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# International Day of the Girl Child 2018

## Raising Skilled Girl Force

On 11th October every year, INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD is celebrated to mark the day for girls, to empower them and raise awareness about girl child. The theme of this year is “**With her: A skilled Girl Force**”. Under the theme, the International day will mark the beginning of a year-long effort to bring together partners and stakeholders to advocate for and draw attention and investments to, the most pressing needs and opportunities for girls to attain skills for employability. As a Government exam aspirant, you need to know about the International Day of the Girl Child as almost all the Government Recruitment Exams like **IBPS PO, Railways Group D, SSC CGL, IBPS Clerk, IBPS RRB, etc.** will be asking several questions regarding this topic. Read this article to know all about this special day for Banking & SSC Exams and fetch good marks in your coming exams.

### Previous Year Themes

**2017** - EmPOWER girls: Before, during and after crisis

**2016** - Girls progress - Goal's progress: what counts for girls

**2015** - The Power of Adolescent Girl: Vision for 2030

**2014** - Empowering Adolescent Girls: Ending the Cycle of Violence

**2013** - Innovating for girl's education

**2012** - Ending child marriage

### History

It was first initiated by a non-government organization - Plan International. There was a campaign organized named - “**Because I am a girl**” to raise awareness about girl child. The NGO then approached Canada government for expanding this campaign at international level. Canada government put this proposal in front of the 55th General assembly. UN general assembly finally passed the resolution on 19th December 2011 for observing 11th October as International day for the girl child. On **11th October 2012**,





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the first international day of girl child was celebrated with the theme - “Ending child marriage”.

## Other initiatives by UN

- United nation has a dedicated organization for women i.e. “UN Women” which works for the empowerment of women and girls.
- To eliminate the gender inequality of any form, UN kept **Goal 5** specifically to remove gender inequality and empower women and girls under Sustainable development goals, that has to be achieved by 2030.

## Initiatives by India

Gender inequality is one of the obstacles in India’s growth and India is working to remove it from the roots. This year’s economic survey even mentioned 21 million unwanted girls under the age of 0-25 years. For this India is implementing many schemes, under which **Beti Bachao Beti Padoo** is a remarkable scheme which was launched in 2015 in Haryana. It aims to protect girl child and improve the child sex ratio. Its objective is to ensure the survival and protection of girl child and educate them. Apart from this, many other important schemes have been launched by the center as well as the state governments to protect and empower women and girls -

S.No.	Schemes	Objectives
1.	Support to training and employment programme for women (STEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This scheme’s objective is to provide skills and training to empower women.</li> <li>• It is a central sector scheme launched in 1986-87.</li> </ul>
2.	Swadhar Greh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It aims to support the women victims of unfortunate circumstances.</li> <li>• Under this scheme, women victims have been provided with all the basic facilities so that they can live their lives with dignity.</li> <li>• Total 17,291 women were benefited under this scheme in 2017-18.</li> </ul>
3.	National Nutrition Mission(POSHAN Abhiyan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mission aims to raise the nutrition level and reduce the stunting and anemia.</li> <li>• This year, September 2018 has been observed as the National Nutrition Month.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IBRD is providing financial assistance to this mission.</li> </ul>
4.	Sukanya Samridhi Yojana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scheme aims to ensure the future of girl child.</li> <li>The parents of the girl child can open a saving account till the age of 10 years.</li> <li>The amount will mature at the age of 21 years of the girl child.</li> <li>The interest rate offered under this scheme is 9.2%.</li> </ul>
5.	Mukhya Mantri Kanya Utthan Yojana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was launched by Bihar government in 2018.</li> <li>Under this scheme, on the birth of girl child, the family would be awarded Rs.2000 and after getting the Aadhar card they will get an additional 1000 rupees.</li> </ul>
6.	Cybercrime prevention against women portal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To deal with cyber-crime, the government launched a portal for lodging complaints related to child pornography and sexual abuse.</li> </ul>
7.	One stop center scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scheme is a subscheme of National mission for empowerment of women.</li> <li>The scheme supports the women who are affected by violence and assist them to lodge FIR.</li> </ul>
8.	Women Entrepreneur Platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was launched by NITI Aayog.</li> <li>It is a platform for developing entrepreneur aspirations in women.</li> <li>Ichha Shakti, Gyaan shakti and Karma shakti are the three important pillars of this platform.</li> </ul>
9.	SABLA (Rajiv Gandhi scheme for the empowerment of adolescent girls)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.</li> <li>Its aim is to empower adolescent girls by providing nutrition, health care, and education</li> </ul>
10.	Mahila Shakti Kendra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launched in 2017-18</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It aims to empower rural women through community participation.</li> </ul>
11.	Kishori Shakti Yojana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scheme is for the girls of age 11-18 years who are forced to leave schools.</li> <li>As per this schemes, the girls will be introduced with cleanliness, rights of women and gender inequality.</li> </ul>
12.	Ladali Lakshmi Yojana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scheme was started by the MP government in April 2017 and after that 6 more states started this scheme.</li> <li>Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided till the marriage of a girl.</li> </ul>
13.	Nanda Devi Kanya yojana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launched by Uttarakhand government.</li> <li>The scheme strengthens the girl child by providing a fixed deposit of Rs.15000 at the time of her birth.</li> </ul>
14.	Girl Child protection scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is launched by Andhra Pradesh and Telangana government.</li> <li>The scheme ensures the promotion of girl education.</li> <li>Encourage parents to adopt two girl children family planning.</li> </ul>
15.	Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is launched in 2004.</li> <li>It is launched under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.</li> <li>Under this scheme, residential elementary education facilities are provided to the girls of SC/ST/OBC/Minority communities.</li> </ul>
16.	Rupa Shree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scheme was launched by the West Bengal government.</li> <li>The aim of this scheme is to provide financial assistance for the marriage of girls from poor families.</li> <li>The target of the scheme is to cover about six lakh women.</li> </ul>

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17.	Kanyashree Yojana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kanyashree prakalp is a scheme launched by the West Bengal government.</li><li>• It is a conditional cash transfer scheme.</li><li>• All the girl children of age 13 – 19 years will get an annual scholarship of Rs. 500/- and one time grant of Rs. 25000/-</li></ul>
18.	Stand-Up India scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The objective of the scheme is to help SC/ST/women entrepreneurs.</li><li>• 10 lakh to 1 crore bank loans have been provided under this scheme.</li></ul>
19.	Chatra Parivahan Suraksha yojana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The scheme is launched by the Haryana government in 2018.</li><li>• It aims for the safety of girl students.</li></ul>
20.	Ujjawala scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To prevent trafficking and rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration of victims of trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation</li></ul>

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