

18 November 2021

1.) National Press day is observed on which day ?

राष्ट्रीय प्रेस दिवस किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- a) 16 November
- b) 17 November
- c) 18 November
- d) 19 November

Answer : 16 November

Explanation : National Press Day is observed on November 16th every year to commemorate the institution of the Press Council of India. It also commemorates the day when the Press Council of India started functioning.

National Press Day is observed every year on 16th November to honor and mark the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI) in the year 1966. The First Press Commission in the year 1956 planned to form a Press Council in order to protect the freedom of the press and media in India.

The Press Council of India was established on 4th July 1966 in India, however, it came into effect from 16th November 1966, and hence, to mark the event, National Press Day is observed every year on 16th November. Press council started functioning as an ethical watchdog to make sure that the press maintains the high standards expected for Media, which is one of the significant powerful mediums.

2.) In which state, Wangala festival is observed every year ?

किस राज्य में हर साल वंगला उत्सव मनाया जाता है?

- a) Bihar
- b) UP

c) Kerala

d) Meghalaya

Answer : Meghalaya

Explanation : Meghalaya state people are celebrating the 44th edition of 'Wangala', the festival of 100 Drums Festival. Wangala Festival is a post-harvest festival of the Garos tribe and is observed to honour 'Saljong', the Sun God of Garos, which also marks the end of the harvest season.

During the Festival, people offer sacrifices to please their deity Saljong, the Sun God. On the first day, a ceremony called Ragula is performed in the house of the village's chief. On the 2nd day i.e. Kakkat, People dress up in colourful costumes with feathered headgears and dance to the rhythms of long oval-shaped drums.

3.) Bhadla Solar park located in which state of India is the world's largest solar power park ?

भारत के किस राज्य में स्थित भादला सोलर पार्क दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा सौर ऊर्जा पार्क है?

a) Kerala

b) Gujarat

c) Rajasthan

d) Maharashtra

Answer : Rajasthan

Explanation : The solar park is located in Bhadla, a dry & sandy region in Rajasthan. It spans over 14,000 acres. The Park comprises of 10 million solar panels at the park. These solar panels contribute to an operational capacity of 2245 MW. As of 2020, Bhadla solar park is largest solar park worldwide.

It is spread in Bhadla, Jodhpur district of Rajasthan. Park has a total capacity of 2245 MW. It had witnessed the lowest bid for solar power in India at Rs 2.44 per kilowatt-

hour. Bhadla region of the jodhpur district is officially recognized as sandy, dry, and arid region with an area of around 45 km².

It is located around 200 km north of Jodhpur and 320 km west of Jaipur. Because of its climate, this region is described as “almost unlivable”. Normal temperatures of the region are between 46-48 °C while, hot winds & sand storms occur frequently.

4.) India is participating in the bilateral Army exercise IN SHAKTI 2021 with which country ?

भारत किस देश के साथ द्विपक्षीय सैन्य अभ्यास शक्ति 2021 में भाग ले रहा है?

- a) Japan
- b) France
- c) USA
- d) UK

Answer : France

Explanation : The sixth edition of Indo France joint military exercise 'EX-SHAKTI 2021' is being conducted at the French port town of Frejus. The 12-day long bilateral exercise, which began , will conclude on the 26th of this month.

Defence Ministry said exercise SHAKTI will focus on Counter-Terrorism operations in the backdrop of semi-urban terrain under UN Mandate with an aim to enhance military cooperation and inter-operability between the two Armies. A platoon strength of a Gorkha Rifles Infantry Battalion is representing the Indian Army in this 12-day bilateral

exercise. Whereas The French side is being represented by troops of the 21st Marine Infantry Regiment of the 6th Light Armoured Brigade.

The last edition of Exercise SHAKTI was conducted at Foreign Training Node in Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan from 31 October to 13 November 2019 in which Counter-Terrorism operations in semi-desert terrain were practised and validated.

India and France carry out three biennial training exercises namely, Exercise GARUDA with Indian Airforce, Exercise VARUNA with Indian Navy and Exercise SHAKTI with the Indian Army.

5.) PM Modi has inaugurated the country's first tribal museum located in which city through video conferencing ?

पीएम मोदी ने वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग के जरिए किस शहर में स्थित देश के पहले आदिवासी संग्रहालय का उद्घाटन किया?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Ranchi
- c) Pune
- d) Delhi

Answer : Ranchi

Explanation : Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a museum in Ranchi in memory of revered tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda, popularly known as Dharti Aaba. Addressing a gathering virtually, the prime minister said Dharti Aaba did not live very long but he wrote a complete history for the country and gave direction to the future generations

The museum is situated at the Old Central Jail in Ranchi where the tribal icon had breathed his last. A 25-foot tall statue of Munda has been installed. Along with Munda, the museum will also highlight tribal freedom fighters such as Budhu Bhagat, Sidhu-Kanhu, Nilambar-Pitambar, Diwa-Kisun, Telanga Khadiya, Gaya Munda, Jatra Bhagat, Poto H, Bhagirath Manjhi and Ganga Narayan.

6.) Famous Historian and which awardee Babasaheb Purandare passed away recently ?

प्रसिद्ध इतिहासकार और किस पुरस्कार से सम्मानित बाबासाहेब पुरंदरे का हाल ही में निधन हो गया?

- a) Padam Shri
- b) Padma Bhushan
- c) Padma Vibhushan
- d) None of these

Answer : Padma Vibhushan

Explanation : The eminent historian, orator and noted author from Maharashtra, Balwant Moreshwar Purandare has passed away. He was 99. The celebrated author was popularly known as Babasaheb Purandare.

Purandare wrote extensively about Maratha warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. He had earned the moniker 'Shiv Shahir' which literally means Shivaji's bard. He was felicitated with the India's second-highest civilian award, Padma Vibhushan, on 25 January 2019. PM Narendra Modi expressed grief over Babasaheb Purandare's death.

7.) The UN Peacekeeping chief warned about crisis in Sahel region, located in which continent ?

संयुक्त राष्ट्र शांति रक्षा प्रमुख ने किस महाद्वीप में स्थित साहेल क्षेत्र में संकट के बारे में चेतावनी दी?

- a) Africa
- b) Asia
- c) Europe
- d) Australia

Answer : Africa

Explanation : UN peacekeeping chief warned that crisis in Africa's Sahel region is volatile because Insecurity & instability are undermining prospects for development and many lives are being lost every day because of terrorist attacks. As per the chief, millions of people are displaced, children are not able to go to school, and primary health care is inaccessible for many amid the Covid-19 pandemic. He underlined the concerns while speaking at UN Security Council meeting on G5 Sahel force. G5 Sahel force was set up by five African nations namely, Chad, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Mauritania.

The force was set up in 2017 for fighting the growing terrorist threat in vast Sahel region. Sahel region of Africa is located between Sahara in the north and Sudanian savanna in the south.

It is having a semi-arid climate and stretches across south-central latitudes of Northern Africa in between Atlantic Ocean and Red Sea.

8.) Which country formed a parliamentary Friendship Association with India recently ?

हाल ही में किस देश ने भारत के साथ संसदीय मैत्री संघ का गठन किया?

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Nepal
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Japan

Answer : Sri Lanka

Explanation : India and Sri Lanka have set up Parliamentary Friendship Association, with Minister Chamal Rajapaksa, the eldest brother in Sri Lanka's ruling clan, as its president. The association existed in the past and is being revived for the current Parliament, elected in August 2020. Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister G.L. Peiris pointed to "close civilisational ties" between India and Sri Lanka, while observing that the "greatest gift" of India to Sri Lanka was Buddhism.

Indian High Commissioner Gopal Baglay said the association would "reinvigorate" Parliamentary exchanges between the two democracies and strengthen bilateral ties. The country had earlier decided to buy fertiliser from India after rejecting the Chinese fertiliser consignment. The India- Sri Lanka Parliamentary Friendship Association for the 9th Parliament of Sri Lanka was established recently.