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West Bengal News

Martyrs' Day



Context:

- In India, **March 23rd is commemorated as Martyrs' Day, also known as Shaheed Diwas.**
- This day specifically honors the sacrifices of three legendary freedom fighters: **Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru.**

About:

- These three revolutionaries were hanged by the **British Raj in 1931 for their role in resisting British rule.**
- Martyrs' Day serves as a **day to remember all those who fought and died for India's freedom.**
- It's a time to express gratitude for their sacrifices and reflect on the importance of freedom.

Note:

- **January 30th** is also celebrated as Martyr's Day.
- It commemorates the **assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, the "Father of the Nation," in 1948.**

Gorkhaland Territorial Administration's Tourism Department Resumes Rafting on Teesta River

Context:

- The GTA's tourism department restarted rafting on the Teesta River after a five-month hiatus.
- Rafting, a popular adventure sport in the region, had been halted since October 4 last year due to a flash flood in the **Teesta River.**

Teesta River:

The Teesta River, also known as the Tista River, is a significant waterway that spans approximately 414 kilometers (257 miles) through the eastern Himalayas, the Indian states of Sikkim and West Bengal, and Bangladesh.

Key Features

- Originates in the Pauhunri Mountain of the eastern Himalayas
- Flows through Sikkim and West Bengal in India before entering Bangladesh
- Joins the Jamuna River (Brahmaputra River) near Chilmari in Bangladesh
- Has a total course of about 200 miles (320 km)
- Experiences the greatest flow during the summer monsoon season (June to September)



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AAI, RVNL Collaborate for Kolkata Airport Underpass

Context:

- The **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** and **Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the **construction of an underpass at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) Airport, Kolkata, to enhance its capacity.**

Key points:

- The underpass is exclusively for airport stakeholders/AEP holders and is far from aircraft and passenger areas.
- RVNL, which is executing an underground metro line along VIP Road, will execute the underpass project.
- The estimated cost of the project is **Rs 229.43 crore, and the completion period is 15 months.**
- This project is part of the **proposed capacity enhancement of Kolkata Airport, which will include a cargo complex.**

World Down Syndrome Day



Context:

- **World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated annually on March 21st**
- It is a day to **raise awareness about Down syndrome and celebrate the contributions of people with Down syndrome.**
- The **date, 3/21, reflects the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome that causes Down syndrome.**
- This day was **officially recognized by the United Nations in 2012.**

About:

- Down's syndrome is a **genetic disorder** caused when **abnormal cell division** results in **extra genetic material from chromosome 21 (trisomy 21).**
- This extra copy **changes how a baby's body and brain develop.**
- It can cause **both mental and physical challenges during their lifetime.**

Theme:

- This year's theme is **'End The Stereotypes'.**

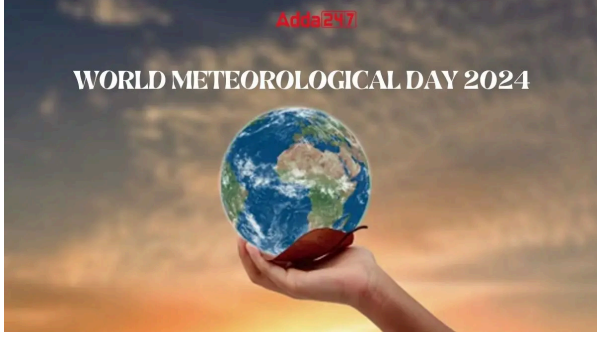


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### World Meteorological Day



#### Context:

- World Meteorological Day is celebrated on March 23rd every year.
- It marks the anniversary of the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1950.
- The day highlights the importance of weather and climate information for society's safety and well-being.

#### Theme:

- This year's theme is "At the Frontline of Climate Action."
- It emphasizes the crucial role of weather observation, forecasting, and climate science in understanding and addressing climate change.

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