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### INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY



**Countries across the world are celebrating International Literacy Day on September 8, 2020.**

International Literacy Day-2020 will focus on Literacy teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond with a focus on the role of educators and changing pedagogies.

This day was declared International Literacy Day by UNESCO on 26th October 1966 at the 14th Session of UNESCO's General Conference.

It was celebrated for the first time in 1967 and its main aim is to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies.

- Despite progress made, literacy challenges persist with at least 773 million adults worldwide lacking basic literacy skills today.
- According to the UNESCO's 'Global Monitoring Report on Education for All' (2006), South Asia has the lowest regional adult literacy rate, at 58.6 per cent and the causes for this illiteracy range from severe poverty and the prejudice against women.

### HYPERSONIC TEST DEMONSTRATION VEHICLE



**Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for successful flight of the Hypersonic Test Demonstration Vehicle (HSTDV).**

It is a giant leap in indigenous defence technologies and a significant milestone towards a Sashakt Bharat and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Capabilities for highly complex technology will serve as the building block for NextGen Hypersonic vehicles in partnership with industry.

The test was conducted from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Launch Complex at Wheeler Island, off the coast of Odisha.

The Agni missile was used for the launch.

The scramjets are a variant of a category of jet engines called the air breathing engines.

Hypersonic speeds are those which are five times or more than the speed of sound. The unit tested by the DRDO can achieve upto six times the speed of sound or Mach 6.



## First World Solar Technology Summit

The first World Solar Technology Summit (WSTS) is being organized by the International Solar Alliance (ISA) on 8th September, 2020.

**Organized by:** The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). FICCI is also the convener of ISA Global Leadership Task Force on Innovation.

### Features-

More than 26000 participants from 149 countries have registered to join the virtual Summit. It is expected to bring the spotlight on accelerating affordable and sustainable clean green energy.

Three agreements shall be announced: (1) ISA and International Institute of Refrigeration, (2) ISA and Global Green Growth Institute and (3) ISA and National Thermal Power Corporation.

A tripartite agreement between India's Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, the World Bank and the International Solar Alliance is also set to be inked.

## Patrika Gate

Indian Prime Minister shall inaugurate the Patrika Gate in Jaipur in 2020.

Patrika Gate derives its name from the newspaper and media company- Patrika.

The facade is inspired by the traditional Rajasthani architecture and features Poles, Pavilions, and Chhatris.

The idea of building this gate is linked with the old city gates of Jaipur.

When Maharajah Sawai Jai Singh II founded Jaipur in 1727 AD, he secured the perimeter with a wall and eight gates.



from Rajasthan

traditional Jharokhas,

linked with walled city.

## CHARU SINHA

**IPS officer Charu Sinha has become the first woman commander to head the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) formation in the Kashmir Valley.**

- Charu Sinha, a 1996-batch officer of the Telangana cadre, has been appointed as the Inspector General (IG) of CRPF's Srinagar sector that oversees the deployment of the paramilitary forces' battalions in Srinagar city of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

- A few years ago, Sonali Mishra, IPS officer of the 1993-batch Madhya Pradesh cadre, had served as the IG of another paramilitary force, the Border Security Force, in Kashmir.



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