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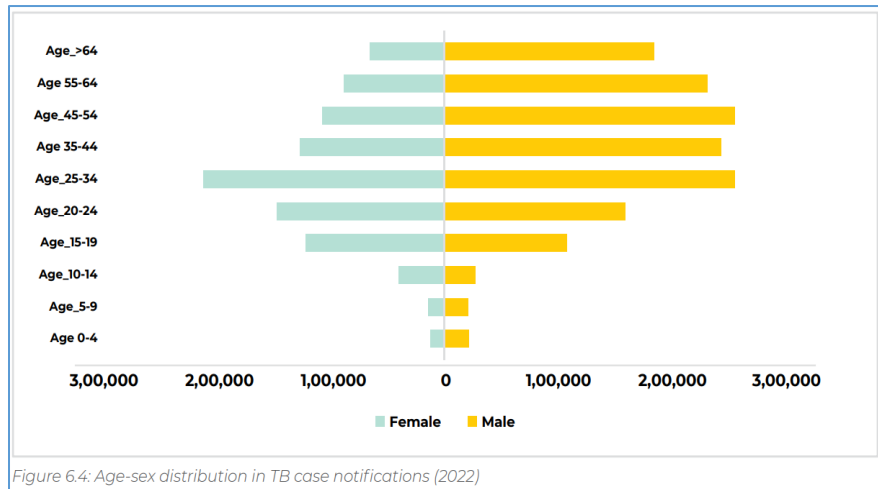
- ❖ Jindal Steel gets India's first BIS licence to manufacture fire-resistant steel.
- ❖ The union home minister inaugurated Gorata Martyr Memorial and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Memorial at Gorata ground in Bidar, Karnataka.
- ❖ The 13th edition of the bilateral exercise 'Bold Kurukshetra' between the Indian Army and the Singapore Army was held at Jodhpur Military Station, Rajasthan.
- ❖ The Ministry of Electronics and IT set up a task force for framing a draft roadmap for the artificial intelligence ecosystem by end of April.
 - This IndiaAI platform will focus on promoting Indian Startups, Research and Innovation.
- ❖ Indian Higher Education Meet 2023 was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
 - It aims to encourage and invite the global student community to pursue their higher education in India.
- ❖ The 3rd edition of the International SME Convention 2023 (ISC) is organized recently.
 - The event is focusing on India's major four sunrise sectors, namely Cleantech & Green Energy, Manufacturing, Services Sector, and Agro food Processing & Agri Implements sector.
- ❖ The International Day of Zero Waste was observed for the first time on 30 March 2023.
 - It aims to raise awareness of the importance of zero waste and responsible consumption and production practices and urban waste management contributing to achieving sustainable development.

NATIONAL

Annual India TB Report 2023

- ❖ TB patient registration has improved by 56 per cent, from 15.5 lakh in 2014 to 24.22 lakh in 2022.
- ❖ From April 2018 till date, around Rs. 2,102 crores have been disbursed to over 79 lakh people on TB treatment across the country via Direct Benefit Transfer.
- ❖ The estimates of Drug Resistant TB in India have reduced by 20% from 1.49 lakh in 2015 to 1.19 lakh in 2021.

- ❖ As per the Global TB Report, 2022, the incidence of TB in India has reduced by 18% from 256/lakh population in 2015 to 210/lakh population in 2021.
- ❖ This is 7 percentage better than the global average of 11% reduction.



Annual Periodic Labour Force Survey 2021-2022

Broad industry division	Male (%)	Female (%)	Person (%)
Agriculture	38.1	62.9	45.5
Mining & Quarrying	0.4	0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	11.8	11.2	11.6
Electricity, water, etc	0.7	0.2	0.6
Construction	15.6	5	12.4
Trade, hotel & restaurant	14.7	5.9	12.1
Transport, storage & communications	7.5	1.2	5.6
Other services	11.2	13.6	11.9
All	100	100	100

- ❖ It gives estimates of key employment and unemployment indicators like the labour force participation rates (LFPR), worker population ratio (WPR), unemployment rate (UR), etc.
- ❖ The agriculture sector has the highest estimated percentage distribution of female workers followed by manufacturing.
- ❖ Nearly 63% workers are female in the agriculture sector at the pan-India level.
- ❖ The estimated percentage distribution of female worker in the manufacturing sector is 11.2%.

- ❖ The estimated female labour force participation rate (LFPR) in Haryana on usual status for age 15 years and above is 19.1%.

SMART-PDS

- ❖ The Scheme for Modernization and Reforms through Technology in Public Distribution System (SMART-PDS) was proposed by the Department of Food and Public Distribution.
- ❖ The centre urged all states and union territories to implement the SMART-PDS to ensure the smooth operation of the public distribution system.
- ❖ It aims to transform the Public Distribution System's information technology to standardize the operation and implementation.
- ❖ The smart PDS is a joint operation of the central and state government.
- ❖ However, it is the responsibility of the state governments to issue smart cards.



National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism

- ❖ The Ministry of Tourism has formulated this document, in order to boost medical tourism in the country.
- ❖ This policy identified the following key pillars for the development of medical-value travel in the country.
 - Developing a brand for India as a wellness destination.
 - Strengthening the ecosystem for medical and wellness tourism
 - Enabling digitalization by setting up Online Medical Value Travel (MVT) Portal
 - Enhancing accessibility for Medical Value Travel
 - Promoting Wellness Tourism
 - Governance and Institutional Framework

- ❖ 'E- Medical Visa' and 'E-Medical Attendant Visa' have also been introduced for 156 countries.
- ❖ Foreign Tourists Arrival on medical purpose increases from 1.83 lakh in 2020 to 3.04 lakh in 2021.



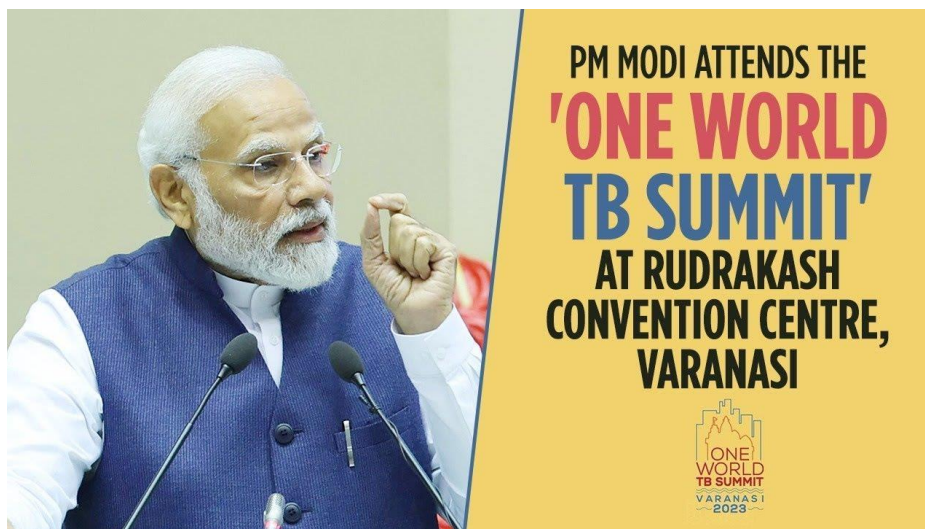
Ministry of Tourism
has taken several steps
to promote India as a
**Medical and Health
Tourism Destination.**

- ▶ National Medical & Wellness Tourism Board constituted to promote **Medical/Wellness Tourism, AYUSH**
- ▶ A draft National Strategy and Roadmap for Medical and Wellness Tourism formulated 'E- Medical Visa' introduced for **166 countries**
- ▶ Assistance provided under **Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme** to medical/wellness Tourism Service Providers & Centres
- ▶ Medical & health tourism promoted at **World Travel Mart (London), ITB, Berlin, Arabian Travel Mart etc.**

Ministry of Tourism
Government of India

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One World TB Summit



PM MODI ATTENDS THE
**'ONE WORLD
TB SUMMIT'**
AT RUDRAKASH
CONVENTION CENTRE,
VARANASI

ONE
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2023

- ❖ The One World TB Summit - 2023 was inaugurated at the Rudraksha Convention Center in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

- ❖ The 'Annual India TB Report 2023' was also released in the event.
- ❖ It is a compilation of the country's efforts towards making India TB free by 2025.

INTERNATIONAL

Polio cases in Burundi



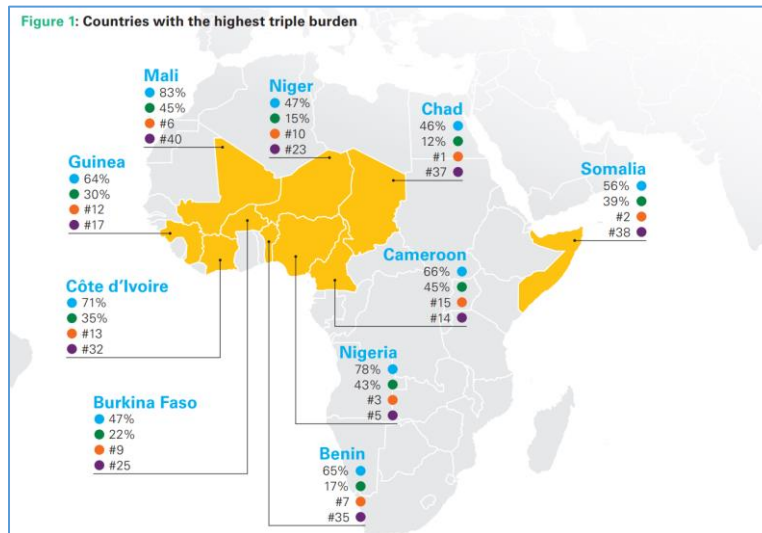
- ❖ Burundi's health authorities declared an outbreak of Polio in the landlocked east-African country in its first in 30 years.
- ❖ Poliovirus type 2 was also confirmed in five samples from environmental surveillance of wastewater from the region
- ❖ The type 2 infection can occur when the weakened strain of the virus contained in the oral polio vaccine, circulates among under-immunised populations for a long period.
- ❖ There is no treatment for the disease that mostly affects children under the age of five.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Triple Threat Report

- ❖ The UNICEF's "Triple Threat" report discuss the three water-related threats – inadequate water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).
- ❖ Globally, 600 million children still lack safely managed drinking water.
- ❖ 1.1 billion lack safely managed sanitation and 689 million lack basic hygiene service.

- ❖ 149 million children still face the indignity of practising open defecation and unsafe water.
- ❖ Ten countries alone – with a combined population of over 190 million children and all in sub-Saharan Africa – face this triple burden.
- ❖ Around 2 out of 5 deaths from unsafe WASH are concentrated in these countries.
- ❖ Globally, the percentage of households with access to at least basic drinking water rose to 90% in 2020 from 82% in 2000.
- ❖ Access to households with at least basic sanitation rose to 78% in 2020 from 56% in 2000.



SPORTS

Women's World Boxing Championships 2023

Event	Gold	Silver
Minimum weight	Nitu Ghanghas - India	Lutsaikhany Altantsetseg- Mongolia
Light flyweight	Nikhata Zareen - India	Nguyễn Thị Tâm - Vietnam
Flyweight	Wu Yu - China	Sirine Charaabi - Italy
Bantam weight	Huang Hsiao-wen - Chinese Taipei	Yeni Arias- Colombia
Feather weight	Irma Testa - Italy	Karina Ibragimova - Kazakhstan
Light weight	Beatriz Ferreira - Brazil	Angie Valdés - Colombia
Light welter weight	Yang Chengyu - China	Nataliya Sychugova - Russia
Welter weight	Yang Liu - China	Janjaem Suwannapheng - Thailand
Light middle weight	Anastasiia Demurchian - Russia	Kaye Scott - Australia
Middle weight	Lovlina Borgohain- India	Caitlin Parker- Australia
Light heavy weight	Saweety Boora - India	Wang Lina - China
Heavy weight	Khadija El-Mardi	Lazzat Kungeibayeva

- ❖ India emerged as a dominant force at the 13th edition of the IBA Women's World Boxing Championship 2023, held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The event concluded with four Indian female boxers securing gold medals in different weight categories.
- ❖ It was organised by the International Boxing Association (IBA).

4th Asian Kho Kho

- ❖ The Indian men's and women's teams clinched the titles at the 4th Asian Kho Kho Championships.
- ❖ In the finals, the Indian men defeated Nepal.
- ❖ In the women's semi-final, India beat Bangladesh.
- ❖ In both men's and women's categories, the third place was shared by Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.
- ❖ The event was organised by the Kho Kho Federation of India and was hosted by the Assam Kho Kho Association.



MISCELLANEOUS

Foreign lawyers practice in India

- ❖ The Bar Council of India (BCI) notified the Rules for Registration and Regulation of Foreign Lawyers and Foreign Law Firms in India, 2022

- ❖ Now, foreign lawyers and law firms to practise foreign law, international law, international arbitration, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property matters etc on a reciprocal basis.
- ❖ Also, the BCI has the right to refuse to register any foreign lawyer or law firm.
- ❖ On March 13, 2018, a division bench of Justices had ruled that foreign law firms or foreign lawyers cannot practise law in the country either on the litigation or non-litigation side.
- ❖ However, the court said that there was no bar on foreign law firms or foreign lawyers visiting India for a temporary period for giving legal advice to their clients.
- ❖ BCI is a statutory body and it governing legal practice in India.

Raising The Bar

As India opens up legal field to foreign lawyers and firms, here's the lowdown on all the changes

<p>WHAT THEY CAN DO</p> <p>Practise foreign law, diverse international law and international arbitration matters</p>	<p>Set up offices in India</p> <p>Advise clients on transactional and corporate work</p>	<p>WHY IT MATTERS</p> <p>Will help attract foreign investment, trading partners</p> <p>Law firms to benefit from exposure to global best practices</p> <p>Will provide foreign cos and investors some jurisdictional comfort</p>
<p>JVs, intellectual property matters, M&As, drafting of contracts among areas opened up</p>	<p>It's only for lawyers from jurisdictions that allow Indian lawyers</p>	
<p>WHAT THEY CAN NOT DO</p> <p>Can't appear before any courts, tribunals</p>	<p>Or any other statutory or regulatory authorities</p>	
<p>Can't work on onveyancing of property, title investigation or similar matters</p>		

