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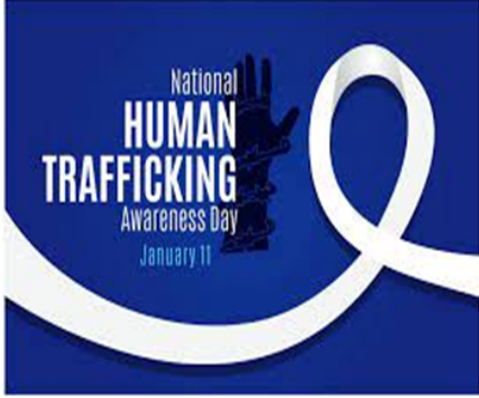


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West Bengal News

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day



Context:

- National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed annually on January 11th
- In 2007, National Human Trafficking Awareness Day was declared by the United States Senate to be celebrated on January 11
- It aims to raise awareness about the horrific crime of human trafficking and the millions of people impacted by it worldwide.
- This day serves as a crucial reminder to stay vigilant, educate ourselves, and take action to combat this modern-day slavery.

About:

- Human trafficking is the illegal trade of people for various purposes, including forced labor, sexual exploitation, organ harvesting, and domestic servitude.

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- Blue is internationally recognized as the universal color for human trafficking prevention

Swachh Survekshan rankings 2023



Context:

- The recently released annual cleanliness survey, 'Swachh Survekshan', revealed that Howrah in West Bengal is the Dirtiest city in India.
- All of the 10 dirtiest cities with a population of over 1 lakh are from West Bengal.
- Other dirtiest cities include Kalyani, Madhyagram, Krishnanagar, Asansol, Rishra, Bidhannagar, Kanchrapara, Kolkata, and Bhatpara.

About:

- The survey evaluated cities based on their cleanliness and sanitation practices and received over 12 crore citizen responses, making it the largest cleanliness survey in the world.



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Kolkata sees 17% PM2.5 pollution drop from '19-'23

Context:

- The city's fine particulate matter (PM2.5) pollution has dipped almost 17% between 2019 and 2023. according to a recent analysis across 131 cities.
- Experts have attributed the dip in PM2.5 count to the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)
- NCAP was launched in 2019 by the Union government with the aim of significantly improving air quality across the 131 cities.

Set up semiconductor units in Bengal

Context:

- State IT minister Babul Supriyo urged the players of the semiconductor industry in Bengaluru to set up their production units in Kolkata and other parts of Bengal.
- The state government would allot the interested companies space in IT parks to open their units in the state.
- The semiconductor industry is growing rapidly and Bengal has the potential to contribute to the growth.