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WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

World Teachers' Day is being celebrated on October 5, 2020.

About:



World Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on October 5 globally to recognise and celebrate the works of educators including teachers, researchers and professors worldwide.

International Teachers Day is celebrated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in partnership with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Education International.

- The theme for World Teachers' Day 2020 is "Teachers: Leading in Crisis, Reimagining the Future".

World Teachers' Day History?

On October 5, 1966, a recommendation on the status of teachers was adopted and to mark that event, UNESCO has been celebrating World Teachers' Day since 1994 on this day.

The recommendation had set standards including teachers' rights and responsibilities, initial preparation and further education, recruitment, employment, and teaching-learning conditions.

RAVI CHOPRA COMMITTEE

The chairman of a Supreme Court-appointed expert committee has alleged violations of the court orders in the execution of the Chardham road project — a 900 km, ₹12,000 crore enterprise to connect pilgrimage spots in Uttarakhand.



About:

The top court ruled last month that a width of 5.5 metre be enforced as it was in conformity

with a 2018 recommendation of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) for mountain roads. The MoRTH is also the key coordinator of the Chardham project.

- Ravi Chopra is the chairman of the High Powered Committee (HPC).

Chardham Yatra (of Uttarakhand)?

Location: In the great Himalayas in Uttarakhand, the four pilgrim-destinations namely Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath are collectively known as Chardham.

Route: Traditionally, this pilgrimage tour should begin from the West and end in the East. Thus, the Char Dham Yatra commences from Yamunotri, then proceeding to Gangotri and finally to Kedarnath and Badrinath.

SHAURYA MISSILE

A successful trial of the nuclear capable Shaurya missile was conducted by India.



About:

Shaurya is a land-based parallel of the submarine launched K-15 missile.

These ballistic weapons belong to the K missile family — codenamed after late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam — which are launched from Arihant class of nuclear submarines.

K family of missiles?

The K family of missiles are primarily Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles (SLBMs), which have been indigenously developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

The development of these naval platform launched missiles began in the late 1990s as a step towards completing India's nuclear triad — the capability of launching nuclear weapons from land, sea and air based assets.

Because these missiles are to be launched from submarines, they are lighter, smaller and stealthier than their land-based counterparts, the Agni series of

missiles which are medium and intercontinental range nuclear capable ballistic missiles.

While K family are primarily submarine-fired missiles to be fired from India's Arihant class nuclear powered platforms, the land and air variants of some of its members have also been developed by the DRDO.



POSTAL BALLOT



Seeking to make the procedure to opt for postal ballot more convenient for those above 80 years of age and people with disabilities, the Election Commission has come out with a set of new instructions.

About:

The form required to opt for the postal ballot would be delivered at the residence of all those aged above 80 and people with disabilities by the booth level officer under his polling station.

- It would be up to these two categories of voters to opt for postal ballot.
- If he/she opts for postal ballot, then the Booth Level Officer (BLO) will collect the filled-in form 12-D from the house of the elector within five days of the notification and deposit it with the returning officer forthwith.
- These instructions have been issued based on the feedback the poll panel received from civil society and media during its visit to poll-bound Bihar last week.
- The EC said the fresh instructions would be applicable to all elections and byelections.
- As per the instructions, the returning officer would deploy polling teams, which will deliver and collect the postal ballot on pre-informed dates and then deposit it with the returning officer.