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## NATIONAL

### **'Harnessing Green Hydrogen' Report**

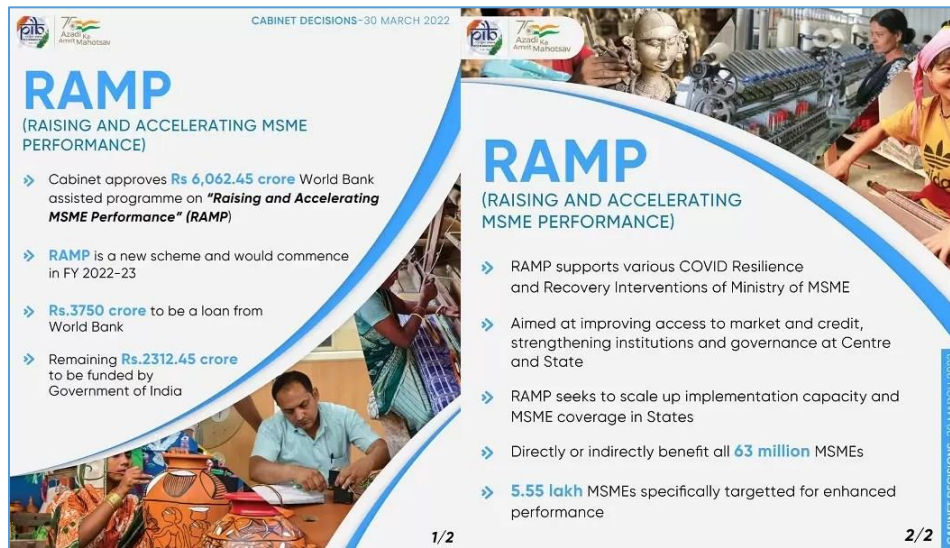


- ❖ The NITI Aayog published its report titled “Harnessing Green Hydrogen- Opportunities for Deep Decarbonisation in India”.
- ❖ This report has been prepared in collaboration with Delhi-based think tank RMI India.
- ❖ NITI Aayog has recommended to reduce or exempt the GST & Custom duties on production of green hydrogen, in order to boost the production in India.
- ❖ Green hydrogen is hydrogen gas, which is produced through electrolysis of water.
- ❖ Electrolysis is an energy intensive process to split water into hydrogen and oxygen.
- ❖ As per this report, Hydrogen demand in India will grow over four-times by 2050, accounting for 10% of global hydrogen demand.
- ❖ In February 2022, Central government has notified the green hydrogen and green ammonia policy.
- ❖ This policy aims to increasing domestic production of green hydrogen to 5 million tonnes by 2030.

### **Raising & Accelerating MSME Performance scheme**

- ❖ The Prime Minister inaugurated the ‘Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance’ (RAMP) scheme.

- ❖ The scheme aims to scale up the implementation capacity and coverage of Medium Small and Micro Enterprises (MSME) in the states.
- ❖ Also, it impacts enhancement of existing MSME schemes.
- ❖ It will complement the Atma Nirbar Bharat Abhiyan.
- ❖ He also inaugurated the
  - ‘Capacity Building of First-Time MSME Exporters’ scheme and
  - New features of the ‘Prime Minister’s Employment Generation Program’ (PMEG).



**RAMP**  
(RAISING AND ACCELERATING MSME PERFORMANCE)

➤ Cabinet approves **Rs 6,062.45 crore** World Bank assisted programme on **“Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance” (RAMP)**

➤ **RAMP** is a new scheme and would commence in FY 2022-23

➤ **Rs.3750 crore** to be a loan from World Bank

➤ Remaining **Rs.2312.45 crore** to be funded by Government of India

**RAMP**  
(RAISING AND ACCELERATING MSME PERFORMANCE)

➤ RAMP supports various COVID Resilience and Recovery Interventions of Ministry of MSME

➤ Aimed at improving access to market and credit, strengthening institutions and governance at Centre and State

➤ RAMP seeks to scale up implementation capacity and MSME coverage in States

➤ Directly or indirectly benefit all **63 million** MSMEs

➤ **5.55 lakh** MSMEs specifically targetted for enhanced performance

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## INTERNATIONAL

### India forum for Nature-Based Solution

- ❖ India Forum for Nature-Based Solutions was launched at the 11<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum in Poland.
- ❖ The forum was collectively launched by
  - National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)
  - World Resources Institute India (WRI India)
  - Climate Centre for Cities (NIUA C-Cube) and their partners.
- ❖ It is India’s first national coalition platform for urban nature-based solutions (NbS).
- ❖ It has been launched under Cities4Forest initiative.

- ❖ It is aimed at creating a collective of NbS entrepreneurs, like-minded organizations and government entities to help in scaling urban nature-based solutions.



### Exhibition - Batsagaan Temple



- ❖ In honour of Mongolian Buddha Purnima, the 12-day exhibition at the Batsagaan Temple was held on the grounds of Gandan Monastery, Mongolia.
- ❖ The four holy relics of Lord Buddha came back to India after being displayed for 12 days at the exhibition.

- ❖ The Union minister Arjun Meghwal received the holy relics at Ghaziabad.
- ❖ The duration of display of the relics had to be extended by a few days on popular demand from Mongolian people.
- ❖ The relics are known as the 'Kapilvastu Relics'.
- ❖ They are from a site in Bihar, which was first discovered in 1898.
- ❖ It is believed to be the ancient city of Kapilvastu.
- ❖ They were accorded the status of a state guest.

### **UN Report on Internet Shutdown**



- ❖ The OHCHR report has highlighted that shutting down the internet affects people's safety & well-being, hampers information flow and harms the economy.
- ❖ The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is commonly known as the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights or the United Nations Human Rights Office.
- ❖ Internet shutdowns are measures taken by a government or on behalf of a government, to intentionally disrupt access to and the use of information and communications systems online.
- ❖ As per #KeepItOn coalition, it documented 931 shutdowns in 74 countries from 2016-2021.
- ❖ #KeepItOn coalition monitors internet shutdown episodes across the world.
- ❖ India blocked or disrupted internet connections 106 times.

- ❖ At least 85 of India's internet shutdown episodes were in Jammu & Kashmir.

## STATES

### 'Project Surya' initiative



- ❖ ReNew in partnership with UNEP and SEWA launched 'Project Surya' will train 1,000 low-income women salt-pan workers to work in the renewable industry.
- ❖ ReNew is providing financial support and familiarization with its renewable facility in the area.
- ❖ SEWA or Self-Employed Women's Association is the lead implementation partner.
- ❖ UNEP or United Nations Environment Program will be responsible for monitoring and evaluating the project.
- ❖ SEWA is a National Trade union with a membership base of over 1.5 million poor, self-employed women workers from the informal economy across 16 states in India.

### Jagannath Puri Rath Yatra 2022

- ❖ The Jagannath Puri Rath Yatra, also known as the Festival of Chariots commenced on July 1 in Puri, Odisha.
- ❖ This Yatra is believed to be the oldest and largest chariot procession in the world.
- ❖ Lord Jagannath's chariot is named Nandighosh.

- ❖ Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra's chariots are called Taladhwaja and Darpadalana respectively.



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

### **President of FATF**



- ❖ T. Raja Kumar from Singapore has been appointed as the president of Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- ❖ FATF the anti-money laundering watchdog.

- ❖ He has replaced Marcus Pleyer, and will discharge his service for next two years.

### **21<sup>st</sup> TIFF Edition Trophy**



- ❖ The 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the Transylvania International Film Festival was held at Uniri Square in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- ❖ Utama, the debut film director Alejandro Loayaza Grisi, was the winner and awarded the 10,000-euro Transylvania Trophy.
- ❖ Best Director Award – Filmmaker Guomundur Arnar Guomundsson.
- ❖ Best Performance Award – Laura Muller & Schemci Lauth.

## **SPORTS**

### **Jasprit Bumrah world record**

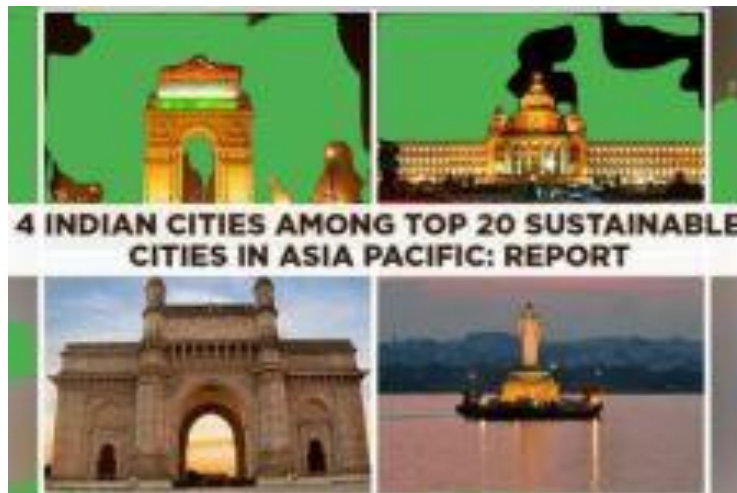
- ❖ Indian captain Jasprit Bumrah got 35 runs to create a world record for maximum runs off a single over in Test cricket.
- ❖ He hit 29 runs and 6 runs added as extras in the over of Stuart Broad of England.

- ❖ Thus, he breaks the West Indies Brian Lara's feat by one run.
- ❖ Lara hit South African Robin Peterson for 28 runs in a Test match in 2003-04.
- ❖ Former Australian player George Bailey had also scored 28.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### Asia Pacific Sustainability Index 2021



- ❖ The Asia Pacific Sustainability Index 2021 was recently launched by Knight Frank, a Global property consultant.
- ❖ This Index has been topped by Singapore.
- ❖ It is followed by Sydney, Wellington, Perth, and Melbourne.
- ❖ These are the top five green-rated cities in commercial real estate in Asia-Pacific region.
- ❖ Among the Indian cities, Bengaluru was ranked first.
- ❖ While in the Asia-Pacific region, it has been ranked 14<sup>th</sup>.





- ❖ Bengaluru is the only Indian city to achieve 'Gold' standard category.
- ❖ Delhi has been ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in the ASIA Pacific Region.
- ❖ Hyderabad has been ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in India and 18<sup>th</sup> in Asia-Pacific region.
- ❖ Mumbai is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> among Indian cities and 20<sup>th</sup> in Asia-pacific region.

