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International Day of Human Space Flight



Context:

- The **International Day of Human Space Flight** is celebrated annually on **12 April**.
- It marks the **anniversary of the first human space flight by Yuri Gagarin** in 1961.

About:

- It was proclaimed at the **65th session of the United Nations General Assembly** on 7 April 2011.

Key Points:

- This day celebrates the **dawn of the space age and the incredible achievements in space exploration**.
- It also **highlights the importance of space science and technology** for our well-being and sustainable development.

Theme:

- The theme for International Day of Human Space Flight is **“Encourage scientific curiosity”**.
- It urges individuals and communities to embrace curiosity as a driving force for discovery and innovation.

Did you Know?

- **Yuri Gagarin** was the **first human to travel to space**.


1,213 government schools have zero enrollment

Context:

- A recent report revealed that **over 1,213 government schools in TG have zero students enrolled**.
- These schools have **nearly 1,300 teachers with some schools having a single or two teachers, who have been deputed to other nearby schools due to lack of admissions**.
- These schools include **primary, upper primary and high schools**.
- The report also highlighted a wider issue:
 1. **13,364 out of 30,023 government schools have less than 50 students**
 2. **There are 5,821 government schools that have a single teacher**



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	<p>3. Also, the number of schools with an adverse pupil teacher ratio at the elementary level is 45.18 per cent.</p>
<p>Special officers are appointed to monitor the supply of water and prepare special action plans</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Telangana government is taking proactive measures to guarantee sufficient drinking water for all villages and towns. To address this, they've appointed ten senior IAS officers as special officers for individual districts. These officers will monitor water supplies and develop customized action plans to tackle any potential shortages. This initiative comes in response to recent concerns about low rainfall and declining water levels in reservoirs. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient rainfall since October and decreasing water levels in the Godavari and Krishna reservoirs have caused a shortage of drinking water. Thus, the Irrigation department has prepared proposals to request the Karnataka government to release water from the Narayanpur reservoir, when necessary.
<p>KCR pays tributes to Mahatma Jyotirao Phule</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BRS president K Chandrashekhhar Rao paid rich tributes to social reformer Mahatma Jyotirao Phule on the occasion of the latter's 198th birth anniversary. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mahatma Jyotirao Phule (1827-1890) was a pioneering Indian social reformer who fought for equality for all. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-Caste Activist: Phule vehemently opposed the discriminatory caste system, particularly the plight of untouchables and lower castes. Education for All: He and his wife Savitribai Phule, a remarkable figure in her own right, were champions of women's education. They opened the first school for girls in India in 1848. Satyashodhak Samaj: In 1873, Phule founded the Satyashodhak Samaj ("Truth-seekers' Society") a society promoting reason, critical thinking, and social justice for all.
<p>International Children's University Day</p>	<p>Context:</p>



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- The International Children's University Day is a brand new celebration launched in 2024
- It will be celebrated on April 11 every year.
- It's a day to recognize the important role of children's universities and similar programs around the world.

About:

- At the last eucu.net meeting in Vienna in November 2023, 11. April was declared the International Day of Children's Universities.

Goal:

1. Raise awareness about children's universities and their mission of providing high-quality science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics (STEAMH) activities.
2. Highlight the importance of making research and science accessible to all children.
3. Showcase the work of children's universities and encourage more participation in these programs.



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