

Current Affairs Roundup - 2020

Special Days

The first International Day of Epidemic Preparedness celebrated

The first-ever International Day of Epidemic Preparedness is being observed.

- ★ The United Nations General Assembly called on all its member states and other global organizations to mark December 27 every year as the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness in order to advocate the importance of global partnership against epidemics.
- ★ The UNGA called on nations to observe the day “in accordance with national contexts and priorities” through education and awareness-raising activities.
- ★ The International Day of Epidemic Preparedness aims to promote international awareness and action on the prevention of, preparedness for, and partnership against epidemics, the UN said.

The Nation celebrated Navy Day

India celebrates 4th December every year as Navy Day in commemoration of Operation Trident. In this operation the Missile Boats of the Indian Navy delivered a lethal and powerful missile attack on Karachi harbour, paving way for a great victory for India during the 1971 Indo-Pak war. In memory of those who made supreme sacrifice, every year nation celebrates Navy day.



- ★ ENC paid homage to service personnel who made the supreme sacrifice in various actions including the 1971 War. A floral wreath was placed by Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain PVSM, AVSM, VSM Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, ENC at the Navy War Memorial on Beach Road Visakhapatnam. Wreaths were also placed by Shri V Vinay Chand, District Collector, Shri Manish Kumar Sinha, Commissioner of Police, Ms. G Srijana, GVMC Commissioner and Vice Adm VK Namballa (Retd), President Navy Foundation.
- ★ A 50 men Guard of Honour was paraded on the occasion. The Guard performed the ‘Salami Shastra’ followed by ‘Shok Shastra’ and the Commander-in-Chief placed the floral wreath.

The National Organs Donation Day being celebrated

Don't take your organs to heaven with you' Govt urges Indians on Organ Donation Day, November 27.

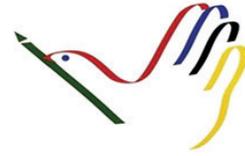
In an attempt to raise awareness, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare calls the nation for donations on the occasion of Organ Donation Day. Celebrating the occasion 79,572 CRPF personnel pledging to donate their organs after death. Dr. Harsh Vardhan congratulates NOTTO; “With 12,666 organs transplanted in 2019, India ranked third in the world as per WHO-GODT”



- ★ A study, published in the journal The Lancet, noted that countries with high infection rates have seen organ donations fall by more than 50 percent.
- ★ On Organ Donation Day in India, a look at the status of organ donations in the country and why only 3% of the population is willing to donate.
- ★ Every year, for the past 10 years, 27 November has been celebrated as the ‘Indian Organ Donation Day’ in the country.

National Press Day 2020

The Press Council of India (PCI) was instituted on November 16, 1966, to monitor the quality of reportage provided by the Indian press. November 16 is observed to acknowledge and honor the Press Council of India.



- ★ The 16th of November – is symbolic of a free and responsible press in India. This was the day on which the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog to ensure that not only did the press maintain the high standards expected from this powerful medium but also that it was not fettered by the influence or threats of any extraneous factors.
- ★ The First Press Commission 1956 envisioned a committee to protect the ethics of journalism and freedom of the press in India. It led to the formation of a Press Council 10 years later.
- ★ Justice Chandramauli Kumar Prasad is the present chairman of the Press Council of India.
- ★ The Press Council of India conducted a webinar on the occasion of national press day. The webinar is held on the theme 'Role of media during the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the media' with participants from several other countries also reflects the enabling power of technology.

PM releases coin of Rs. 75 denomination to mark 75th anniversary of FAO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a commemorative coin of Rs. 75 denomination to mark the 75th Anniversary of Food and Agriculture Organization, FAO on October 16.



- ★ In order to mark World Food Day, PM also dedicated 17 new biofortified varieties of 8 crops to the nation.
- ★ PM expressed his gratitude to the FAO for supporting India's proposal to declare 2023 as the International Year of Millets.
- ★ This year's FAO theme is Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together.

National Engineers Day 2020

On the occasion of National Engineers day Education Minister Felicitates Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award 2020 on September 15.

- ★ The AICTE Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award 2020 was conferred upon 12 faculty members of AICTE approved institutes in a virtual ceremony.
- ★ The awards, introduced this year, were presented as part of the Engineers Day celebrations by the Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'. Mr. Pokhriyal also launched SPICES (Scheme for Promoting Interests, Creativity, and Ethics among Students) to promote healthy co-curricular activity amongst the students for their all-round development during the virtual event.



International Youth Day is observed on 12 August

In 1999, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth (Lisbon, 8-12 August 1998) that 12 August be declared International Youth Day.

- ★ International Youth Day gives an opportunity to celebrate and mainstream young peoples' voices, actions, and initiatives, as well as their meaningful, universal and equitable engagement.

- ★ The theme of International Youth Day 2020, “Youth Engagement for Global Action” seeks to highlight the ways in which the engagement of young people at the local, national and global levels is enriching national and multilateral institutions and processes, as well as draw lessons on how their representation and engagement in formal institutional politics can be significantly enhanced.

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