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President confers Gallantry Awards

- President Shri Ram Nath Kovind, who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, conferred two Kirti Chakras, including one posthumous, one Vir Chakra and 10 Shaurya Chakras, including two posthumous, to the personnel of Armed Forces and Paramilitary Forces during Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-1) at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi in the morning of November 22, 2021.
- The Gallantry awards were given to the personnel for displaying conspicuous gallantry, indomitable courage, and extreme devotion to duty.
- The President also conferred 13 Param Vishisht Seva Medals, two Uttam Yudh Seva Medals and 24 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals for distinguished service of exceptional order.
- The Vir Chakra was conferred to Balakot Airstrike hero Indian Air Force Wing Commander (now Group Captain) Abhinandan Varthaman.
- President Kovind accorded the Shaurya Chakra (posthumously) to Naib Subedar Sombir for killing an A++ category terrorist during an operation in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Major Vibhuti Shankar Dhoundiyal was also accorded the Shaurya Chakra (posthumously) for his role in an operation that neutralized five terrorists and led to the recovery of 200 kg of explosive material.
- The President also conferred the Shaurya Chakra to Major Mahesh Kumar Bhure who is an alumnus of Sainik School Satara. According to the citation, Major Bhure led an operation in which six top terrorist commanders were killed.
- Further, President Ram Nath Kovind accorded the second-highest peacetime gallantry award Kirti Chakra (posthumously) to Sapper Prakash Jadhav from the Corps of Engineers who had been instrumental in neutralizing terrorists in an operation in Jammu & Kashmir.

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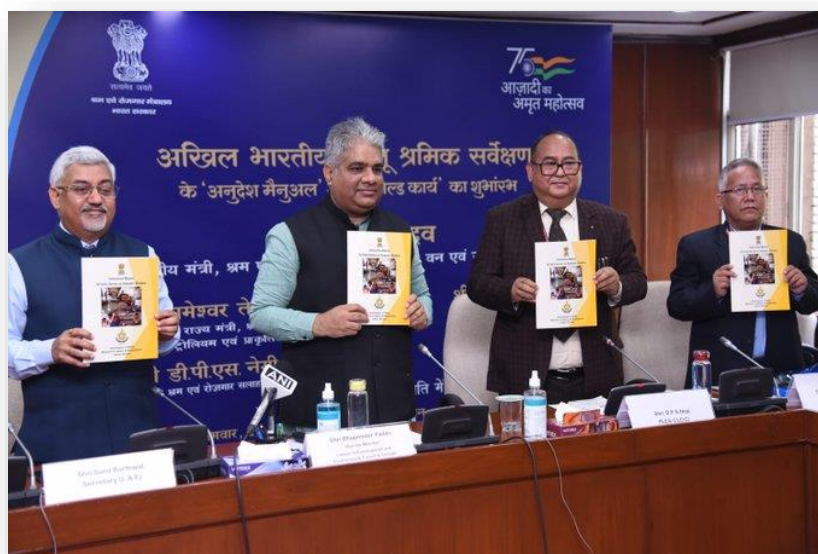
UNESCO-ABU Peace Media Awards 2021

- The ABU-UNESCO T4P Media Awards highlight and promote crucial role of independent, ethical journalism and citizens' media literacy for building positive peace in human minds. Positive peace is not just the absence of conflicts and war but striving for equitable and fair societies having respectful and sustainable relations with the environment.
- In yet another remarkable feat which has showcased the world Prasar Bharati's excellence in quality content creation, TV and Radio shows produced by Doordarshan and All India Radio respectively got multiple awards at the recently held ABU - UNESCO Peace Media Awards 2021 at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.
- Doordarshan's programme 'DEAFinitely Leading the Way' won an award under 'Living Well with Super Diversity' category, while All India Radio's programme 'Living on the edge – The coastal lives' won another award in the category of 'Ethical & Sustainable Relationship with Nature'.
- The awards were given by UNESCO in collaboration with Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) under 'Together for Peace' (T4P) initiative. The award giving ceremony was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on November 17, 2021. More than hundred inspiring stories of individuals and communities were received from 33 countries across 5 continents. The competition was open for Radio, TV, and digital platforms.



All India Survey on Domestic Workers

- Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Shri Bhupender Yadav today flagged off the first ever All India Survey on Domestic workers being conducted by Labour Bureau, Chandigarh.
- Domestic workers (DWs) constitute a significant portion of total employment in the informal sector. However, there is a dearth of data on the magnitude and prevailing employment conditions of DW. Hence with the view to have time series data on domestic workers, Government of India has entrusted Labour Bureau to conduct an all-India survey on DWs.
- On the occasion, Shri Yadav also released instruction manual with questionnaire for All India Survey on Domestic workers, which will cover 37 states/UT's and 742 Districts across the length and breadth of the country.
- The All India Survey on Domestic Workers is aimed to estimate the number and proportion of domestic workers at National and State level, percentage distribution of domestic workers with respect to Live-in/Live-out, formal/Informal Employment, Migrant/Non-Migrant, their wages and other socio-economic characteristics.
- The survey will also provide the Household Estimates of Live-in/Live-out domestic workers and average number of domestic workers engaged by different types of households. the main objective are:
 - Estimate the number/proportion of DWs at National and State level.
 - Household Estimates of Live-in/ Live-out DWs.
 - Average number of DWs engaged by different types of households.



CSIR Jigyasa Programme

- Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today launched India's first Virtual Science Lab for Children under CSIR Jigyasa Programme, which will also connect students with scientists across the country.
- Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Singh said, the main aim of the Virtual Lab is to provide quality research exposure and innovative pedagogy for school students based on an online interactive medium. He said, the new facility will immensely benefit students from Kendriya Vidyalaya's, Navodaya Vidyalaya's, and Government Schools and will help in catching them young.
- He further adds the target audience for the Virtual Lab platform is students of Standard six to 12 who would like to explore science using different activities, experienced researchers, and faculties about Science, Mathematics, Biology, and IT.
- He said, initially the content will be available in English, but has been planned to be made available in Hindi and other regional languages. This Virtual Lab will provide a virtual tour of CSIR laboratories and expose students to research infrastructure.

Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia attends Udan Utsav

- Attending the Udan Utsav to commemorate the journey of UDAN as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Jharsuguda in Odisha today, he said that it was due

to the emphasis of the PM on connectivity that the country has added as many as 62 new airports in a span of seven years taking the present total to 136.

- The country has targeted to increase the number of airports in the country to 220 within the next five years. Speaking very high of Jharsuguda as the powerhouse of Odisha and a rich bed of natural resources, he cited the Jharsuguda airport as a brilliant example of cooperative federalism, with the Government of Odisha sharing the cost of the project and providing the required land. On the occasion, he flagged off the maiden udan flights between Shillong and Dimapur through the virtual mode.

'Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum'

foundation stone laid in Manipur

- The Union Home Minister Amit Shah virtually laid the foundation stone for Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum to be constructed at Luangkao Village in Tamenglong District of Manipur today. The museum will be constructed under the funding of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs with an estimated cost of 15 crore rupees.
- Gaidinliu (26 January 1915 – 17 February 1993) was a Naga spiritual and political leader who led a revolt against British rule in India. At the age of 13, she joined the Heraka religious movement of her cousin Haipou Jadonang. The movement later turned into a political movement seeking to drive out the British from Manipur and the surrounding Naga areas.
- Within the Heraka faith, she came to be considered an incarnation of the Goddess Cherachamdinliu. Gaidinliu was arrested in 1932 at the age of 16 and was sentenced to life imprisonment by the British rulers. Jawaharlal Nehru met her at Shillong Jail in 1937 and promised to pursue her release. Nehru gave her the title of "Rani" ("Queen"), and she gained local popularity as Rani Gaidinliu. She was released in 1947 after India's independence and continued to work for the upliftment of her people.
- An advocate of the ancestral Naga religious practices, she staunchly resisted the conversion of Nagas to Christianity. She was honoured as a freedom fighter and was awarded a Padma Bhushan by the Government of India.



8.4 crore unorganized workers register at e-Shram portal

- More than 8.4 crore unorganized workers have registered at the e-Shram portal till now. The number of Unorganized Sector workers registration at the portal has been rising steadily over the 12 weeks since its launch. Workers in the age group of 18-40 have the highest share, followed by those in the age-group 40-50. The huge success in registration is due to unified command and control and regular directions and meticulous monitoring by Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav.
- The registrations of unorganized workers in the e-Shram portal can be through Common Service Centres, Self, or through State Seva Kendra's. Over the past 12 weeks, West Bengal, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar have the highest average growth rates of more than 15 percent regarding the registration of workers at the e-Shram portal. The top five categories are Agriculture, Construction, Apparel, Automobile and Transportation and Household and Domestic Workers.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following Gallantry Awards belong to the category of Gallantry in the face of the enemy?

- A. Ashok Chakra
- B. Shaurya Chakra
- C. Vir Chakra
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

2. Which of the following awards were not among the first ones to be introduced after Independence?

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Maha Vir Chakra
- C. Vir Chakra
- D. Shaurya Chakra

ANSWER: D

3. Who was the first recipient of the Param Vir Chakra?

- A. Major Somnath Sharma
- B. Naik Jadunath Singh
- C. 2nd Lt Rama Raghoba Rane
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: A

4. Who gives away the Gallantry Award to the Kins of those who receive it posthumously?

- A. Defence Minister
- B. Prime Minister
- C. President of India
- D. Any of the above

ANSWER: C

5. Rani Gaidinliu at age 13 joined _____ religious Movement.

- A. Heraka
- B. Aligarh

- C. Advaita
- D. Non-Cooperation

ANSWER: A

6. _____ gave her the title of "Rani" ("Queen"), and she gained local popularity as Rani Gaidinliu.

- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Nehru
- C. Sardar Patel
- D. Rabindranath Tagore

ANSWER: B

7. Rani Gaidinliu was honoured as a freedom fighter and was awarded a _____ by the GOI in 1982.

- A. Padma Bhushan
- B. Padma Vibhushan
- C. Padma Sri
- D. Bharath Ratna

ANSWER: A

8. Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) was established in

- A. 1944
- B. 1954
- C. 1964
- D. 1974

ANSWER: C

9. HQ of Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union

- A. Malaysia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Singapore
- D. Thailand

ANSWER: A

10. UDAN Day, is celebrated annually on













- A. 21st Oct

- B. 21st Nov
- C. 21st July
- D. 21st Aug

ANSWER: A

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