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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Haryana's women Hockey team won the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Women's Under 18 Qualifiers after defeating Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Koustav Chatterjee became India's 78th Grandmaster in MPL 59th National Senior Chess Championship in New Delhi.

## NATIONAL

### 26th National Youth Festival

- ❖ The 26<sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival was scheduled from January 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> in Hubballi-Dharwad, Karnataka.
- ❖ The theme of this year's festival is "Viksit Yuva Viksit Bharat".
- ❖ It aims to empower the youth of India and promote their active participation in shaping the country's future.



### Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion

- ❖ The three-day G20 meeting on 'Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion' concluded in Kolkata.
- ❖ It had a discussion on several issues, including digital financial inclusion, remittances and availability of finance for small and medium-sized enterprises.
- ❖ G-20 leaders focused on the high remittance cost for workers outside India.
- ❖ Efforts are underway to bring the rate down to an average of 3 per cent by 2027.

- ❖ At present, the remittance cost, on average, stands at around 6 per cent of each transaction.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Summit of 120 countries



- ❖ India will host a two-day virtual meeting of more than 120 nations next week titled “Voice of Global South Summit”.
- ❖ It was held under the theme ‘Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose’.
- ❖ It will provide important insights for the deliberations of the G20 summit.

- ❖ The Global South largely refers to developing countries in Asia, Africa and South America.

## ECONOMY

### Startup Funding in India



- ❖ Bengaluru topped the start-up funding chart in India with \$10.8 billion in 2022.
- ❖ It was followed by Mumbai at \$3.9 billion, and Gurugram at a distant \$2.6 billion.
- ❖ Startups based in Delhi and Chennai registered \$1.2 billion each in funding, followed by Pune at \$1 billion.
- ❖ These data provided by Tracxn, a leading global market intelligence platform.
- ❖ There were 22 unicorns in 2022, compared to 46 in 2021.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Missile Prithvi-II

- ❖ India successfully carried out a test launch of tactical ballistic missile Prithvi-II.
- ❖ It is a surface-to-surface nuclear-capable short-range ballistic missile.
- ❖ It is a single-stage liquid-fuelled missile.
- ❖ The Prithvi-II missile has a range of around 350 kilometres.
- ❖ It has a range of around 250 km-350km and can carry a one tonne payload.

- ❖ It is Developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) under its Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).



### **DRDO's UAV**

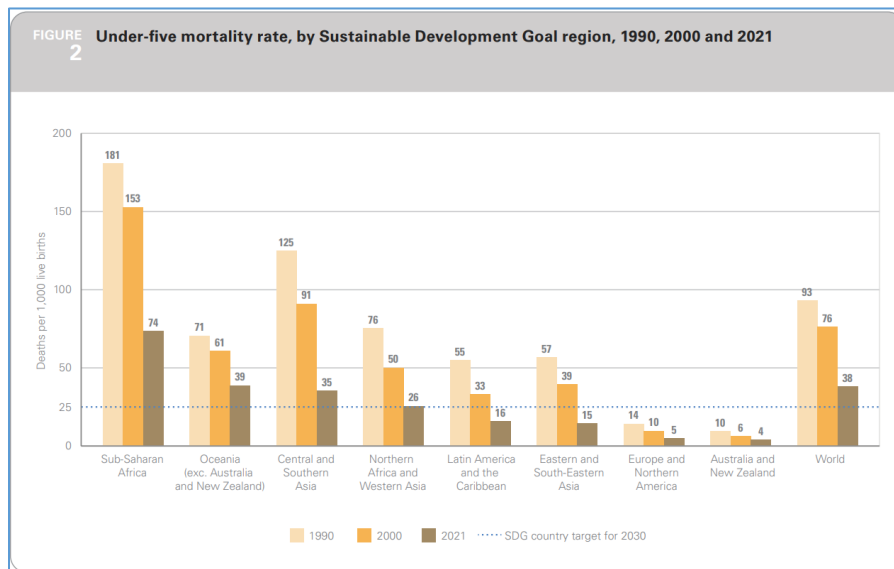


- ❖ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an untethered multi-copter payload, an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV).
- ❖ It is capable of flying with a 5 kg payload and even dropping bombs in enemy territories.

- ❖ The multi-copter can carry out autonomous missions with waypoint navigation up to a 5 km radius.
- ❖ The multi-copter was displayed by the DRDO at the 108th Indian Science Congress in Maharashtra's Nagpur.

## REPORTS AND INDICES

### Child Mortality 2022

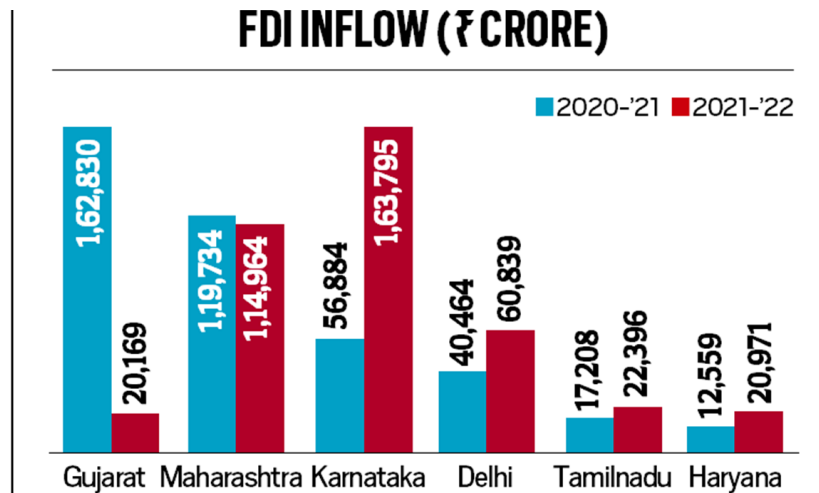


- ❖ In 2021, 5 million children died before turning 5 years old.
- ❖ An estimated 2.1 million children, adolescents and youth aged 5–24 years died that same year.
- ❖ Globally, the under-five mortality rate was 38 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2021.
- ❖ But in sub-Saharan Africa, the rate was 74 deaths per 1,000 live births.
- ❖ In low-income countries, the 2021 under-five mortality rate was 67 deaths per 1,000 live births.
- ❖ Just 5 deaths occurred per 1,000 live births in high-income countries.
- ❖ More children and youth died in sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia than all other regions in 2021.
- ❖ More than 80 per cent of under-five deaths and about 70 per cent of all deaths among 5–24-year-olds occurred in sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia.
- ❖ The first 28 days of life remain the most vulnerable period for child survival.

- ❖ In 2021, approximately 2.3 million children died during the first month of life or 6,400 babies/day.

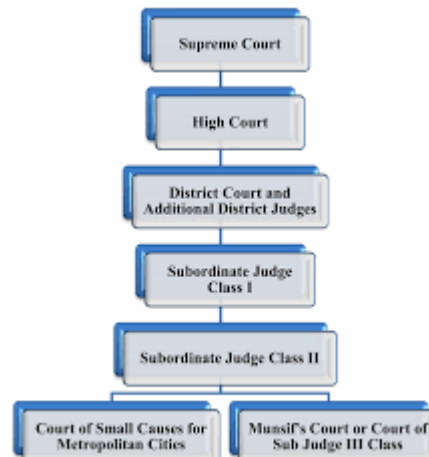
## STATES

### Top Investment Destinations in India



- ❖ Gujarat has surpassed all other Indian states in attracting new investments from both domestic and foreign corporations.
- ❖ The data released the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).
- ❖ Rajasthan emerged as the second most attractive destination for investments in India in FY 2022.
- ❖ The state witnessed the highest rate of growth during the period, increasing by almost 535 percent.

### e-system of functioning in court



- ❖ The Osmanabad District Court has become the first court in Maharashtra to introduce e-system of functioning.
- ❖ Under this system, all the court-related work including filing, payment and other court services, etc. can be done through mobile app or online modes.
- ❖ Besides, library of the court has also been converted into digital mode.

### **Kerala's 'Year of Enterprises' Project**



- ❖ The Kerala government's 'Year of Enterprises' project has been selected as a best practices model.
- ❖ The project, which began in the current fiscal, aimed at creating one lakh enterprises in one year.
- ❖ However, the state government achieved this goal in just eight months.
- ❖ Thus, Kerala setting a new benchmark for promoting small and medium-sized enterprises in India.

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **Patangrao Kadam award**



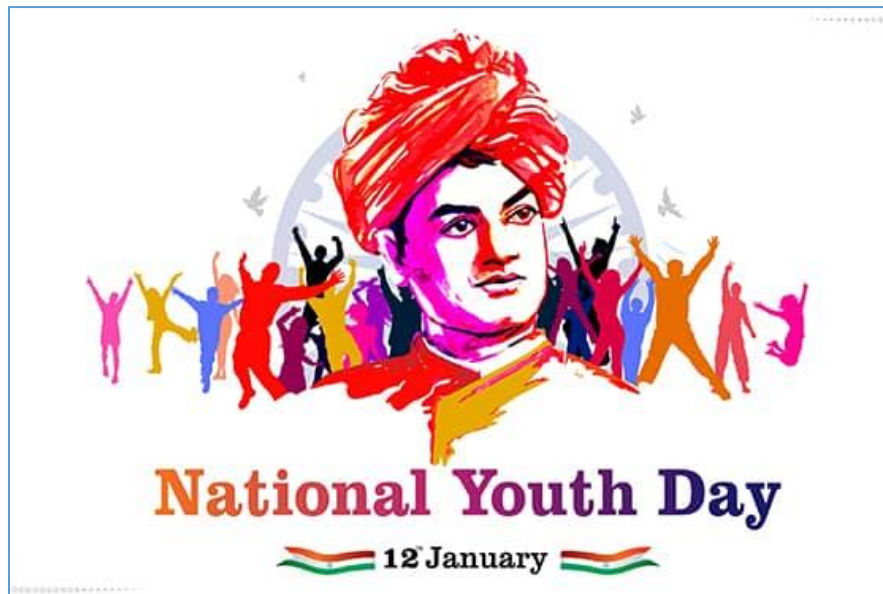


- ❖ CEO of the vaccine manufacturer Serum Institute of India Adar Poonawalla has been conferred with the Patangrao Kadam award.
- ❖ Adar Poonawalla was carrying forward the legacy of his father Dr Cyrus Poonawalla as SII has manufactured 160 vaccines.
- ❖ Dr. Patangrao Kadam was a leader who created 190 institutes to provide quality education and created quality human resource.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **National Youth Day - January 12**

- ❖ The day is observed to commemorate the birthday of Swami Vivekananda, one of India's most influential leaders.
- ❖ He always inspired the country's youth and advocated for the proper use of youth in the country's development.
- ❖ He was a philosopher, social reformer, and thinker.
- ❖ The main goal of the celebration is to spread Swami Vivekananda's philosophy and ideals, for which he lived and worked.
- ❖ The Indian government announced National Youth Day in 1984.



### **Road Safety Week 2023 – January 11/17**

- ❖ The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, is observing the Road Safety Week from 11th to 17th January 2023.



- ❖ It aims to propagate the cause of safer roads for all.
- ❖ The National Road Safety Week was celebrated for the first time in 1989.
- ❖ In 2010 the Centre sanctioned the National Road Safety policy, recommended by the Sunder Committee.

