

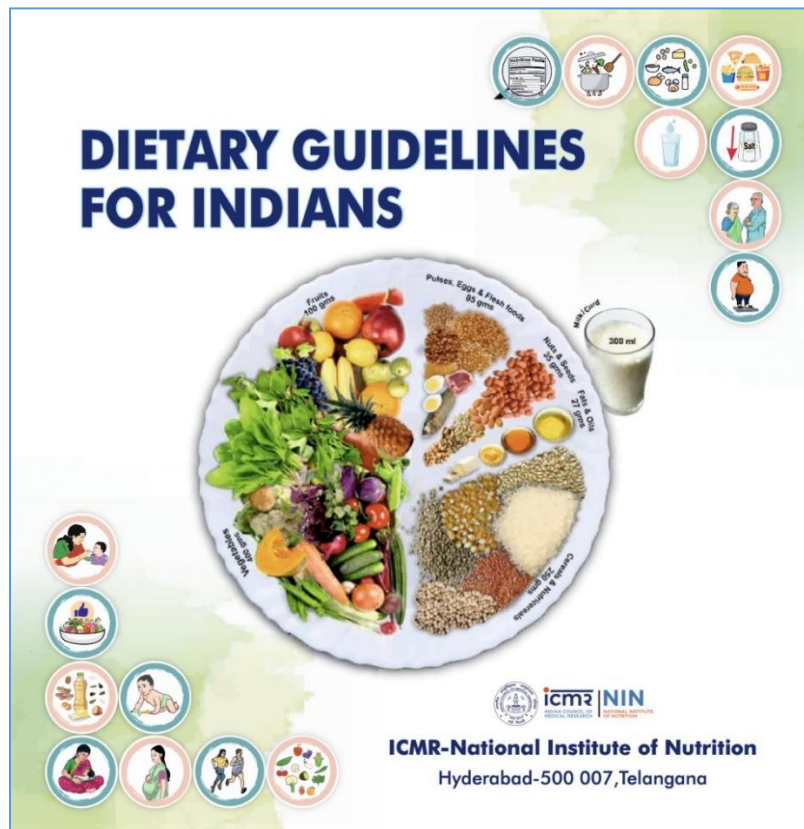
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ A damaged idol of Lord Vishnu and a Nandi statue of Chola period idols have been found partially buried at Chithrakudi village near Budalur in Thanjavur district.
- ❖ A century-old granite idol of goddess Maheshwari was found near a check dam in Pullar village in Tirupattur on the Tamil Nadu - Andhra Pradesh border.
- ❖ Yuzvendra Chahal achieved a remarkable milestone by becoming the first Indian bowler to take 350 wickets in T20 cricket history.
- ❖ Indian fintech Setu, unveiled Sesame, India's first Large Language Model (LLM) specifically designed for the banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI) sector.

NATIONAL

New Dietary Guidelines



- ❖ The ICMR released a revised Dietary Guidelines for Indians.

- ❖ It mentions the guidelines required to meet essential nutrients and prevent non-communicable diseases (NCDs).
- ❖ According to guidelines, sugar should be less than 5 per cent of total energy intake.
- ❖ A balanced diet should provide not more than 45 per cent calories from cereals and millet.
- ❖ Adding more, it said sugar should be 15 per cent of calories from pulses, beans and meat.
- ❖ The rest of the calories should come from nuts, vegetables, fruits, and milk.
- ❖ While total fat intake should be less than or equal to 30 per cent energy.
- ❖ It has also advised against the consumption of protein supplements to build body mass.
- ❖ Around 56.4 per cent of the total disease burden in India is due to unhealthy diets.

Solar power generator in 2023



- ❖ India surpasses Japan to become third largest solar power generator in 2023.
- ❖ The global solar generation in 2023 was more than six times larger than in 2015.
- ❖ Solar produced a record 5.5 per cent of global electricity in 2023.
- ❖ India behind China, US, Brazil in terms of solar power generation.

- ❖ India saw the world's fourth-largest increase in solar generation in 2023 (+18 tera watt hour or TWh), behind China (+156 TWh), the United States (+33 TWh) and Brazil (+22 TWh).

ECONOMY

India Leads Global Remittances

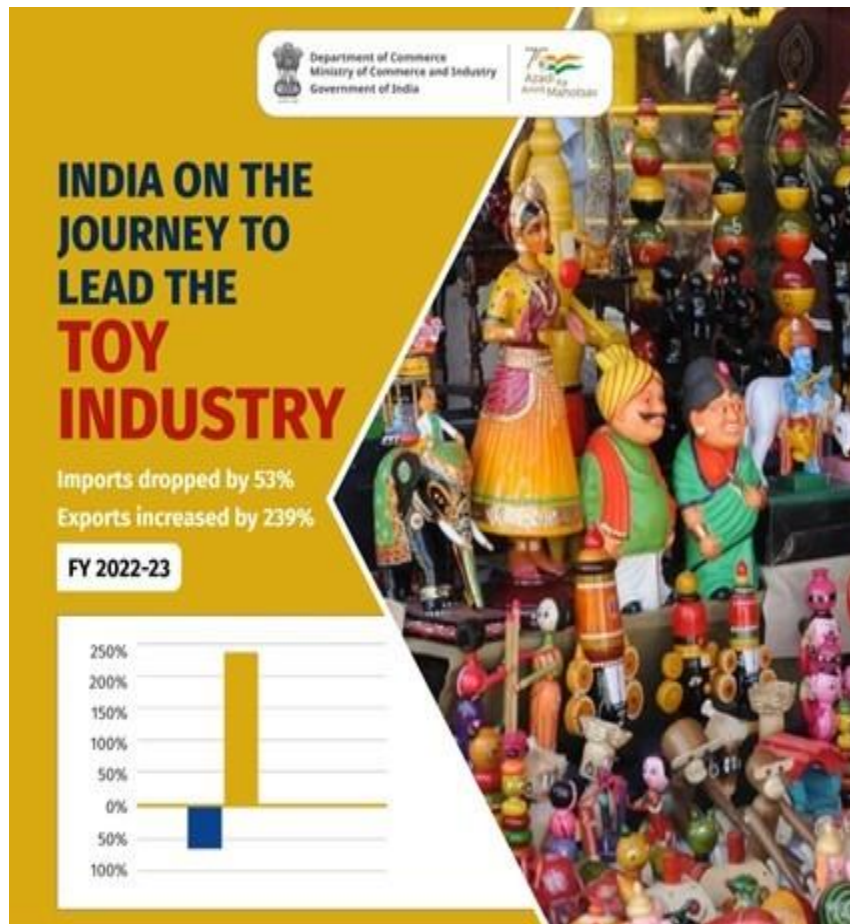
- ❖ India has made history by becoming the first country to have the first countries receiving the highest remittances in 2022.
- ❖ India's remittances surged to \$111 billion last year, surpassing all other nations.
- ❖ India being the top country receiving remittances in 2010, 2015, 2020, and 2022.
- ❖ The report highlighted that Mexico, China, the Philippines, and France were the other four nations in the top five remittance recipient countries.
- ❖ Southern Asia receives some of the largest inflows of remittances globally since it has a significant number of migrant workers from the region.
- ❖ Three countries, India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh, rank among the top ten recipients of international remittances in the world.

Rank	Country (2020)	Country (2022)	Remittance amount (2020)	Remittance amount (2022)
1	India	India	\$83.15	\$111.22
2	China	Mexico	\$59.51	\$51.00
3	Mexico	China	\$42.88	\$61.10
4	Philippines	Philippines	\$34.88	\$38.05
5	France	France	\$30.04	\$30.04
6	Pakistan	Pakistan	\$26.09	\$29.87
7	Egypt	Egypt	\$29.60	\$28.33
8	Bangladesh	Bangladesh	\$21.75	\$21.50
9	Germany	Nigeria	\$19.32	\$20.13
10	Nigeria	Germany	\$17.21	\$19.29

India's Toy Exports 2023-24

- ❖ India's toy exports declined marginally to USD 152.34 million in 2023-24 from USD 153.89 million in the previous financial year.
- ❖ From FY'2020 to FY'2022, exports increased modestly from USD 129.6 million to USD 177 million.

- ❖ However, by FY'2024, exports decreased to USD 152.3 million.
- ❖ Imports, increased to USD 64.92 million in 2023-24 from USD 62.37 million in 2022-23.
- ❖ In 2022, the global market imported toys valued at about USD 60.3 billion.
- ❖ The largest importer of toys is the USA, which alone procured toys worth USD 22.2 billion.
- ❖ It is followed by the European Union (USD 9 billion), Japan (USD 2.8 billion), and Canada (USD 1.6 billion).

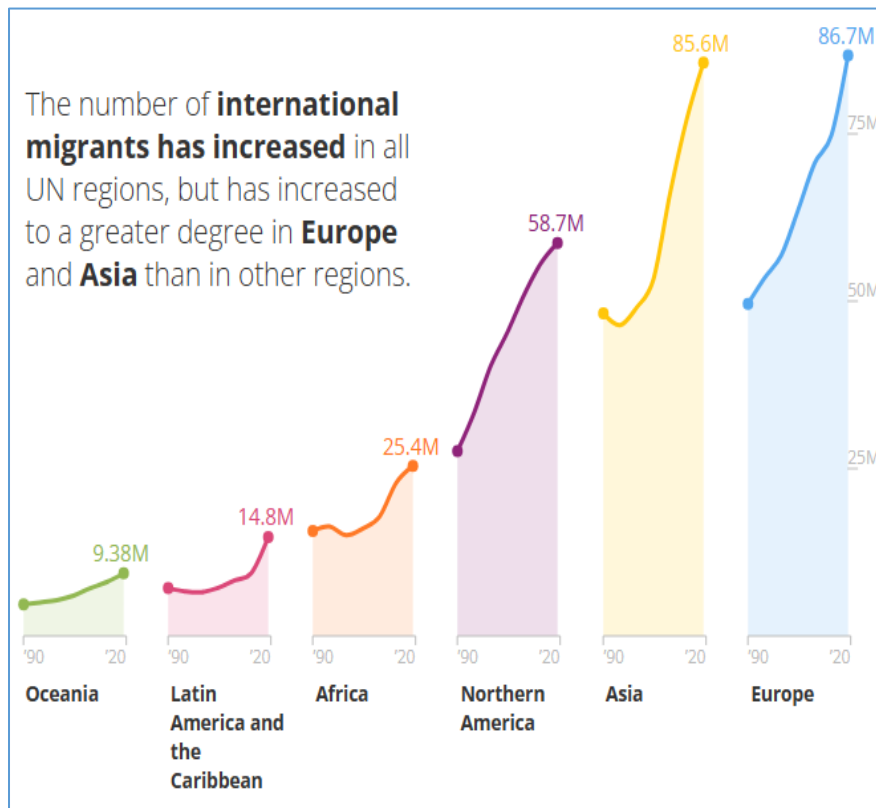


REPORTS AND INDICES

World Migration Report 2024

- ❖ The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) recently released its World Migration Report 2024.

- ❖ The current global estimate is that there were around 281 million international migrants in the world in 2020.
- ❖ It equates to 3.6 percent of the global population.
- ❖ Europe and Asia each hosted around 87 and 86 million international migrants, respectively.
- ❖ Global displacement is at a record high, with the number of internally displaced at around 71.2 million
- ❖ The number of refugees and asylum seekers at 40.7 million.
- ❖ India is ranked 13th as the destination country for immigrants, with 4.48 million immigrants.



World Wealthiest cities report 2024

- ❖ New York City has continued to maintain its position as the world's wealthiest city, with 11 other US cities joining the top 50 list.
- ❖ Tokyo, held the top spot a decade ago, has fallen to third place due to a decline in its high-net-worth individual population.
- ❖ Singapore rising to fourth place as a leading Asian financial hub.
- ❖ Traditional financial centre London have moving down to fifth place.

- ❖ India with two of its cities breaking into the top 50 list.
- ❖ Mumbai and Delhi rank 24th and 37th, respectively.

City/Area	Country	Millionaires (USD 1m+)	Centi-millionaires (USD 100m+)	Billionaires (USD 1bn+)
New York City	USA	349,500	744	60
The Bay Area	USA	305,700	675	68
Tokyo	Japan	298,300	267	14
Singapore	Singapore	244,800	336	30
London	UK	227,000	370	35
Los Angeles	USA	212,100	496	43
Paris & Île-de-France	France	165,000	286	23
Sydney	Australia	147,000	205	20
Hong Kong	Hong Kong (SAR China)	143,400	320	35
Beijing	China	125,600	347	42

STATES

Forest fire in Uttarakhand



- ❖ The fire, in the upper reaches of a hill in the Dhumakot area of Uttarakhand's Pauri Garhwal district.

- ❖ It is among the latest of 998 incidents of forest fires recorded by the state's forest department since November 2023.
- ❖ 68 of those between May 6 and 7 alone.
- ❖ Last season, the state recorded 773 such fires.
- ❖ The Indian Air Force deployed its Mi17 V5 helicopters to Bambi Bucket operations to provide relief.
- ❖ This specialized firefighting technique involves suspending a container beneath a helicopter, filling it from a water source, and then releasing it over the fire zone.
- ❖ Bambi Buckets are vital for tackling wildfires in inaccessible areas.
- ❖ To prevent the forest fire, the government is working on the 'Pirul Lao-Paise Pao' (bring pine leaves and get money) mission.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World cartoonist day 2024 - May 05

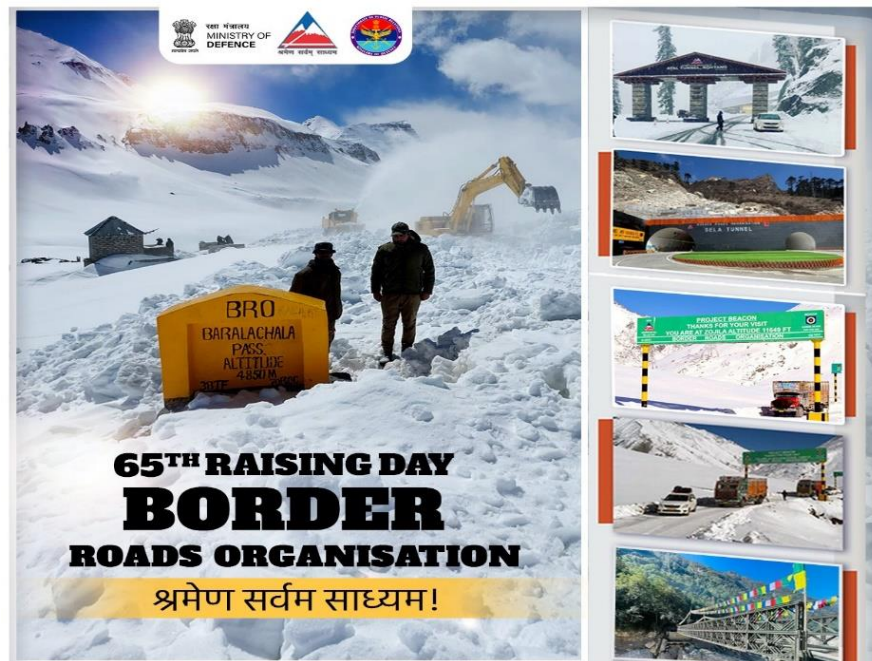


- ❖ This day is dedicated to celebrating the remarkable contributions of cartoonists across the globe.
- ❖ The National Cartoonists Society (NCS) was established in 1946.

- ❖ This date was chosen to acknowledge the first appearance of the mischievous cartoon character "The Yellow Kid".
- ❖ This was appeared in the New York World newspaper on May 5, 1895.

65th BRO Raising Day 2024 - May 07

- ❖ The Border Roads Organisation was established on May 7, 1960.
- ❖ It operates under the Ministry of Defence.
- ❖ BRO is renowned for its unwavering dedication to constructing and maintaining roads, bridges, and tunnels in some of the world's most challenging and inhospitable terrains.
- ❖ It has emerged as a premier infrastructure construction agency, specializing in high-altitude and snow-bound areas.
- ❖ This year's theme will be "Harnessing Technology for the Expedited Infrastructure Development."



World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2024 - May 08

- ❖ It aims to honour the humanitarian work and principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
- ❖ It all starts with Henry Dunant, a Swiss businessman who witnessed the horrors of the Battle of Solferino in Italy in 1859.

- ❖ Dunant's ideas gained momentum, leading to the formation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 1863.
- ❖ In 1946, the idea of celebrating the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, May 8th, as a day to honour the Red Cross Movement was put forward.
- ❖ Two years later, the first World Red Cross Day was celebrated.
- ❖ The theme for 2024 is “I give with joy, and the joy I give is a reward.”

