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International Day of Women and Girls in Science

The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is the 11th of February. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution A/RES/70/212 on December 2015, declaring Feb.11 as the International Day of Women & Girls in Science. The day recognizes the critical role women and girls play in science and technology. Theme: “**Investment in Women and Girls in Science for Inclusive Green Growth**”.

World Unani Day

The World Unani Day is observed every year on February 11. The day commemorates the birth anniversary of great Unani scholar and social reformer Hakim Ajmal Khan. Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh was the chief guest of the 4th Unani day function organized by AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) Ministry, New Delhi, India.

National Productivity Day is observed on 12 February

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Reading Mission’ launched by Haryana govt to promote reading habits among students

To improve reading habit among students, the ‘Reading Mission- Haryana’ has been initiated by the state government. As reading helps in developing social values of egalitarianism, tolerance, and justice. The mission has been launched on the lines of the central government’s ‘Reading Mission 2022’, which aims to address the lost glory of reading books. Under the mission, book review sessions should be organised by students once a month in educational institutions.

Sanjay Vatsayan takes over as Eastern fleet commander

Rear Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan took command of the eastern fleet deployed across the indo-pacific region to safeguard the nation’s maritime interest. He took charge at Visakhapatnam on February 10 (Monday), 2020. The Eastern Fleet comprising of frontline warships of the Indian Navy are deployed across the indo-pacific region to safeguard the nation’s maritime interest.

Kerala to host global meet on climate change, ocean health

ClimFishCon 2020, a three-day international conference on the impact of climate change on 'hydrological cycle, ecosystem, fisheries and food security'.

Theme: Climate Change-Effective Adaptation for a Secure Future.

India to host COP13 UN Summit on conservation of migratory birds

The 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), an environmental treaty under the aegis of United Nations Environment Programme, is going to be hosted by India during 17 to 22 February at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. This was announced by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar.

The Government of India is Signatory to the Convention on Conservation of Migratory Wild Animals since 1983. The Government of India has been taking necessary actions to protect and conserve migratory marine species.

The theme of CMS COP13 in India is '**Migratory species connect the planet and we welcome them home**'.

Indian DRDO developing Pranash, a new 200km strike range ballistic missile

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has started working on the development of the Pranash, a 200-km range surface-to-surface ballistic missile that would be armed with conventional warheads.

The Pranash is an advanced version of the 150-km strike range Prahaar missile which was designed for tactical missions. The surface-to-surface ballistic missile will be of use for the Air Force and Army.

India's Lalremsiami named as 2019 FIH Women's Rising Star of Year

India forward Lalremsiami has been named as the 2019 FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year by the International Hockey Federation.

Announcing the awards the FIH stated that 19-year-old Lalremsiami took the prize ahead of Argentina's Julieta Jankunas and Frederique Matla of the Netherlands.

The player from Mizoram got 40 per cent of all the votes cast. She got 47.7 per cent of her votes from among national associations, while the media, fans/players contributed 28.4 per cent and 36.4 per cent respectively.