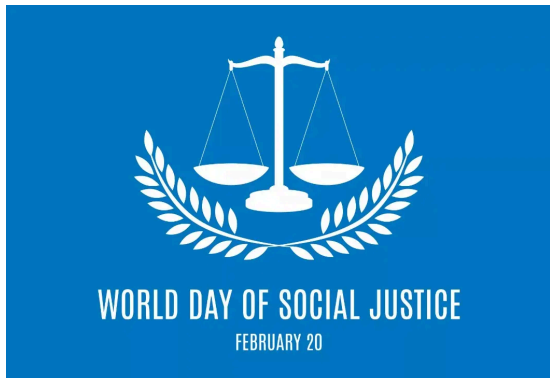




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World Day of Social Justice



Context:

- **World Day of Social Justice** is an international day recognizing the need to promote social justice and is celebrated annually on 20th February
- The **International Labour Organization (ILO)** marks the occasion this year with a **series of six events held in major cities around the globe.**
- It includes efforts to tackle issues such as **poverty, exclusion, gender inequality, unemployment, human rights, and social protections**
- The theme of **World Day of Social Justice 2024** is **"Bridging Gaps, Building Alliances"**.

Did you Know?

- In **2008**, **ILO** declared 20 Feb as the World Day of Social Justice

PM Modi to inaugurate new campuses of two institutes

Context:

- **PM Modi** virtually inaugurated the permanent campuses of **two prestigious institutes in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.**
- This marks a **significant milestone in the state's educational landscape** and reflects the **government's commitment to expanding access to quality higher education.**

The inaugurated institutes are:

Indian Institute of Management Visakhapatnam (IIMV):

- This premier B-school now boasts a state-of-the-art permanent campus, equipped to provide world-class management education and foster future business leaders.

Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing, Kurnool (IIITDM Kurnool):

- This institute, established under the AP Reorganisation Act, focuses on IT-enabled design and manufacturing, aiming to become a leading



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	center for innovation and skilled workforce development.
SPMVV gets ₹100 crore under PM-USHA	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam (SPMVV), the only all-women university in Andhra Pradesh, has been awarded a grant of ₹100 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) scheme. • This program aims to empower and revitalize higher education institutions across India. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grant will be used to improve infrastructure, research facilities, and academic programs at SPMVV. • This investment aligns with PM-USHA's goals of enhancing access to quality education, promoting excellence in research, and fostering innovation. • SPMVV plans to utilize the funds for various initiatives, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upgrading laboratories and classrooms. 2. Establishing new research centers and chairs. 3. Offering scholarships and fellowships to attract talented students and faculty. 4. Introducing industry-aligned programs to bridge the skill gap. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM-USHA, which stands for Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan, is a centrally sponsored scheme launched in 2021 by the Ministry of Education, to improve the quality and access to higher education in the country. • It is the successor to the Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme • It is in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
SRM-A.P. inaugurates rechristened School of Liberal Arts	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at SRM University in Andhra Pradesh was officially renamed and inaugurated as the "Easwari School of Liberal Arts." <p>About:</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rechristening signifies a renewed focus on liberal arts education within the university, aiming to foster intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary learning among students. \ • The new name, "Easwari," pays homage to a renowned philanthropist and educator who emphasized the importance of education for all.
<p>MILAN 2024: Foreign vessels reach Vizag</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several foreign vessels have arrived in Visakhapatnam (Vizag) to participate in MILAN 2024, the 12th edition of the prestigious international naval exercise hosted by the Indian Navy. • This year's exercise, held from February 19 to 27, is the largest ever, with over 50 countries participating. <p>Key Facts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early arrivals: Vessels from Iran, France, Australia, Japan, and Thailand were among the first to arrive on Sunday, February 19th. • Diverse participants: Over 15 foreign ships and one Maritime Patrol Aircraft will join the exercises alongside 20 Indian Navy vessels, including aircraft carriers INS Vikrant and INS Vikramaditya. • Global representation: 50 countries have sent delegations, highlighting the exercise's significance in maritime cooperation and understanding.



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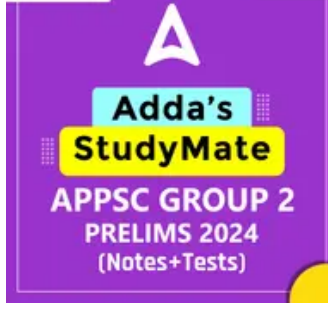
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