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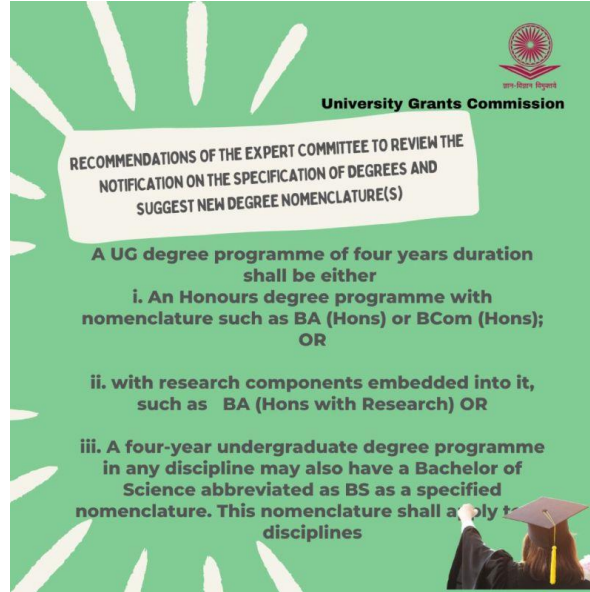
- ❖ A celt, belonging to the neolithic period, was discovered in Poothinatham village in Dharmapuri district.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited's (Tangedco) net loss narrowed to ₹5,523 crore in fiscal 2023 from ₹11,955 crore in fiscal 2022.
- ❖ The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) launched the National Campaign "Addiction Free Amrit Kaal" to promote a healthier and addiction-free India.
- ❖ Janardan Prasad has been appointed as the new Director-General of Geological Survey of India.
- ❖ Meta and Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), launched the Amrit Generation campaign.
 - It invited age group of 16-18 from across the country to showcase their creativity and share their aspirations by creating reels on Instagram and Facebook.
- ❖ Indian and Maldives Navies conducted the sixth edition of Exercise Ekatha.
- ❖ Australia won the ICC World Test Championship 2023 after victory against India in the Final held at London.

NATIONAL

New Degree Nomenclatures

- ❖ The UGC introduced a new recommendation of college degrees awarded by higher education institutions.
- ❖ It has recommended the introduction of Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees for all four-year undergraduate honours' programs, regardless of the discipline.
- ❖ They suggested that the universities can adopt the Master of Science (MS) nomenclature for postgraduate programs.
- ❖ It is also applicable to even in non-science disciplines like arts, humanities, management, and commerce.
- ❖ It has recommended to the introduction of the 'Hons' designation for four-year undergraduate honours programs.
- ❖ The four-year undergraduate honours degree programme will include 'Hons' in brackets, such as BA (Hons), BCom (Hons), or BS (Hons).

- ❖ Traditionally, Bachelor of Science (BSc) degrees have been associated with science subjects in India.
- ❖ Also, to Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees have encompassed arts, humanities, and social sciences.



Kharif crop MSP hikes

MOONG GETS THE HIGHEST RISE

NEW MSP OF KHARIF CROPS IN 2023-24

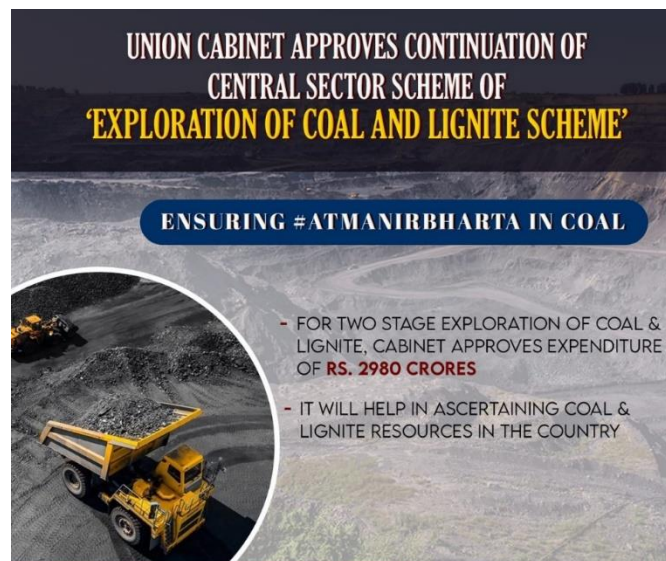
Crop	New MSP*	% (Absolute*)	Hike over 2022-23
Moong	8,558	10.4	₹803
Sesamum	8,635	10.3	₹805
Groundnut	6,377	9	₹527
Cotton	6,620	8.9	₹540
Ragi	3,846	7.5	₹268
Jowar	3,180	7	₹210
Paddy	2,183	7	₹143
Soybean	4,600	7	₹300
Maize	2,090	6.5	₹128
Bajra	2,500	6.4	₹150
Niger Seed	7,734	6.1	₹447
Tur	7,000	6	₹400
Sunflower Seed	6,760	5.6	₹360
Urad	6,950	5.3	₹350

*₹Per quintal | Paddy (Common) | Jowar (Hybrid) | Cotton (Medium Staple)

- ❖ The Centre has set the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for paddy sown in the kharif or monsoon season at ₹2,183 per quintal.

- ❖ It is a hike of ₹143 per quintal in comparison to last year.
- ❖ The 2023-24 MSPs for 17 kharif crops and variants were approved at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA).
- ❖ The MSP for moong is ₹8,558 per quintal, an increase of ₹803 from last year.
- ❖ This is one of the highest increases among kharif crops.
- ❖ The MSP for tur or arhar has been set at ₹7,000 per quintal.
- ❖ It is estimated to be 58% above the cost of production.

Exploration of Coal and Lignite Scheme



- ❖ The Centre approved the continuation of the central sector plan 'Exploration of Coal and Lignite scheme'.
- ❖ The time period for the extension is from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- ❖ Under this scheme, exploration for coal and lignite is conducted in two broad stages:
 - Promotional (Regional) Exploration and
 - Detailed Exploration in non-Coal India Limited blocks.

INTERNATIONAL

Non-permanent members of the UNSC

- ❖ Algeria, Guyana, Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone and Slovenia were elected to the UN Security Council as non-permanent members.

- ❖ They will replace Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana and the United Arab Emirates from January 1 next year.
- ❖ The Security Council is composed of 15 countries including 10 non-permanent members and 5 permanent members.
- ❖ The 10 non-permanent members are elected by the General Assembly.
- ❖ Their Voting is conducted by secret ballot and candidates must receive a two-thirds majority, or 128 votes

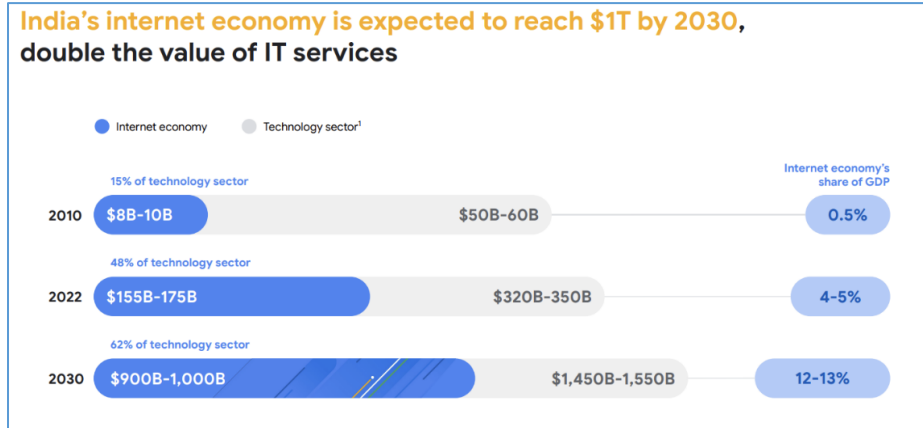


ECONOMY

India's Internet Economy

- ❖ A report titled 'The e-Conomy of a Billion Connected Indians' was released by Google, Temasek, and Bain & Company.
- ❖ India's internet economy to soar from approximately \$175 billion in 2022 to a staggering \$1 trillion by 2030.
- ❖ Internet economy to India's technology sector is set to expand, from the present 48% to 62% in 2030.

- ❖ The internet economy will go from contributing 4–5% to the Gross Domestic Product to more than double that number, nearly 12–13%.



Enhanced Surveillance Measure



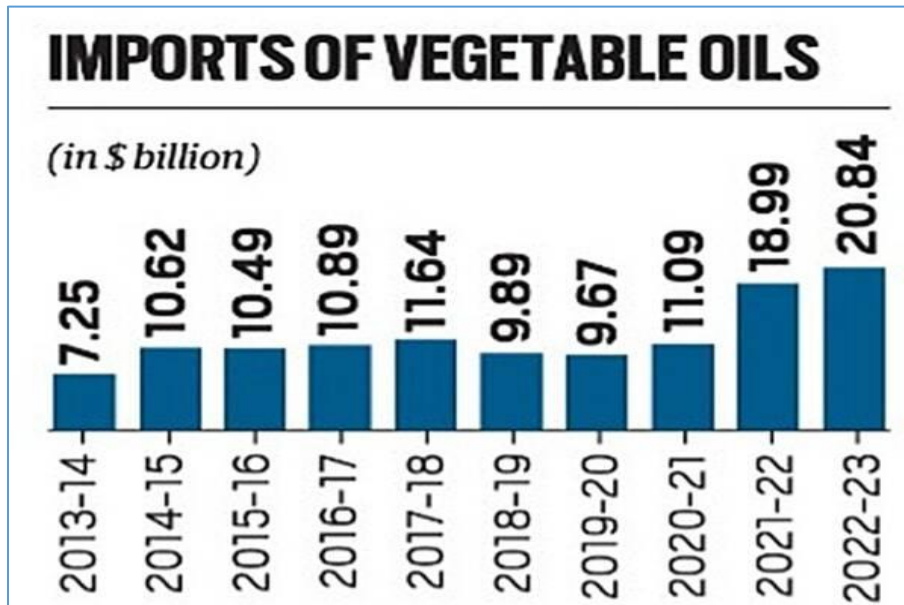
- ❖ BSE and NSE have put in place an enhanced surveillance mechanism (ESM) for companies that have a market cap of less than Rs 500 crore.



- ❖ This mechanism will be instrumental in monitoring and controlling the price fluctuations of small-cap companies, providing stability to the market.
- ❖ Securities included in the ESM framework must undergo surveillance for a minimum period of three months.

Pulses and Edible oil production in India 2022-23

- ❖ Between 2013-14 and 2022-23, the value of India's vegetable oil imports has climbed from \$7,249.85 million (Rs 44,038.04 crore) to \$20,837.70 million (Rs 167,269.99 crore).
- ❖ The country consumes 24-25 million tonnes (mt) cooking oil annually.
- ❖ But, only 9-10 mt is from domestically produced grain.
- ❖ The balance 14-15 mt is imported.

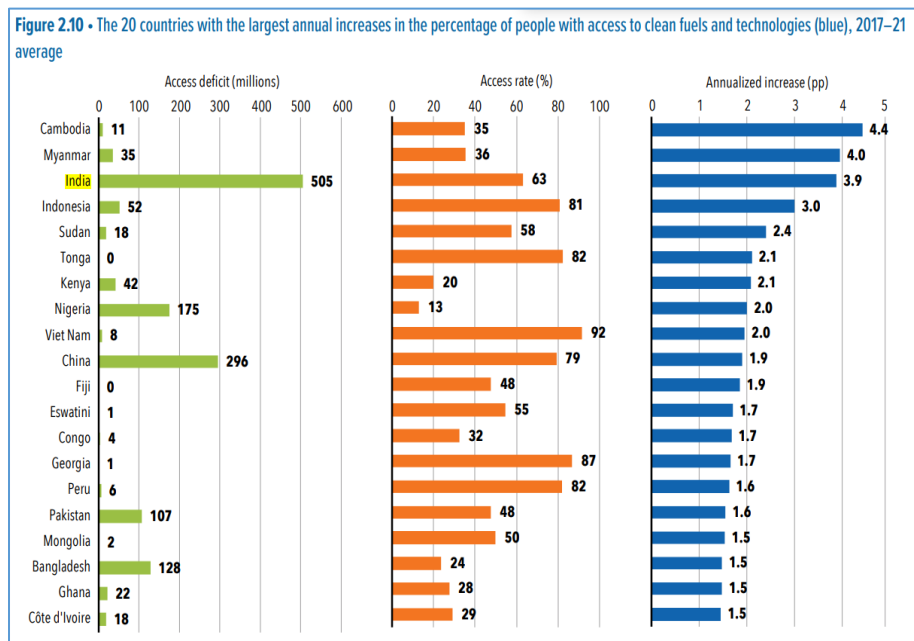


ENVIRONMENT

The Energy Progress Report 2023

- ❖ A new report titled 'Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress Report 2023' was released recently.
- ❖ It was released by International Energy Agency (IEA), International Renewable Energy Agency, United Nations Statistics Division, World Bank, and the WHO.
- ❖ In 2021, 675 million people still lacked access to electricity.

- ❖ Of those, 567 million people lived in Sub-Saharan Africa – accounting for more than 80% of the global population without access.
- ❖ Meanwhile, 2.3 billion people lacked access to clean cooking, largely in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia.
- ❖ At the current rate of progress, 660 million people are projected to still lack access to electricity in 2030.
- ❖ 1.9 billion people would continue to rely on polluting cooking fuels.
- ❖ The share of renewable energy in total final energy consumption remains low at 19.1%.

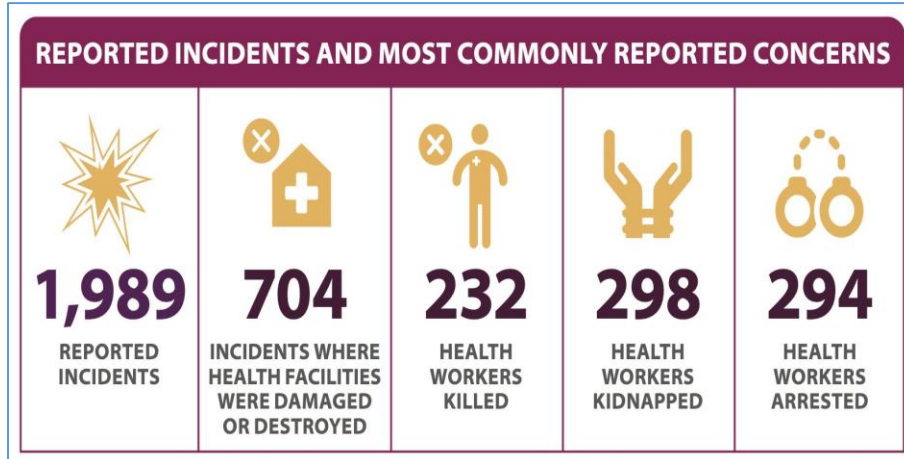


REPORTS AND INDICES

Violence against healthcare workers

- ❖ The report named 'Ignoring Red Lines: Violence Against Health Care in Conflict 2022' was released recently.
- ❖ It was published by Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC).
- ❖ Violence against healthcare workers in Mali was more than doubled in 2022 as compared to 2021.
- ❖ The document identified 46 incidents of violence against healthcare workers or obstruction of healthcare in the country in 2022.
- ❖ This is an increase from 20 in 2021.

- ❖ Over half of the total attacks were reported in just two countries, Ukraine and Myanmar.



STATES

FAO accelerator program

- ❖ Farmers Fresh Zone (FarmersFZ) has been selected for an accelerator programme of the United Nation’s Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).
- ❖ FarmersFZ is the Kochi-based multichannel marketplace platform.
- ❖ It functions under the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM).
- ❖ It got place on a list of 12 agri-food start-ups across the world for the FAO to develop business.

