National Technology day

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In news: National Technology Day is celebrated every year on **May 11** to highlight the achievements of engineers and scientists in the field of technology and science.

Significance of the day-

- It was **first observed on May 11, 1999,** and aims to **commemorate the scientific and technological achievements of Indian scientists and engineers.**
- Former Indian PM Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee coined this term to celebrate the contributions made by Indian scientists.
- On May 11, 1998, India successfully fired the **Shakti-I nuclear missile** at an Army test range in Rajasthan's Pokhran.
- India on this day also tested its first indigenous aircraft **'Hansa-3'** which flew from Bengaluru.
- After testing Hansa-3, India performed a successful test firing of the **Trishul missile** on the same day.
- Since 1999, the Technology Development Board has been honouring scientists and engineers and their technological innovations contributions that have aided in the growth of the nation.
- The **National Award for Successful Commercialisation of Indigenous Technology** is given in New Delhi by the President of India.
- The **theme** of the National Technology Day 2021 is *"Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future"*.
- The **2020 theme was** "Rebooting the Economy through Science, Technology and Research Translations' or **'RESTART'**".