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09 - 17 January 2022

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (Non-Resident Indian Day) is a celebratory day observed (starting in 2003) on 9 January by the Republic of India to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community towards the development of India.
- The day commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to Mumbai on 9 January 1915.
- Established in 2000, it is sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), the Confederation of Indian Industries, and the Ministry of Development of Northeastern Region.
- A celebratory event is held on 7-9 January every other year in an Indian city: a forum for issues concerning the Indian Diaspora is organized and the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards are given.



Startup India Innovation Week

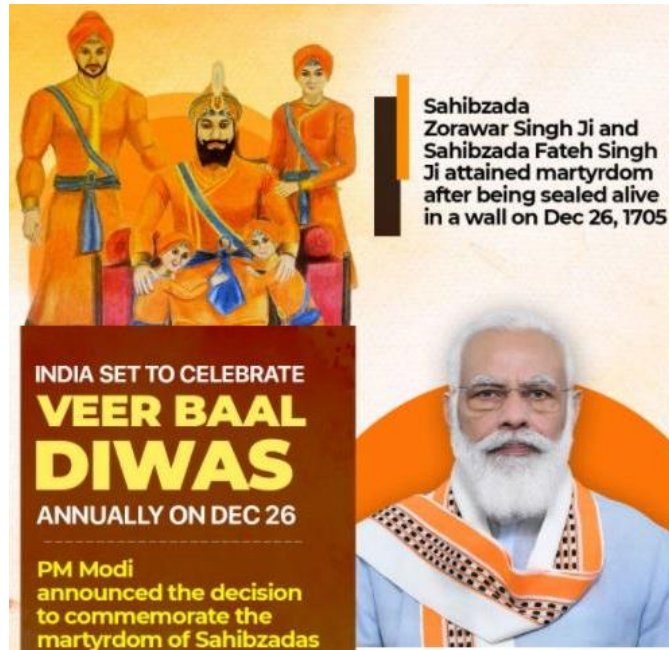
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is organizing the first-ever Startup India Innovation Week from 10th -16th of January 2022. This virtual week-long innovation celebration aims to commemorate the 75th year of India's independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and is designed to showcase the spread and depth of entrepreneurship across India.

- Interestingly, in the startup world, 2021 has been recognized as the 'year of unicorns,' with 40+ unicorns added in the year.
- India is emerging as a global innovation hub, boasting the world's third-largest startup ecosystem. DPI has recognized more than 61,000 startups as of date. Our startups representing 55 industries, spread across 633 districts with at least one startup from every State and UT of the country have created over 6 lakh jobs since 2016. 45% of the startups are from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities and 45% of them are represented by women entrepreneurs. Startups have the potential to accelerate India's integration into global value chains and create global impact.
- This startup and innovation festival's primary goal is to bring together the country's key startups, entrepreneurs, investors, incubators, funding entities, banks, policymakers, and other national/international stakeholders to celebrate entrepreneurship and promote innovation.



Veer Baal Diwas - 26TH December

- The Government of India has decided to commemorate 26th December as “**Veer Baal Diwas**” in honor of the supreme sacrifice made by Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh, the younger sons of the 10th Sikh Guru Govind Singh Ji, for their supreme and unparalleled sacrifice on 26th December 1705 at the tender age of 9 and 6 years respectively to defend the dignity and honor of Sikhism.
- This is a salute and a tribute of the grateful Nation and its People while celebrating the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” to the great valor and supreme sacrifice of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh in their quest for justice.



25th National Youth Festival Inaugurated

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the **25th National Youth Festival** on 12th January 2022 in Puducherry, via video conferencing. The day, being the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda is observed as National Youth Day.
- The Festival aims to shape the minds of India's youth and transform them into a united force for nation-building. It is one of the biggest exercises in social cohesion and intellectual & cultural integration. It aims to bring diverse cultures of India and integrate them into a united thread of **'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'**.
- Prime Minister will unveil selected essays on **"Mere Sapno ka Bharat"** and **"Unsung Heroes of Indian Freedom Movement"**. These essays have been selected from submissions by over 1 lakh youth on the two themes.



World Hindi Day Celebrated

- **World Hindi Day** is being observed today. The day is commemorated every year with the objective to promote the use of the Hindi language abroad. On this day in 2006, the First World Hindi Conference was held in Nagpur with the aim to promote the language worldwide and since then, every year 10th January is being observed as the World Hindi Day. The Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Missions abroad also observe the day annually.
- Minister of External Affairs Dr. S Jaishankar has greeted all the people on the occasion. In a tweet, he said, the contribution of those involved in spreading and promoting Hindi across the world has been commendable and remarkable. He hoped that on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav this day would be celebrated with enthusiasm and joy.
- National Hindi Day is celebrated in India to commemorate the date 14 September 1949 on which a compromise was reached during the drafting of the Constitution of India on the languages that were to have official status in the Republic of India.



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Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2021-2022

- In order to create self-motivation and awareness about sanitation the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar (SVP) was first instituted by the Department of School Education and Literacy, in 2016-17.
- The SVP 2021-22 is open to all categories of schools. i.e., Government, Government aided, and Private schools in both rural and urban areas. The schools will be assessed through an online portal & mobile app in 6 sub-categories: Water, Sanitation, Hand Washing with soap, Operation and Maintenance, Behaviour Change and Capacity Building and the newly added category on COVID-19 Preparedness and Response and the system will generate the overall score and rating automatically. The schools have been given

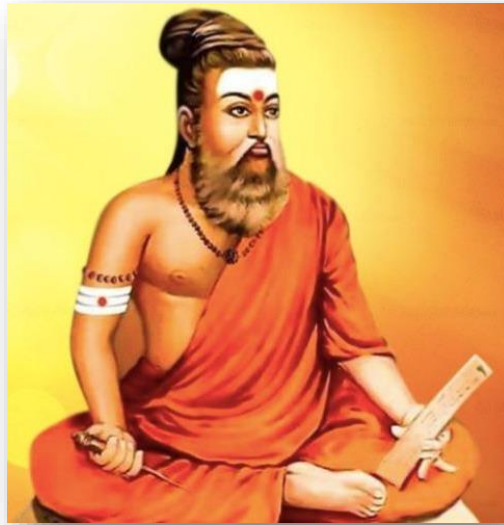
sufficient time till March 2022 to apply for the awards so that they can do so at an appropriate and safe time.

- Schools shall be awarded at the District, State, and National level based on an internationally recognized five-star rating system. Also, every school will get a certificate of participation showing the category-wise scores and overall rating of the school. This will help in promoting sustainable practices of improved Water, Sanitation & Hygiene in schools.
- At the National level, 40 schools will be selected for awards this year under the overall category. The award money for the schools has been enhanced this year from Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 60,000/- per school, under the Samagra Shiksha scheme. Also, 6 sub-category-wise awards have been introduced, with award money of Rs. 20,000/- per school.



Thiruvalluvar Day

- 15th January is celebrated as **Thiruvalluvar Day** and is declared as a public holiday in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. It is celebrated on the fourth day of Pongal celebrations when people pay respect to elders and elders offer blessings in cash and kindness.
- **Thiruvalluvar**, commonly known as Valluvar, was a celebrated Tamil poet and philosopher. He is best known as the author of the Tirukkural, a collection of couplets on ethics, political and economic matters, and love. The text is considered an exceptional and widely cherished work of Tamil literature.



National Lok Adalat

- A total number of 1,27,87,329 cases were disposed of in four National Lok Adalat across the country by adopting dynamic preparation strategies during last year, giving relief to the common citizens by ending or preventing long-lasting legal battles. Several cases included over 55,000 pending cases, and a record 72,06,212 pre-litigation cases. This feat was achieved after the legal services Authorities adopted the preparatory and mobilization measures.
- A major contribution to this success can be attributed to technological advancements. In June 2020, the Legal Services Authorities integrated technology with the conventional modes of dispute settlement and introduced virtual E-Lok Adalat. Since then, all the Lok Adalat are organized through virtual mode. To provide an unhindered experience during the proceedings, the Legal Services Authorities across the country are continuously upgrading their digital infrastructure.



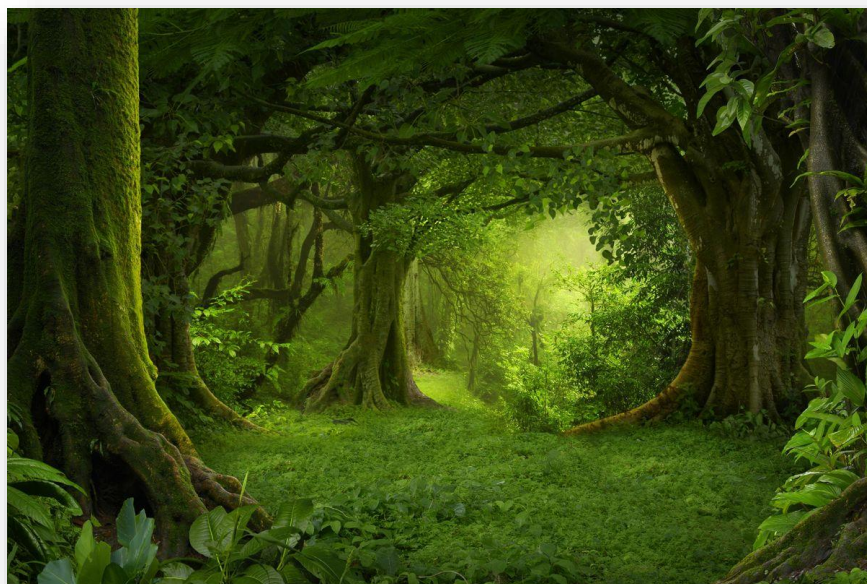
Bilateral Trade Between India, China Crosses 125 Billion USD In 2021

- Bilateral trade between India and China crossed 125 billion USD in 2021, according to Chinese customs data released on Friday. Despite a protracted border standoff, Two-way trade between India and China in 2021 stood at 125.66 billion USD, up 43.3% from 2020 when bilateral trade was worth 87.6 billion USD.
- In 2021, China's exports to India were 97.52 billion USD, up 46.2%, while China imported 28.14 billion USD worth of goods from India, up 34.2%, according to statistics released by the General Administration of Customs (GAC) on Friday. The trade deficit between the two countries remained in favor of China – at \$69 billion. The trade deficit has been a constant source of friction between New Delhi and Beijing, with India complaining that China hasn't given Indian companies access to sectors like pharmaceuticals.
- In pre-pandemic times in 2019, the bilateral trade was 92.8 billion USD and both countries were aspiring to touch the mark of 100 billion USD. Due to COVID, India-China trade in 2020 declined to 87.6 billion USD, the lowest since 2017. In the first half of 2021, Chinese companies saw an increase in demand from India for medical equipment due to a devastating second wave of the coronavirus pandemic. According to the website of the Indian Embassy in Beijing, the widening trade deficit with China can be attributed to two factors: a narrow basket of commodities, mostly primary, for exporting to China and the lack of market access for most of India's agricultural products and the sectors where India is competitive in, such as pharmaceuticals, and IT.



India State of Forest Report 2021

- The Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) released the India State of Forest Report-2021.
- It is an assessment of India's forest and tree cover, published every two years by the Forest Survey of India.
- The first survey was published in 1987, and ISFR 2021 is the 17th.
- India is one of the few countries in the world that brings out such a survey every two years, and this is widely considered comprehensive and robust.
- The forest and tree cover in the country continues to increase with an additional cover of 1,540 square kilometers over the past two years.
- India's forest cover is now 7,13,789 square kilometers, 21.71% of the country's geographical area, an increase from 21.67% in 2019.
- The states that have shown the highest increase in forest cover are Telangana (3.07%), Andhra Pradesh (2.22%), and Odisha (1.04%).
- Five states in the Northeast – Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Nagaland have all shown a loss in forest cover.
- Area-wise: Madhya Pradesh has the largest forest cover in the country followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and Maharashtra.
- 35.46% of the forest cover is prone to forest fires. Out of this, 2.81% is extremely prone, 7.85% is very highly prone and 11.51% is highly prone.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas is celebrated on

- A. Jan 8th
- B. Jan 9th
- C. Jan 10th
- D. Jan 11th

ANSWER: B

2. Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas was first celebrated in

- A. 2002
- B. 2003
- C. 2004
- D. 2005

ANSWER: B

3. Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh were sons of which Sikh Guru

- A. Guru Gobind Singh
- B. Guru Arjun Singh
- C. Guru Angad
- D. Guru Nanak

ANSWER: A

4. Vivekananda Jayanthi is celebrated every year on

- A. Jan 12th
- B. Jan 13th
- C. Jan 14th
- D. Jan 15th

ANSWER: A

5. National Hindi Day is celebrated on

- A. Jan 9th
- B. Jan 10th
- C. Sept 14th
- D. Sept 15th

ANSWER: C

6. _____ Schedule consists of 22 Indian Languages

- A. 1st
- B. 6th
- C. 8th
- D. 10th

ANSWER: C

7. First World Hindi Conference at Nagpur Took Place In

- A. 2006
- B. 2010
- C. 1975
- D. 1976

ANSWER: C

8. India State of Forest Report-2021 is released by

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- C. Ministry of Social Justice & Welfare
- D. Ministry of Science & Tech

ANSWER: B

9. Current Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

- A. Piyush Goyal
- B. Bhupender Yadav
- C. Narayan Rane
- D. Ravi Shankar Prasad

ANSWER: B

10. _____ has shown the highest increase in forest cover

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Mizoram

ANSWER: B

11. National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA) was formed on

- A. 8th Nov
- B. 9th Nov
- C. 10th Nov
- D. 11th Nov

ANSWER: B

12. _____ provides free legal aid to the poor and weaker sections of the society and ensures justice for all.

- A. Article 39A
- B. Article 38A
- C. Article 37A
- D. Article 36A

ANSWER: A

13. Article 39A Was Added By

- A. 42nd Amendment in 1976
- B. 44th Amendment in 1978
- C. 86th Amendment in 2003
- D. 93rd Amendment in 2004

ANSWER: A

14. Which Dynasty was not the part of Muvendra of Sangam Age

- A. Chola
- B. Chera
- C. Pandya
- D. Vijayanagara

ANSWER: D

15. The book is also called the fifth Veda or 'Bible of the Tamil Land'.

- A. Silappadikaram
- B. Manimegalai
- C. Tirukkural
- D. Sattannar

ANSWER: D

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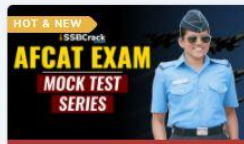
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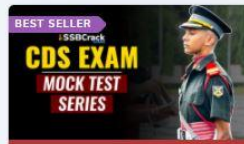
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