

National Girl Child Day

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In news- The National Girl Child Day was observed on 24th January 2022.

About National Girl Child Day(NGCD)-

- It is an **initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development that started in 2008.**
- The **objective** behind celebrating the NGCD is to provide all support and opportunities to the girls of the country.
- **It also aims towards promoting awareness** about the rights of the girl child and to increase awareness on the importance of girl's education, and their health and nutrition.
- The NGCD 2022 is celebrated across the nation with objectives of generating awareness on the issue of declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and create a positive environment around valuing the girl child.
- The celebrations **also mark the anniversary of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme.**
- As part of the celebrations, the Ministry of Culture organized a rangoli-making event 'Umang Rangoli Utsav' on 24th January 2022.
- The theme for National Girl Day is yet to be announced, the **theme for the Girl Child Day 2021 was 'Digital Generation, Our Generation'.**
- It was on **24 January 1966 that Indira Gandhi was sworn in as the country's first woman Prime Minister.**

Various schemes related to girl child-

- **National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 has introduced "Gender Inclusion Fund** for targeting the development of girl child, it also focuses on ensuring 100% enrollment of girls in schooling and a record participation rate in

higher education, decrease gender gaps at all levels.

- The **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** has launched '**Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing (KIRAN)**' Scheme to provide various career opportunities to women scientists and technologists.
- **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar** is given as recognition to children residing in India, above the age of 5 years and not exceeding 18 years.
- **Sukanya Samridhi Yojana** is a Small Savings Scheme of the Government of India meant exclusively for a girl child. The scheme is meant to meet the education and marriage expenses of a girl child.
- **Balika Samridhi Yojana** is another central government scheme to support girls in financially vulnerable sections of society that ensures the enrolment and retention of girl child in primary and secondary schools.
- **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao** scheme celebrates girl children, literally translating to "Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl child". It believes in women empowerment and creating an inclusive ecosystem for the same.
- This scheme is to promote girls' children's safety before and after they are born.

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