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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Suraj Vashisht became the first Indian in 32 years to win a Greco-Roman U17 World Championship gold medal in Rome, Italy.
- ❖ The Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry has released three books showcasing some of the rarest photographs of outgoing President Ram Nath Kovind and his predecessors.
- ❖ Mastercard will replace Paytm as the title sponsor for all international and domestic cricket matches organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India.
- ❖ RBI has allowed Piramal Enterprises to commence the business of a non-banking finance company (NBFC) without accepting public deposits.
- ❖ Federal Reserve of USA raised interest rates by 75 basis points for the second straight in a month.
 - It will take this rate to a range of 2.25%-2.5% from zero.

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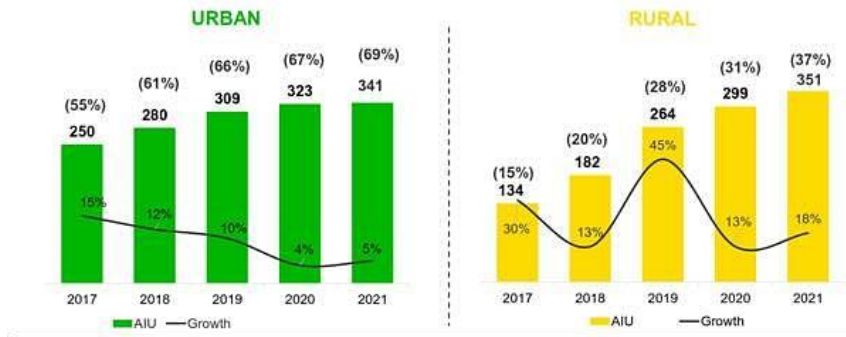
11th Agriculture Census



- ❖ 11th Agriculture Census 2021-22 was launched recently.
- ❖ Main focus of the census is on increasing income of the farmers and empowering them by organizing small farmers.
- ❖ This year, data will be collected via smartphones and tablets for the first time.
- ❖ Agriculture Census is conducted after every 5 years.
- ❖ Agriculture Census Scheme is being undertaken by Agriculture Ministry since 1970-71.
- ❖ For this, 1970-71 was taken as reference year.

- ❖ Last edition of Agriculture census was conducted in 2015-16.

Internet in India report 2022



- ❖ The Internet and Mobile Association of India released a report titled “Internet in India”.
- ❖ Around 346 million Indians practices online transactions including digital payments and e-commerce.
- ❖ India has outstripped United States, where the population practicing digital transactions is at 331 million.
- ❖ Global covid-19 pandemic has resulted an increase of 51% in digital transactions.
- ❖ In 2019, 230 million people were involved in digital transaction.
- ❖ Currently, there are 692 million active internet users in country.
- ❖ 351 million are from rural areas and 341 are from urban areas.

Adventure Tourism



- ❖ The Ministry of Tourism recognised the Adventure Tourism as a “Niche Tourism Product” recently.



- ❖ Adventure Tourism includes Water Sports activities.
- ❖ The Ministry has prepared a “National Strategy for Adventure Tourism”.
- ❖ It aims to making India as a preferred destination for adventure tourism world-wide.
- ❖ A National Board for Adventure Tourism has also been set up, with Secretary of Tourism as its Chairperson.
- ❖ Niche Tourism is a specific tourism product, which is tailored to meet the requirements of particular audience or market segment.

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UNAIDS Report 2022

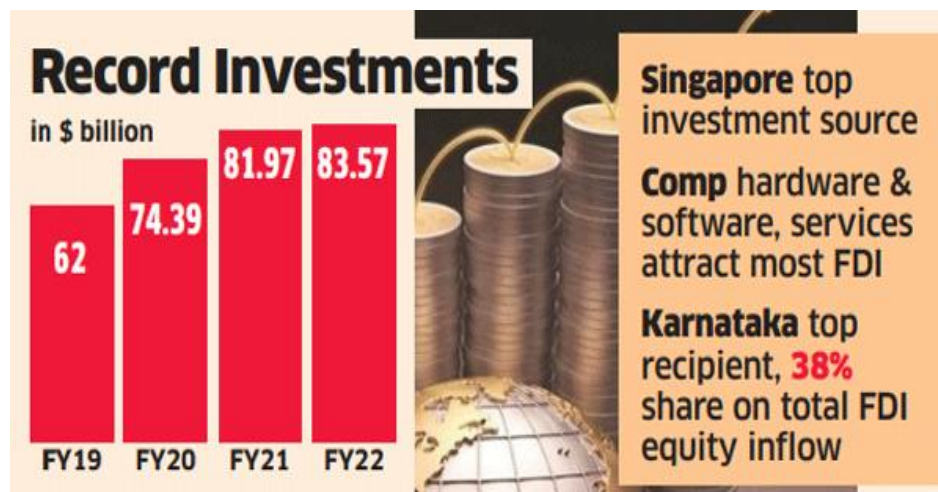


- ❖ India has seen reductions in HIV infections compared to the rising trend in Asia and the Pacific.
- ❖ India is among 30 tuberculosis-HIV high-burden nations.
- ❖ India also one among the eight countries which saw a decline in tuberculosis-related deaths among people living with HIV.

- ❖ India is also figured among the two countries which saw some of the most significant reductions in HIV infections.
- ❖ However, India saw an 8 percent decline in providing TB preventive therapy to people living with HIV in 2019 and 2020.
- ❖ South Africa and the Tanzania, saw treatment fall by 30 per cent.
- ❖ Globally the number of new infections dropped only 3.6 per cent between 2020 and 2021.
- ❖ This is the smallest annual decline in new HIV infections since 2016.

ECONOMY

Annual FDI Inflows

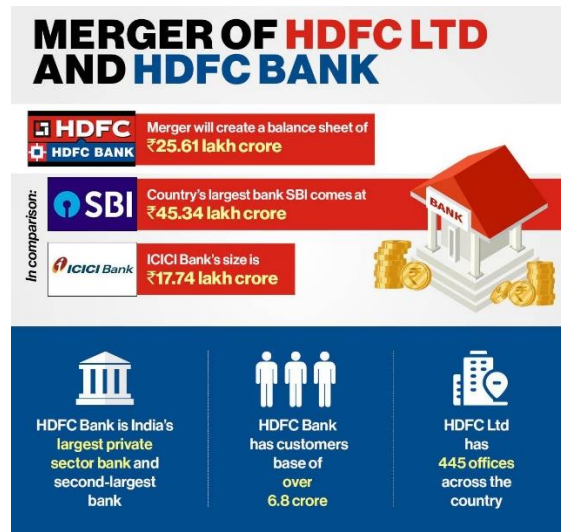


- ❖ India received the highest annual Foreign direct investment inflows of almost \$85 billion in FY 21-22.
- ❖ The highest FDI in India was from two countries Singapore and USA in FY 2021-22.
- ❖ They are followed by Mauritius, Netherland and Switzerland.
- ❖ Karnataka, Maharashtra, Delhi, Tamil Nadu and Haryana are the Top 5 States receiving the highest FDI Equity Inflow.

HDFC Bank merger

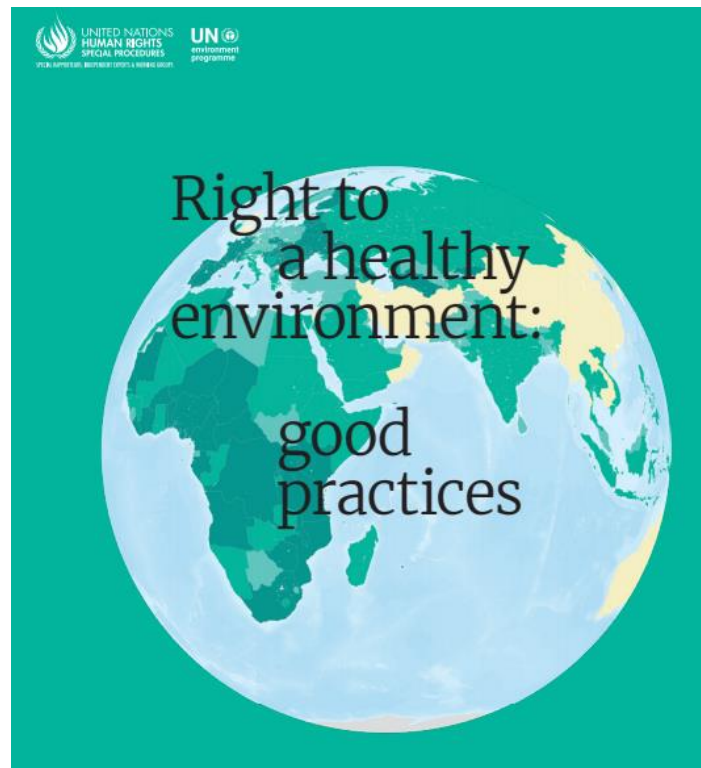
- ❖ HDFC Bank will be among the world's top 10 most valuable banks after its merger with the parent, Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC).
- ❖ It will also be the first Indian bank to make it to the Top 10 club.

- ❖ The combined market cap of HDFC Bank and HDFC would be around USD 160 billion.



ENVIRONMENT

Right to a healthy environment



- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly on July 28, 2022, adopted a resolution recognising the right to a healthy environment for all.

- ❖ India has voted in favour of the resolution but dissociated itself from an operative paragraph of the text.
- ❖ It voiced its concerns over the procedure and substance of the resolution.
- ❖ The 1972 United Nations Conference on the environment in Stockholm was the first world conference to make the environment a major issue.

TERI roadmap



- ❖ The Energy and Resources Institute, TERI, has released a roadmap for feasible pathways to achieve India's decarbonization targets.

Recommendations

- ❖ Increase in share of decentralized solar power by introducing feed-in-tariff is attractive enough for private investment.
- ❖ India has the right policy regime in place.
- ❖ It just needs to adopt new energy storage solutions and technologies which bring stability and flexibility to the grid.

- ❖ Introducing requisite flexibility into the power system to integrate wind and solar power generation
- ❖ Emphasis on India growing into a cost-effective and competitive manufacturing hub for renewable energy.
- ❖ DISCOMs need to give Commercial and Industrial consumers the choice to buy carbon-free electricity.
- ❖ Extension of Production Linked Incentive scheme to cover the full spectrum of renewable energy equipment.

STATES

“Kerala Savari” online cab service

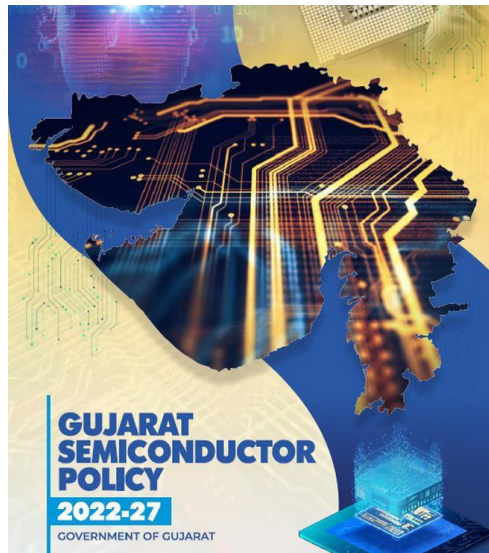
- ❖ The Kerala government will launch its own e-taxi service.
- ❖ It is considered to be the first such initiative in the country.
- ❖ The online taxi hiring service named as ‘Kerala Savari’.
- ❖ This is for the first time that a state government is launching an online taxi service in the country.



Gujarat semiconductor policy

- ❖ Gujarat Government recently unveiled a dedicated ‘Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-27’.
- ❖ The policy aims created at least 2,00,000 new employment opportunities over the five years.
- ❖ It is the first state in India to release a dedicated semiconductor policy.

- ❖ It has also proposed to develop a special 'Semicon City' as a part of Dholera Special Investment region.
- ❖ Ministry of Electronics and IT launched 'India Semiconductor Mission' in 2021.



SPORTS

Women's ODI World Cup 2025



- ❖ The International Cricket Council (ICC) unveiled the host countries for the next major ICC tournaments in the women's category.
- ❖ The next ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in 2025 will be hosted by India.



- ❖ Sri Lanka will host the ICC Women's T20 Champions Trophy in 2027 subject to them qualifying for the event.
- ❖ Bangladesh will be hosting the Women's T20 World Cup - 2024 for the second time around.
- ❖ Women's T20I cricket is making its debut at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham this year.

