

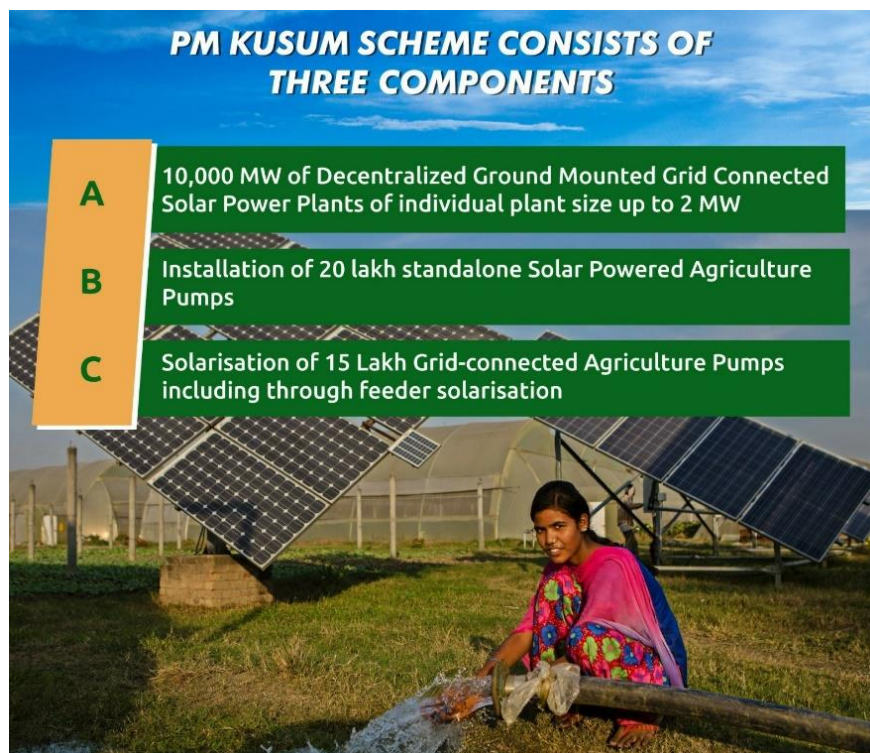
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), Goa and the Antarctic Treaty Secretariat organized the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting meetings in Kochi, Kerala.
- ❖ Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum (WEF), will step back from his current role and become chairman of the board of by next January.
- ❖ The 194 member states of the World Health Organization (WHO) are about to finish two years of talks in Geneva on new rules for how to respond to a pandemic.
 - The main goal of these talks is to strengthen global defences against future pandemics.

TAMIL NADU

PM-KUSUM scheme - Tamilnadu



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) has issued new guidelines to implement the PM - KUSUM scheme.

- ❖ It aims to encourage farmers to instal solar energy-powered pump sets.
- ❖ The plan is to implement the scheme for 5,000 agriculture pump sets in the State.
- ❖ The State and the Central governments will together give 60 % of the cost of the project as subsidy and the farmer will have to bear 40 % of the cost.
- ❖ PM - KUSUM stands for Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan.

NATIONAL

Form 17C



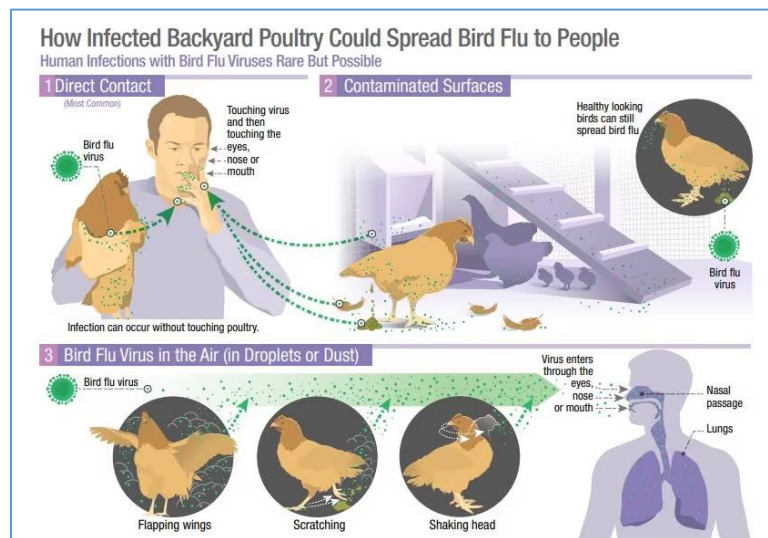
- ❖ The Supreme Court declined Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)'s request to direct the Election Commission (EC) to upload polling station-wise voter turnout data during the ongoing Lok Sabha elections.
- ❖ It stated that there is no legal mandate to provide Form 17C to any person other than the candidate or their agent.
- ❖ The Form 17C from the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, records a multitude of data,
 - Electors assigned to each booth
 - Number of registered voters in the area
 - Number of voters who decided not to vote
 - Number of voters not allowed to vote
 - Number of votes recorded (data from the EVM)
 - If the number of votes recorded is equal to number of voters minus those who did not vote

- Data about ballot papers (received, issued, and not used/returned)
- Data about paper seals (numbers issued/used/returned).

INTERNATIONAL

1st Human Case of 'Bird Flu'

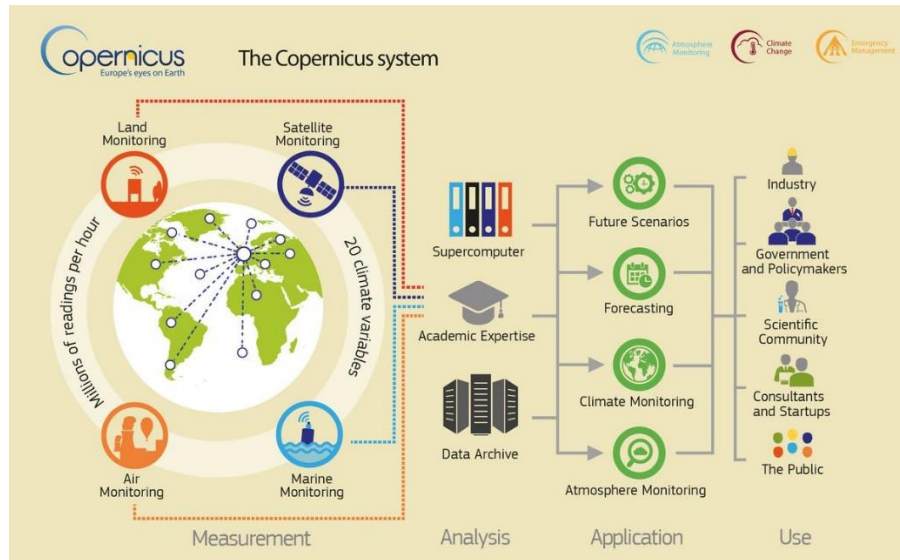
- ❖ Australia has announced the first confirmed case of human bird flu in a child.
- ❖ The child may acquire the avian influenza A (H5N1) infection while in India.
- ❖ Human case of avian influenza A(H5N1) infection, also known as “bird flu”.
- ❖ This child was the first case of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Australia, and the first detected case of the H5N1 strain in the country.



Copernicus EMS Rapid Response Service

- ❖ The European Union activated its emergency satellite mapping service at Iran's request as adverse weather and darkness hampered search and rescue operations.
- ❖ The rapid response mapping technology is a critical component of the Emergency Management Service (EMS) within the Copernicus programme.
- ❖ It is named after the renowned 15th-century scientist Nicolaus Copernicus.
- ❖ The programme is the earth observation component of the European Union's space initiative.
- ❖ Copernicus was launched in 1998, and was earlier known as the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security Programme (GMES).

- ❖ The programme uses global data from satellites, and ground-based, airborne, and sea-borne measurement systems to address issues related to climate change, disaster management, and agriculture, among other uses.
- ❖ Notably, data from the Copernicus programme is freely available and accessible to all.

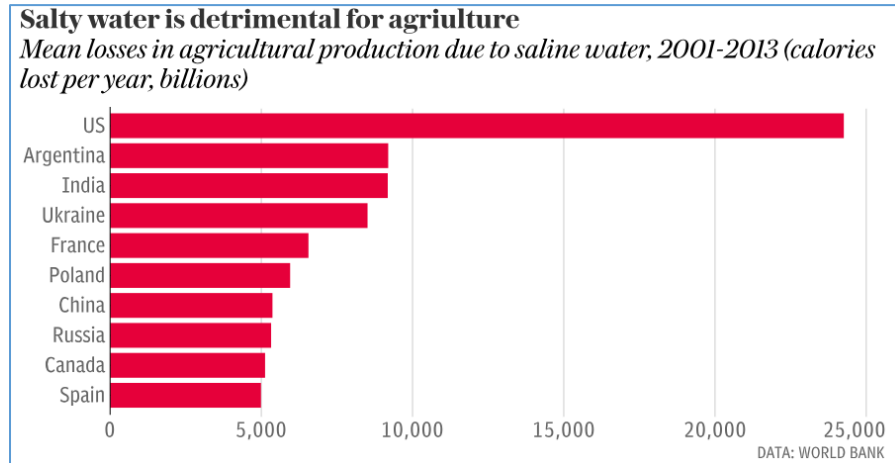


REPORTS AND INDICES

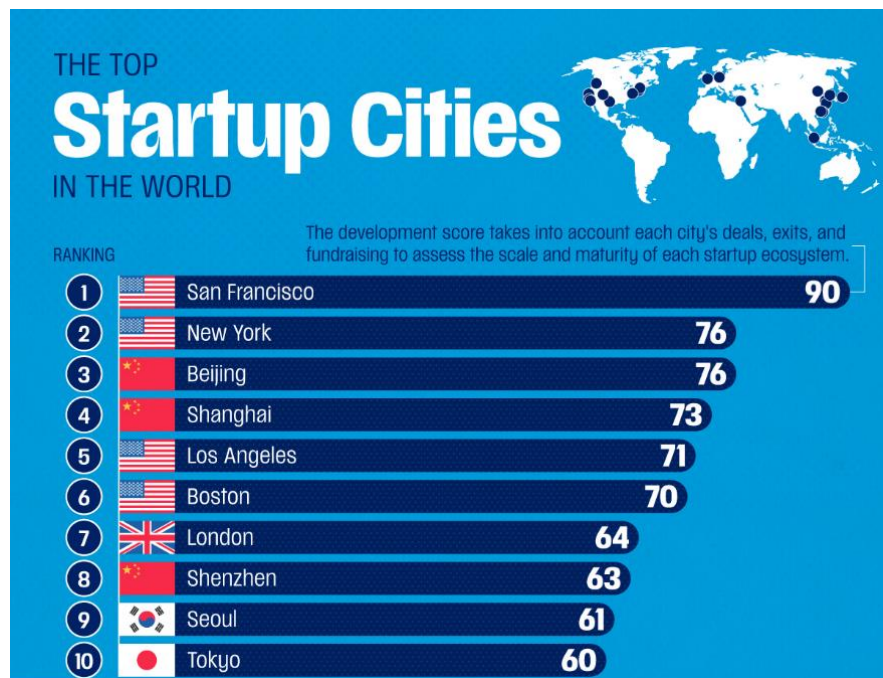
Global Water Crisis Report

- ❖ The World Bank released the new report titled "Water for Shared Prosperity," at the 10th World Water Forum in Bali, Indonesia.
- ❖ Approximately 2.2 billion people around the world do not have safely managed drinking water services.
- ❖ 3.6 billion people do not have safely managed sanitation services, and 2.3 billion lack basic handwashing facilities.
- ❖ China and India, with 36% of the global population, hold only 11% of freshwater, while North America, with 5% of the population, possesses 52%.
- ❖ Globally, over 800 million people are at high risk of drought, with twice as many living in flood-prone areas.
- ❖ Water-intensive sectors account for 56 per cent of jobs in low-income countries but only 20 per cent in high-income countries.
- ❖ The Democratic Republic of the Congo has more than half of Africa's total water resources.

- ❖ Hotspots in the Sahel, Southeastern Africa, and South and Central Asia are the most water stressed.



Top 10 global startup cities – 2024



- ❖ Pitch Book recently unveiled its global Venture Capital ecosystem rankings for 2024.
- ❖ It showcases the top 50 startup cities worldwide and providing insights into the development of these ecosystems.
- ❖ San Francisco is situated in Silicon Valley topped in the list.
- ❖ It is followed by New York City, USA and Beijing, China

- ❖ Two Indian cities have featured among the top 50 startup cities globally, with Mumbai at 32nd place and Bengaluru at 34th.

SPORTS

Elorda Cup 2024

- ❖ The Indian boxing contingent made a remarkable impact at the 3rd Elorda Cup 2024 of Astana, Kazakhstan.
- ❖ Two-time world champions Nikhat Zareen and Minakshi won two gold medals for India.
- ❖ Anamika (50 kg) and Manisha (60 kg) claimed silver medals for India.
- ❖ Totally Indian men won 4 medals, while the women boxer bagged 8 medals.
- ❖ Indian contingent finished the Elorda Cup with 12 medals—2 gold, 2 silver, and 8 bronze.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories 2024 – May 25/31

- ❖ In the UN Charter, a Non-Self-Governing Territory is defined as a Territory “whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government.”
- ❖ In 1946, eight Member States listed 72 territories under their administration, which they considered to be non-self-governing.

- ❖ Eight became independent before 1959.
- ❖ In 1963, the Assembly approved a revised list of 64 territories to which the 1960 Declaration on Decolonization applied.
- ❖ From 1960 to 2002, 54 territories attained self-government.
- ❖ At present, there are 17 Non-Self-Governing Territories remaining.



World Football Day 2024 - May 25



- ❖ On 25 May 1924, all the regions of the world were represented in the 1924 Paris Summer Olympics football event.
- ❖ This year's Summer Olympics in Paris marked the 100th anniversary of the 1924 football event.
- ❖ FIFA was set up in 1902 which gradually became the world governing body of football.
- ❖ FIFA has 211 members which is more than the members of the United Nations.
- ❖ Football was introduced in the Paris Summer Olympics in 1900.

- ❖ Women's football was introduced at the Atlanta Summer Olympics in 1996.

International Day of Action for Women's Health 2024 - May 28

- ❖ It aims to raise the demand for the realisation of sexual and reproductive health and rights, and justice for women.
- ❖ During the 1987 Women's Health Meeting in Costa Rica, the Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network (LACWHN) proposed this day.
- ❖ The campaign has historically focused on women's health care, poverty, abortion, HIV/AIDS, contraceptives and government accountability.

