
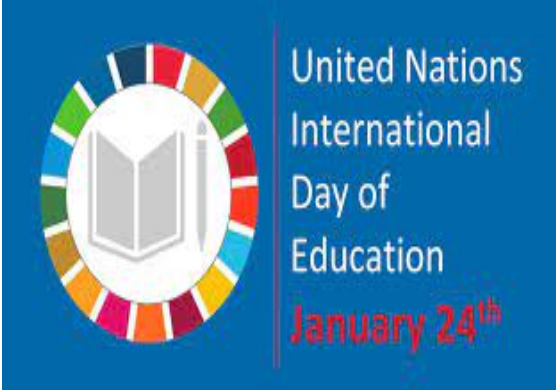




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| <p>National Girl Child</p>  | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Girl Child Day is observed on 24 January every year to spread awareness about the inequalities faced by a girl child in Indian society. • The day advocates for equal opportunities in education, healthcare and nutrition • It also promotes awareness about the rights of a girl child and addresses issues like child marriage, discrimination, and violence against girls. • The day is in line with various campaigns and programs run by the Indian government including Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child) scheme in India that was initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi 2015. |
| <p>International Day of Education</p>  | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 24 January as International Day of Education • This day underscores the vital role education plays in building a more peaceful, sustainable, and prosperous future for all. • It's a call to action to advocate for inclusive, equitable, and quality education for every child, youth, and adult. • The theme of the 2024 celebrations is 'learning for lasting peace'. • This theme highlights the importance of education in fostering peace and understanding and strikes a deep chord with contemporary global issues |
| <p>11 crore families benefit from Ujjwala scheme</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare S.P. Singh Bhagel, claimed that 11 crore families have benefited from the Central government's PM Ujjwala Yojana scheme <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched in 2016 |



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- It strives to empower women and improve health in rural India by providing free LPG connections to below-poverty-line (BPL) households.
- This flagship scheme aims to replace traditional unclean cooking fuels like firewood and cow dung cakes with the safer and cleaner alternative of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG).

Police commando competition begins in Vizag

Context:

- Visakhapatnam police commissioner Dr A Ravi Shankar inaugurated the 14th All-India Police Commando Competition (AIPCC) at the AP Police Greyhounds training facility in the city on Monday.
- This competition will test the skills, endurance and teamwork of the personals.
- In all, 16 states, along with seven paramilitary forces are participating with their elite commando forces in the competition, which will culminate on January 30.
- The performance of the teams will be judged by an expert team from the IB.

Vizag corporation in race for CITIIS 2.0 challenge grant

Context:

- Vizag, the "City of Destiny," is setting its sights on a grand goal – winning the CITIIS 2.0 Challenge Grant.
- This prestigious competition, run by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, awards funding to Indian smart cities showcasing innovative urban development projects.
- The Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) has submitted its proposal for the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) 2.0 programme of the Union government.



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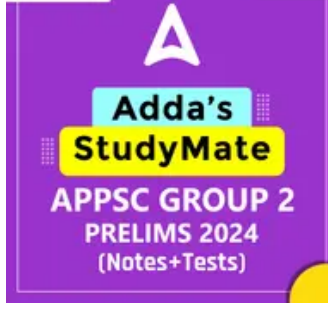
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