretation for both Koreans and Indians.

- ❖ SARANG in Korean means 'love' and for Indians it refers to 'diversity representing different colours of India'.

14th World Spice Congress



- ❖ The 14th edition of the World Spice Congress is set to be organized next year in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❖ It is the gathering of the global spice industry that creates a platform to improve the understanding of the status and challenges of the spice sector.
- ❖ It was organized for the first time in 1990.
- ❖ Since then, 13 editions have been organized over the past 30 years.
- ❖ The 14th edition of the event will be organized by the Spices Board of India.
- ❖ The theme for the event is "Vision 2030: SPICES (Sustainability – Productivity – Innovation – Collaboration – Excellence and Safety)"
- ❖ The 2023 World Spice Congress will be organized as a G20 event.

IMPORTANT DAYS

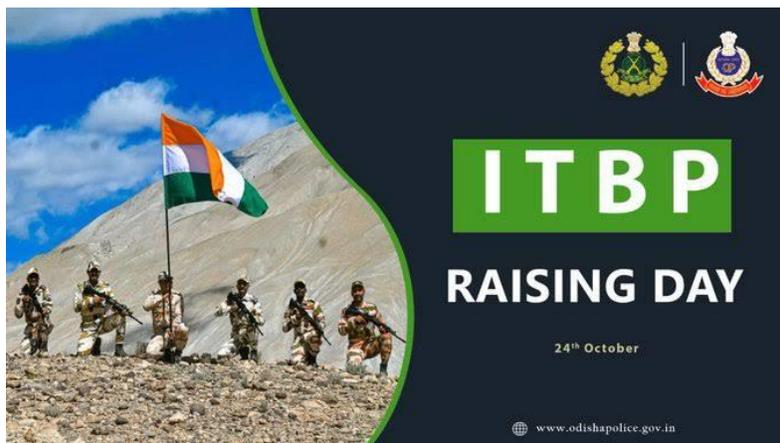
World Polio Day - October 24

- ❖ World Polio Day was established in 1985 by Rotary International to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk.

- ❖ He was the lead medical researcher of the team that developed a vaccine against polio.
- ❖ He developed the inactivated poliovirus vaccine, which first came into use in 1955.
- ❖ This was further developed as the oral polio vaccine by Albert Sabin, which came into use in 1961.
- ❖ Theme of World Polio Day is “World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond: A healthier future for mothers and children”.



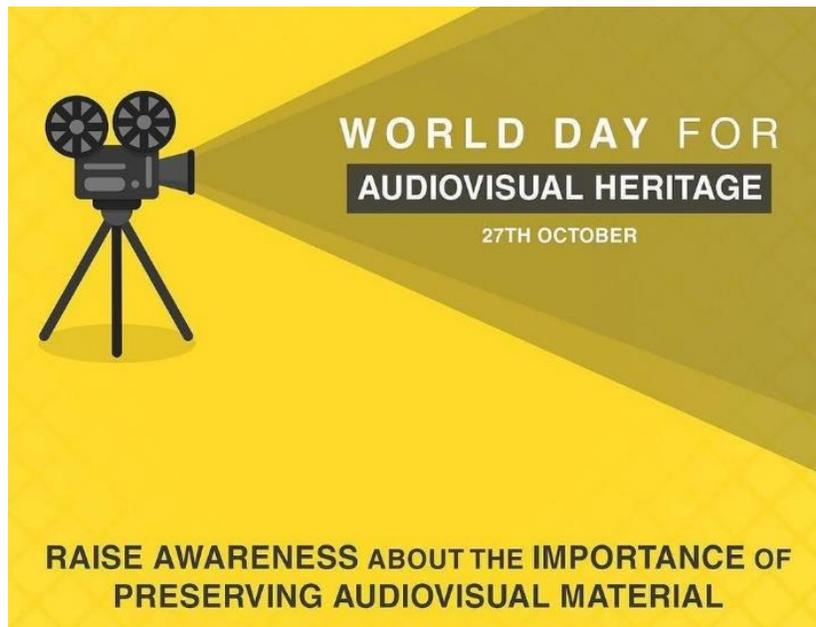
ITBP Raising Day - October 24



- ❖ The ITBP was raised on 24th October, 1962 during the India-China War.
- ❖ It is a border guarding police force specializing in high altitude operations.

- ❖ Presently, ITBP is deployed on border guarding duties from Karakoram Pass in Ladakh to Jachep La in Arunachal Pradesh covering 3488 km of Indo-China Border.
- ❖ ITBP was initially raised under the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Act, 1949.
- ❖ However, in 1992, parliament enacted the ITBPF Act and the rules were framed in 1994.

World Day for Audio visual Heritage - October 27

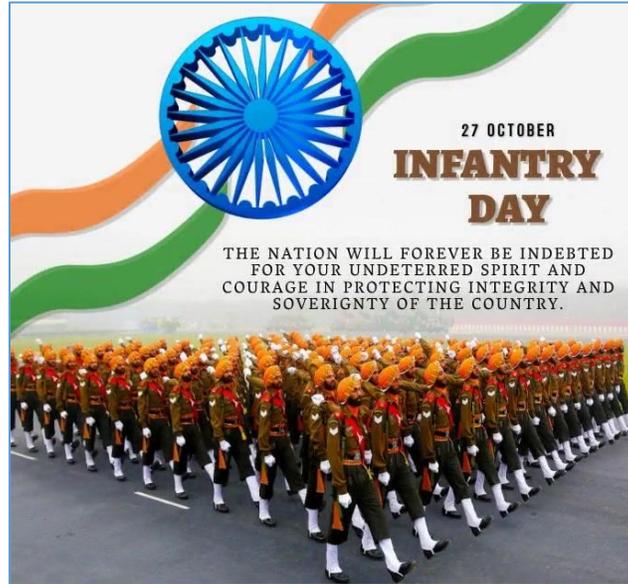


- ❖ It is an attempt to raise awareness about the need to take measures and acknowledge the importance of preserving audio-visual materials.
- ❖ The World Day for Audio-visual Heritage (WDAH) is a commemoration of the adoption, in 1980 by the 21st General Conference for the Safeguarding and Preservation of Moving Images.
- ❖ Theme of the year is theme “Enlisting documentary heritage to promote inclusive, just and peaceful societies”.

Infantry day - October 27

- ❖ It aims to pay homage to the soldiers who fought for the country and laid down their lives in the line of duty.
- ❖ The date October 27 was chosen for the occasion as it was on this day that the first Indian infantry soldiers defended the country’s territory from external aggression.

- ❖ After the Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir, Hari Singh, signed the instrument of accession, on October 26, 1947, the region became part of the Indian dominion.
- ❖ Soon, the first Battalion of the Sikh Regiment reached the Srinagar airbase to fight against Pakistani invaders.



UN Disarmament Week 2022 - October 24 to 30



- ❖ It aims to raise awareness and improve understanding of the significance and challenges of disarmament.
- ❖ The week starts on October 24, which marks the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.
- ❖ Since the UN was founded, disarmament and arms control has been one of its major focus areas.
- ❖ It calls for the elimination of all materials that support armed conflicts.



- ❖ United Nations Disarmament Commission (UNDC) was set up in 1952.
- ❖ Disarmament Week was observed for the first time. In 1995.
- ❖ In 2019, the observance of Disarmament Week was led by women for the first time.

