

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 08, 2024

NATIONAL

- **White Paper On Economy**
- ✓ India's Budget session has been prolonged by a day to accommodate the unveiling of a "white paper" addressing alleged economic mismanagement during the previous Congress-led UPA government.



- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is set to present this white paper in both houses of Parliament on Feb 10, shedding light on the economic hurdles encountered before 2014 and the subsequent turnaround under the current administration.
- ✓ A white paper is an official government publication that typically outlines policy proposals, often distinguished by its white cover.
- ✓ In the context of macroeconomic mismanagement in India, a white paper would likely offer a comprehensive analysis of various facets of the country's macroeconomic policies, performance, and challenges.

DEFENCE

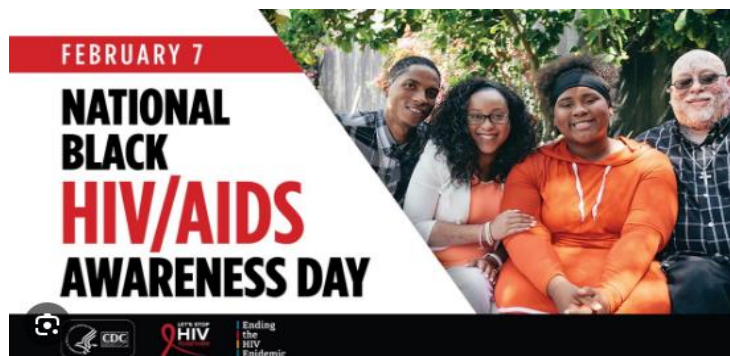
- **IIT Madras to create India's first 155mm Smart Ammunition**
- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has **partnered with** Munitions India Limited (a **Defence Public Sector Enterprise**) to **develop** India's first indigenously-designed 155 Smart Ammunition to achieve indigenization in the defence sector.



- ✓ The objective is to increase the accuracy of 155 mm shell within a Circular Error Probable (CEP) of 10 m. At present, ammunitions developed in India has a CEP of 500 m. Another goal is to increase the lethality at the terminal impact point.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**
- ✓ National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, observed annually on February 7th, stands as a pivotal moment in the ongoing battle against HIV/AIDS within African American communities.



- ✓ This year's theme is "Engage, Educate, Empower: Uniting to End HIV/AIDS in Black Communities".

- ✓ This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on Black Americans and mobilizing efforts towards prevention, testing, treatment, and care.

