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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Former Union Commerce Secretary and retired civil servant B.V.R. Subrahmanyam as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Niti Aayog.
- ❖ The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari laid the Foundation Stone of the world's largest and unique Divyang Park - Anubhuti Inclusive Park in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- ❖ The joint venture between Vedanta and Foxconn is setting up the India's 1st semiconductor and display manufacturing facility in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ❖ The Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Virendra Kumar inaugurated the Divya Kala Mela 2023 in Mumbai.
- ❖ Philips Domestic Appliances has announced the change of its company name to Versuni.

NATIONAL

12 cheetahs to Kuno National Park



- ❖ Twelve cheetahs arrived in Madhya Pradesh from South Africa.
- ❖ They and were released into the quarantine enclosures at the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Sheopur district.
- ❖ With the addition of these 12 members, the count of cheetahs at the KNP has gone up to 20.
- ❖ They came Five months after the first batch of eight of these fastest land animals were brought there from Namibia.

- ❖ The country's last cheetah died in Koriya district of present-day Chhattisgarh in 1947 and the species was declared extinct in 1952.
- ❖ This National Park is situated on the northern side of Vindhya mountains and is spread across more than 700 square km.

World's Highest Weather Station

- ❖ The world's highest altitude weather station was destroyed due to hurricane-force winds on Mount Everest.
- ❖ This weather station located at an altitude of 8,810 metres (28,904 ft); just 39 metres (128 ft) below Everest's summit.
- ❖ This one got place on Guinness World Records.
- ❖ Previously, the weather station was located on Everest's Balcony, around 400 metres lower than the new one.
- ❖ Notably, it was the first-ever terrestrial weather station that was placed above 8,000 metres.



Ban on terrorist organizations

- ❖ The Centre banned two groups and declared an individual a terrorist for their subversive and anti-India activities.
- ❖ The two groups are the Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force (JKGF) and the Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF).
- ❖ The JKGF draws its cadres from various proscribed terrorist organisations, such as the Lashker-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Tehreek-ul-Mujahideen, Harkat-ul-Jihad-e-Islami and others.

- ❖ The KTF came into existence in 2011.
- ❖ It is an offshoot of the Babbar Khalsa International, a proscribed terrorist organisation under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).
- ❖ The JKGF is the 43rd and KTF 44th terror group to be declared outlawed under the anti-terror law.
- ❖ Punjab-resident Harwinder Singh Sandhu alias Rinda was declared a terrorist.
- ❖ He is the 54th individual to be designated as a terrorist by the government.



mPassport Police App



- ❖ The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) introduced the 'mPassport Police app'.
- ❖ The application attempts to simplify and accelerate the police verification procedure for passport issuance.
- ❖ It aims to speed up this critical procedure even further.
- ❖ This app will allow quick monitoring and issuance of passports to citizens.

27K active tech startups



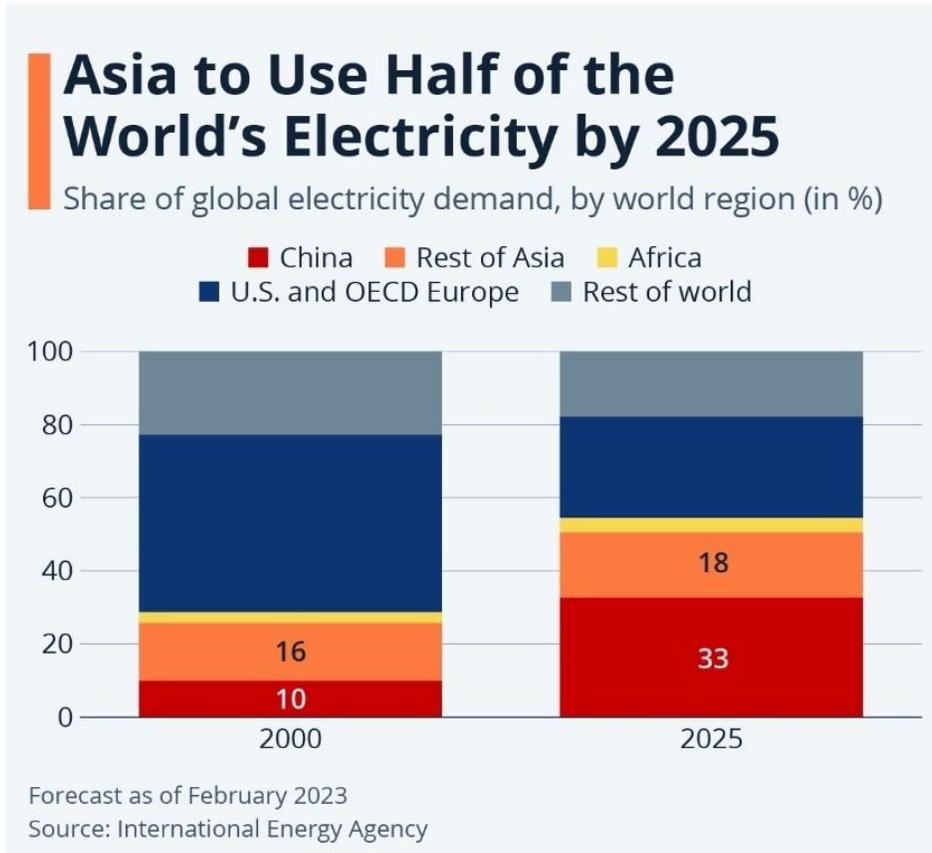
- ❖ India added more than 1,300 active tech startups in 2022.
- ❖ Now the total number of active tech startups to 25,000-27,000.
- ❖ India maintains its position as the world's third-largest tech startup ecosystem after the US and China.
- ❖ In 2022, India added the second-largest number of unicorns globally, with over 23 added.
- ❖ The total funding to Indian startups was decreased by 24% in 2022-23.

INTERNATIONAL

Global electricity demand

- ❖ Asia will for the first time use half of the world's electricity by 2025.
- ❖ Even, Africa continues to consume far less than its share of the global population.
- ❖ This forecast was released by the International Energy Agency (IEA).
- ❖ Much of Asia's electricity use will be in China.

- ❖ More than 70 percent of the growth in global electricity demand is set to come from developing economies, led by China, India and Southeast Asia.
- ❖ India's electricity demand grew at a much faster rate than China's in 2022.
- ❖ The demand in the China and India represented about 70 percent of the region's total electricity consumption.

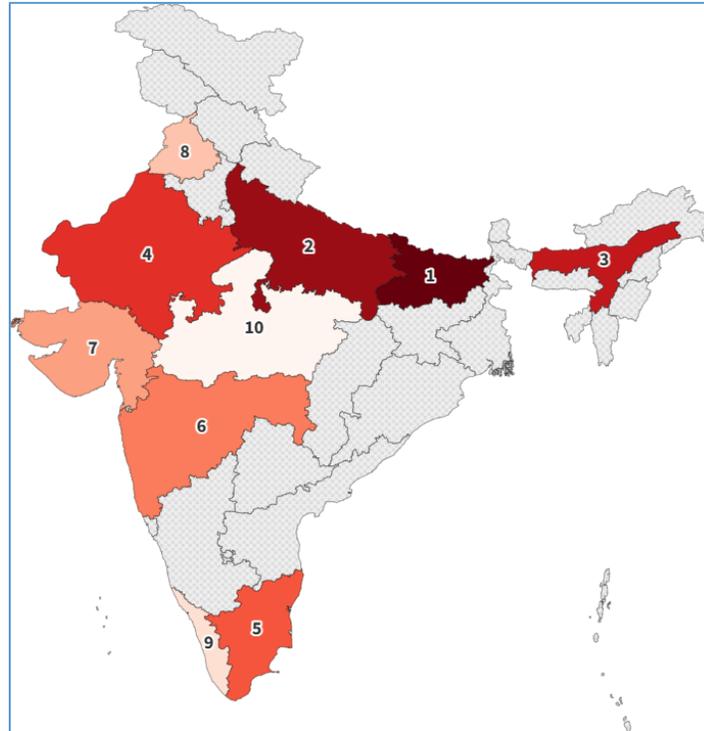


REPORTS AND INDICES

Gross Domestic Climate Risk Report

- ❖ The report was released by the Cross Dependency Initiative (XDI).
- ❖ Nine out of 50 regions in the world facing high climate risk to a fragile physical infrastructure fall in India.
- ❖ Bihar (22nd spot), Uttar Pradesh (25th), Assam (28th), Rajasthan (32nd), Tamil Nadu (36th), Maharashtra (38th), Gujarat (48th), Punjab (50th) and Kerala (52nd) are among the most vulnerable in the country.
- ❖ India is followed by China with the highest number of states in climate risk to the built environment.

- ❖ Overall, India, China and the U.S. are home to 80% of the most vulnerable cities and centres of economic activity around the world.
- ❖ U.S. has 18 regions in the top 100 list.



STATES

First-ever Train Control & Supervision System



- ❖ An indigenously developed signalling technology was launched for operations on the Red Line of the Delhi Metro.

- ❖ This is the India's first-ever Indigenous Automatic Train Supervision System (i-ATS).
- ❖ It has been developed by a joint team of DMRC and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Annual Pictures of The Year awards

- ❖ Indian-Origin Engineer cum hobbyist Photographer Karthik Subramaniam's photo has topped National Geographic's 'Photo of the Year' Contest 2023.
- ❖ His photo titled "Dance of the Eagles", was captured at the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve in Alaska.
- ❖ Nine other photographers also received the honourable mentions for their photographs, which were taken worldwide.

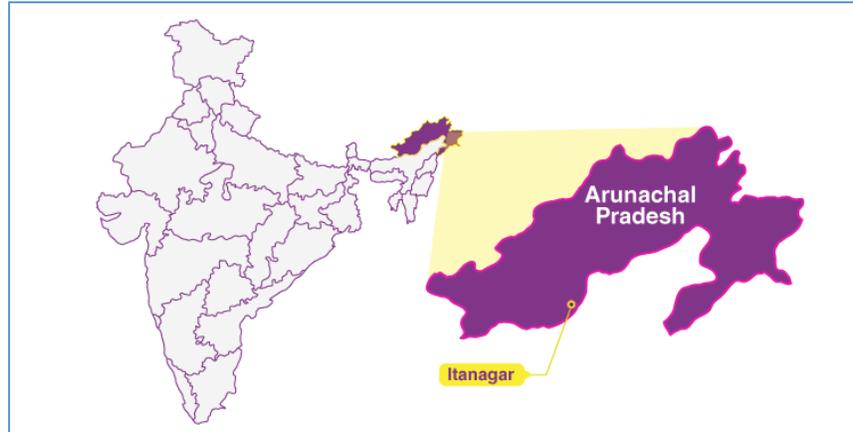


IMPORTANT DAYS

Arunachal Pradesh Statehood Day - February 20

- ❖ Arunachal Pradesh was formally constituted as a state on February 20, 1987.
- ❖ Until 1972, it was known as the North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA).
- ❖ It became a Union Territory on January 20, 1972, and its name was changed to Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The first general election for the Assembly was held in February 1978.

- ❖ The 55th Amendment of Constitution provided certain special privileges to the state of Arunachal Pradesh.



World Day of Social Justice - February 20

- ❖ This day is marked to raise voices against social injustice and remove barriers regarding gender, race, inequality, religious discrimination, etc.
- ❖ It also highlights the social injustice done throughout the world and looks into the solutions and improvements.
- ❖ Theme of 2023 is “Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice”.

