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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Central government has extended tenure of NITI Aayog Chief Executive Officer, Amitabh Kant, by one year.
 - The Extension order was issued by Department of Personnel and Training after it was approved by Appointments Committee of Cabinet.
- ❖ The Canada Day also known as 'Canada's birthday' is celebrated on 1 July every year.
 - It is observed to remember and celebrate Canada's independence.
- ❖ Every year, International Joke Day is celebrated on 1 July.
 - It was started by American author Wayne Reinagel.

TAMIL NADU

Kudankulam - 5th power unit

- ❖ Russia started construction of fifth nuclear power unit at Kudankulam (Tirunelveli) in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Rosatom (a Russian company) is providing technology to construct the Kudankulam plant.
- ❖ This plant was scheduled to six units each having 1,000 MWe generation capacity.
- ❖ It is going to be India's first light water reactor.
- ❖ Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant is the largest nuclear power plant of India.
- ❖ Construction of the plant started on March 31, 2002.

NATIONAL

Mumbai Samachar enters 200th year

- ❖ On July 1, India's oldest running newspaper, Mumbai Samachar, entered its 200th year.
- ❖ This Gujarati newspaper was first published in 1822.
- ❖ It was founded by a Parsi scholar Fardoonji Murazban.



NATRAX - Indore

- ❖ The Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated NATRAX (National Automotive Test Tracks) the High-Speed Track in Indore.
- ❖ It is the longest high Speed Track in Asia.
- ❖ It is fifth-longest in the world
- ❖ It is an 11.3 km High-Speed Track.
- ❖ It is a one-stop solution for all sorts of high-speed performance tests, that is, from 2 wheelers to heavy tractor-trailers.

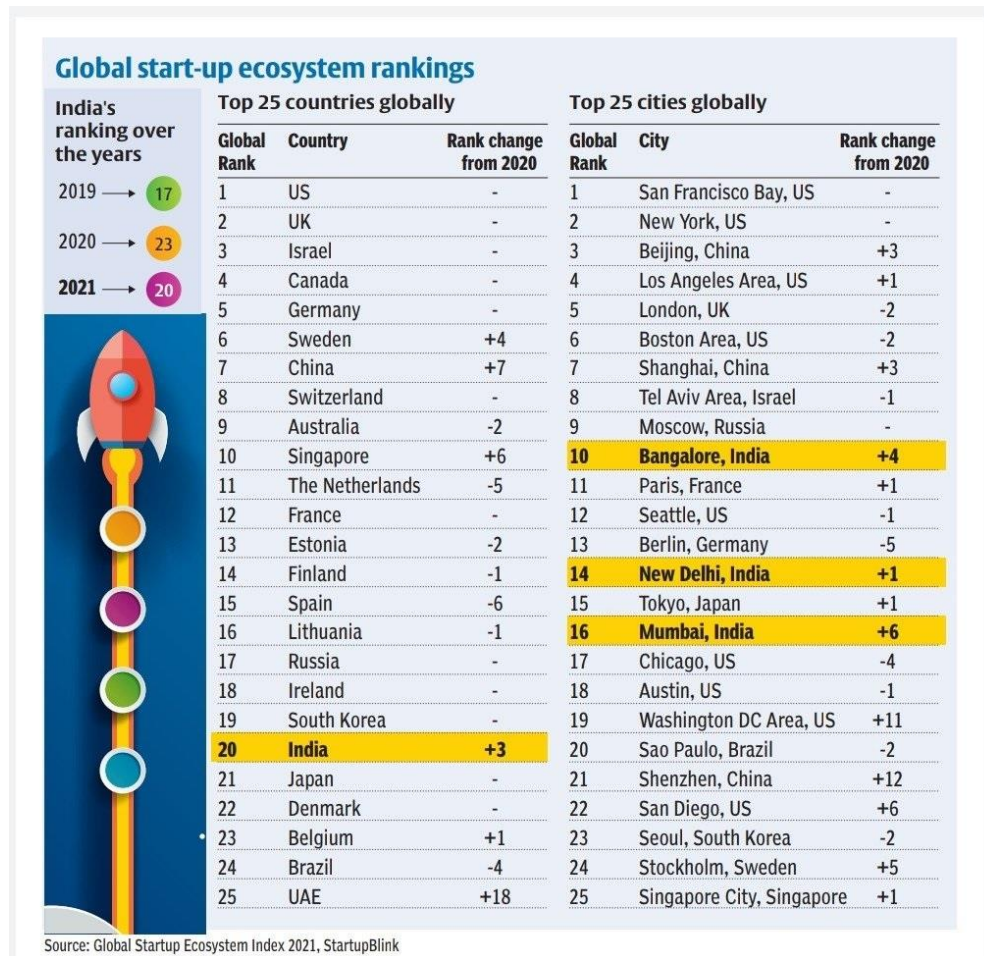


INTERNATIONAL

UN Report on International tourism

- ❖ The International tourism arrivals are set to stagnate in 2021, except in some Western markets.
- ❖ This is according to the report by UNCTAD and UN's World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).
- ❖ As per this report, stagnation would result into losses of \$2.4 trillion.
- ❖ UNWTO is a United Nations specialized agency to promote responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.
- ❖ It is headquartered in Madrid, Spain.

Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021

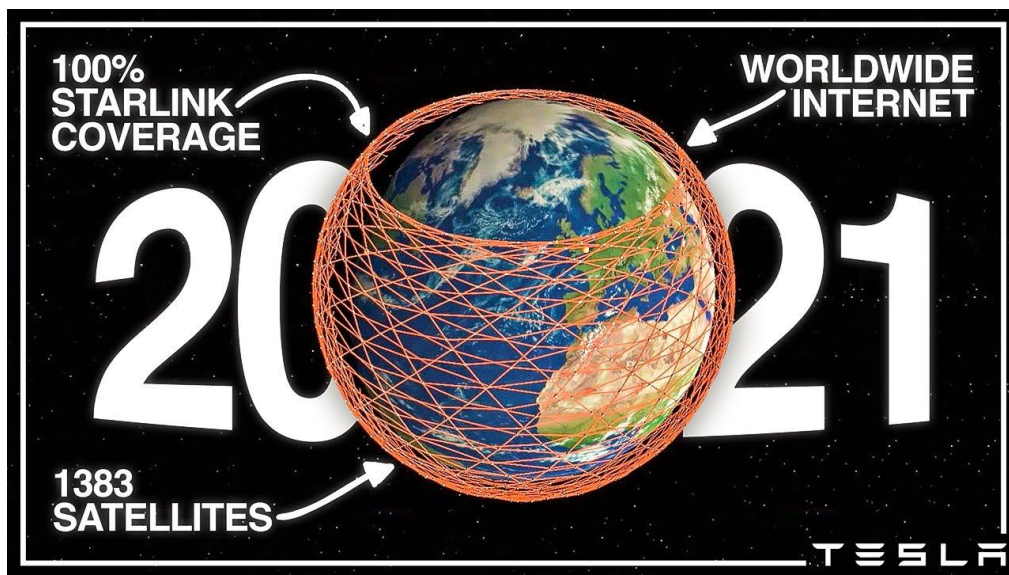


- ❖ India stands at the 20th spot among the top 100 countries that have been ranked in the Global Start-up Ecosystem Index 2021.

- ❖ This index is released by Start-up Blink.
- ❖ India currently has 43 of its cities listed in the top 1000 globally.
- ❖ Bengaluru (10th), New Delhi (14th) and Mumbai (16th) are in the top 20.
- ❖ The US, the UK, Israel, Canada and Germany are in the top five spots this year too.

Starlink - Global internet coverage

- ❖ Elon Musk's Starlink is on track to provide global internet coverage.
- ❖ Starlink has users across 12 countries, presently.
- ❖ The Starlink is a satellite internet constellation.
- ❖ It is constructed by SpaceX to provide satellite Internet access across the world.



Malaria-free China

- ❖ China was certified as malaria-free by World Health Organisation on June 30, 2021.
- ❖ No indigenous case was reported in the last four consecutive years.
- ❖ Nations that have achieved at least three consecutive years of zero indigenous cases of Malaria can apply for WHO certification of malaria-free status.
- ❖ China has become 40th territory to get malaria-free status by WHO.
- ❖ El Salvador also gained this status in 2021.

Malaria around the world

A preventable and treatable mosquito-borne illness that mostly affects African children

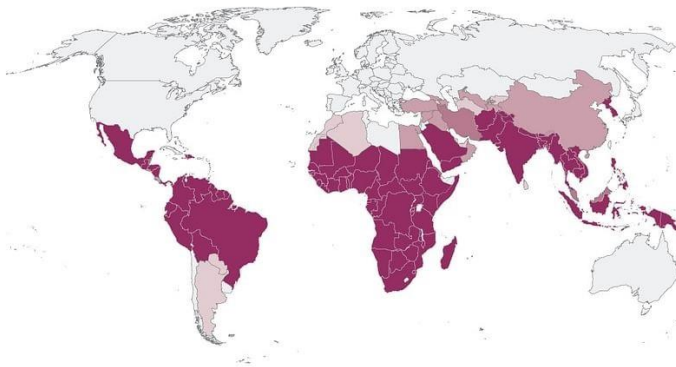
► **229 million**
cases in 2019

► **409,000 deaths**
About **67% children** under five

► **95%** of all malaria deaths
occur in **sub-Saharan Africa**

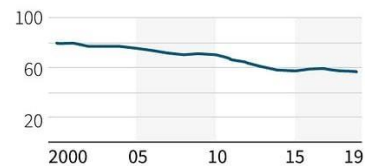
Transmission zone

- Cases detected in 2020
- No cases since 2018
- No cases for more than 4 years
- No cases since 2000

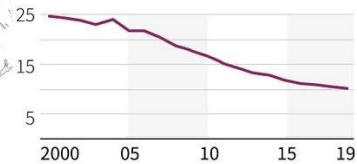


Trend over time

Malaria **cases**
per 1,000 population at risk



Malaria **deaths**
per 100,000 population at risk



Global cybersecurity index



- ❖ India has been ranked at 10th position in the Global cybersecurity index.



- ❖ This is according to the United Nation's ITU (International Telecommunication Union) Global Cybersecurity Index.
- ❖ India has improved its ranking from 47 to 10.
- ❖ United States has been ranked first.
- ❖ The United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia is tied on the second position.

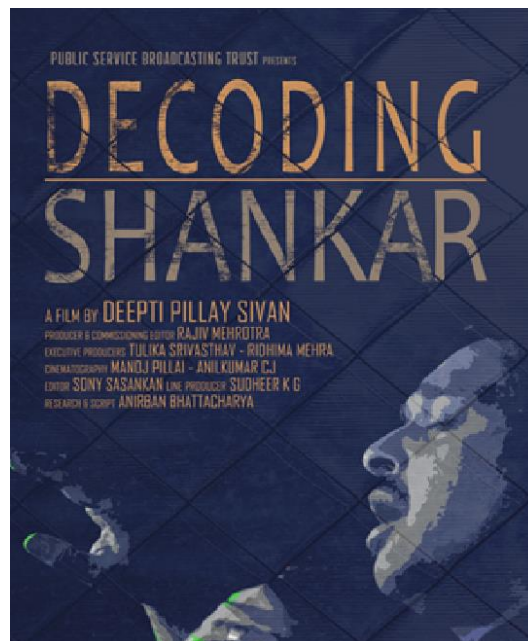
ECONOMY

RBI Report

- ❖ India has reported a current account surplus of 0.9 per cent of GDP in the Financial Year 2021 (FY21).
- ❖ This is as per the data released by Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ❖ In 2020, it has reported current account deficit of 0.9 per cent in FY20.
- ❖ Net FDI was USD 2.7 billion during March quarter of 2021 as compared to USD 12 billion in 2020.
- ❖ The Net foreign portfolio investment (FPI) increased by USD 7.3 billion.
- ❖ The Net external commercial borrowings to India decreased to USD 6.1 billion.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Decoding Shankar documentary



- ❖ “Decoding Shankar” recently won the Best Film Award in the Documentary section (Best Biographical) at the Toronto International Women Film Festival, 2021.
- ❖ This is a film by Deepti Pillay Sivan.
- ❖ It is about the life and career of the celebrated musician Shankar Mahadevan.

Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar

- ❖ The Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar has been awarded to renowned Odia poet Dr. Rajendra Kishore Panda for the year 2020.
- ❖ It is a national award instituted in memory of late poet laureate Kuvempu.
- ❖ Dr. Rajendra Kishore Panda was awarded the Gangadhar National Award in 2010 and the Sahitya Academy Award in 1985.



K.V. Sampath Kumar passes away

- ❖ He was the editor of ‘Sudharma’ Sanskrit Daily.
- ❖ He, along with his wife, was selected for the Padma Shri honour from the Government of India in 2020 for his contribution to the field of Literature & Education.
- ❖ He has also received several awards like the Siddharudha award, the Shivaratri Deshikendra Media award, the Abdul Kalam award and others.
- ❖ Sampath Kumar’s father Pandit Varadaraja Iyengar had launched ‘Sudharma’ in 1970.
- ❖ Sudharma is the only Sanskrit Daily in the world, printed and published from Mysuru.

SPORTS

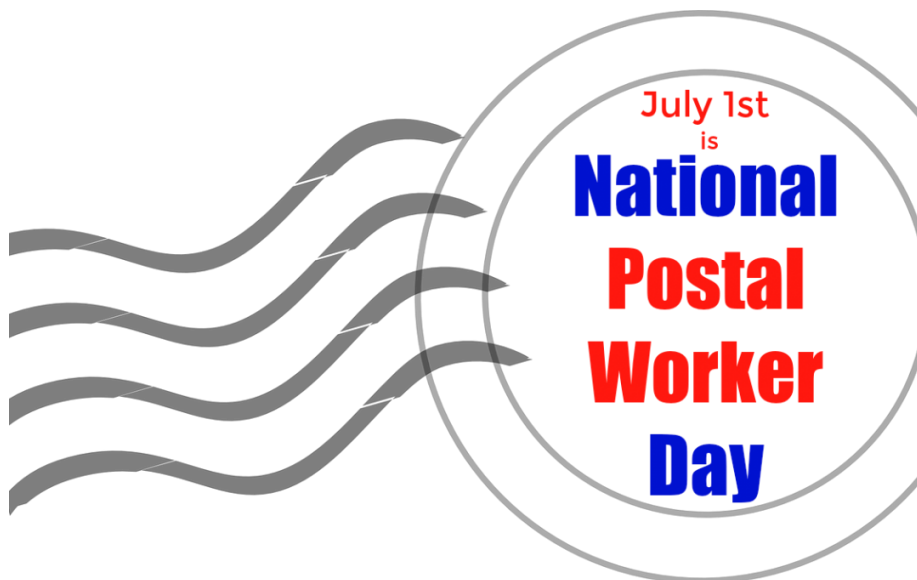
Youngest-ever Chess Grandmaster

- ❖ Indian-origin American Abhimanyu Mishra has become the youngest-ever chess Grandmaster in the world.
- ❖ At 12 years, four months and 25 days, he obliterated the record held by Sergey Karjakin.
- ❖ Sergey Karjakin was 12 years and seven months old when he attained the title.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Postal Worker Day - July 01



- ❖ The day is celebrated every year across the globe.
- ❖ It was first commemorated by a Seattle-area postal carrier.
- ❖ It is dedicated to express gratitude towards postal workers for ensuring uninterrupted services.

State Bank Day - July 01

- ❖ The 66th Foundation Day of State Bank of India was celebrated recently.
- ❖ On 1 July 1955, the Imperial Bank of India, which came into existence in 1921, became the State Bank of India.
- ❖ SBI is a Fortune 500 company.
- ❖ It is an Indian Multinational, Public Sector Banking and Financial services statutory body.
- ❖ It is headquartered in Mumbai.



GST Day - July 01

- ❖ The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is an indirect, multi-stage, comprehensive tax in India, imposed on the supply of goods and services.
- ❖ The date has been designated by the central government as 'GST Day'.
- ❖ India marks the fourth anniversary of the Goods and Services Tax this year (2017).

