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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2021 was awarded jointly to Benjamin List and David W.C. MacMillan.
 - It is awarded “for the development of asymmetric organ catalysis.”
- ❖ The fifth edition of India – Japan Maritime Bilateral Exercise JIMEX was held in the Arabian Sea.
 - JIMEX series of exercises between the Indian Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force is being held since 2012.
- ❖ The United Arab Emirates announced plans to launch a probe to explore a major asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.
 - This is to collect data on the origins of the universe.
- ❖ The parliament of Denmark has approved a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in the agriculture and forestry sectors by 55 and 65 per cent respectively by 2030.

TAMIL NADU

Kallikkaatu Ithikasam



- ❖ Poet Vairamuthu’s Sahitya Academy award-winning novel Kallikkaatu Ithikasam is being translated into 22 Indian languages.

- ❖ The translation is being done by Sahitya Academy.
- ❖ The story portrays the suffering of 14 villages displaced during the construction of the Vaigai Dam.

NATIONAL

State of the Education Report – India



- ❖ The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) released its "State of the Education Report (SOER)-2021 for India: No Teachers, No Class".
- ❖ It was released on the occasion of World Teacher's Day (October 5th).
- ❖ This is the third edition of the State of Education Report.
- ❖ This year, the report focuses on the theme of "teachers, teaching and teacher education".
- ❖ As per the report, there are around 1.2 lakh single-teacher schools in India.
- ❖ Three States with a high percentage of single-teacher schools are - Arunachal Pradesh (18.22%), Goa (16.08%) and Telangana (15.71%).
- ❖ Findings in the report were prepared on the basis of analysis of Periodic Labour Force Survey and Unified District Information System for Education data.

Scheme for "Good Samaritans"

- ❖ The Ministry of road, transport & Highway launched a scheme for "Good Samaritans".

- ❖ The scheme will be effective from October 15, 2021, and will run till March 31, 2026.
- ❖ Under the scheme, a cash award of Rs 5,000 will be provided per accident, to those saving the life of a road accident victim by rushing the person to the hospital within the 'golden hour' of the accident.
- ❖ Besides award in each case, ministry would also be giving 10 national-level awards for the "worthiest Good Samaritans".
- ❖ They will be given an award of Rs 1,00,000 each.
- ❖ Individual Good Samaritan will be awarded a maximum of five times a year.



Industrial Park Ratings System Report

- ❖ The 2nd edition of the Industrial Park Rating System (IPRS) Report was launched by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- ❖ The IPRS 2.0 Report will enhance India's industrial competitiveness and attract investment.
- ❖ The IPRS pilot exercise was launched in 2018.
- ❖ 41 Industrial Parks have been assessed as "Leaders" in the Industrial Park Ratings System Report.
- ❖ 90 Industrial Parks have been rated as under the Challenger category.
- ❖ 185 have been rated as under "Aspirers".

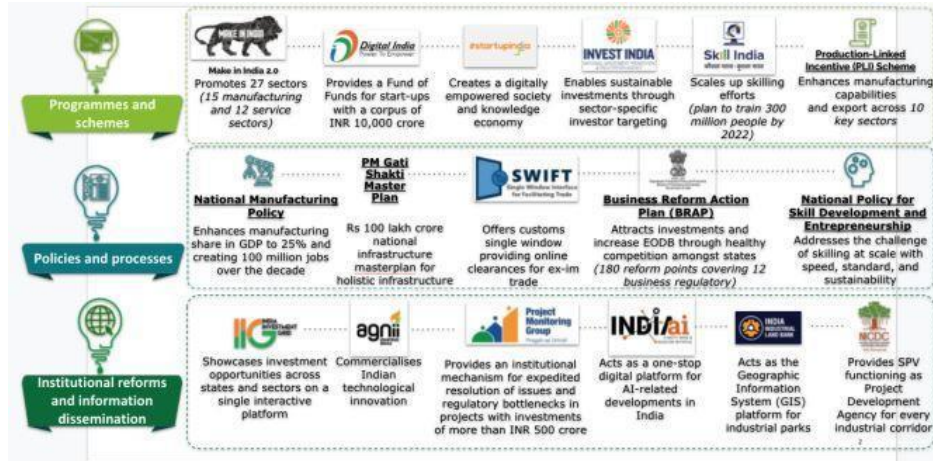


Figure 1: Snapshot of key government initiatives to promote growth of the manufacturing and service sectors²

INTERNATIONAL

The State of the World's Children 2021



- ❖ The Union Health Minister, Mansukh Mandaviya, released a report titled “The State of the World’s Children 2021: On My Mind: promoting, protecting and caring for children’s mental health”.

- ❖ The state of World's Children 2021 report is UNICEF's global flagship publication.
- ❖ Globally, 1 in 5 young people of 15 to 24-years of age are feeling depressed or having little interest in doing things.
- ❖ In India, 1 in 7 young people are reported often feeling depressed or having little interest in doing things.

ECONOMY

Global FinTech Festival 2021



- ❖ India hosted the 2nd edition of Global FinTech Festival (GFF) 2021.
- ❖ The theme for this year is 'FinTech: Empowering a Global Digital Economy'.
- ❖ GFF 2021 is organised by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Fintech Convergence Council (FCC) and the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) along with the Payments Council of India (PCI).

Tax Inspectors Without Borders



- ❖ The Tax Inspectors Without Borders has launched its programme in Seychelles.
- ❖ India has been chosen as the Partner Administration for this programme.
- ❖ The country will be providing its Tax Expert in support of the initiative.

STATES

Wada Kolam rice

- ❖ A rice variety widely grown in Wada in Maharashtra's Palghar district has got the 'Geographical Indication' (GI) tag.
- ❖ Wada Kolam, also known as Zini or Jhini rice.
- ❖ It is a traditional variety grown in the Wada tehsil of Palghar, with the grain being off white in colour.

Edayur Chilli and Kuttiattoor Mango



- ❖ Edayur Chilli and Kuttiattoor Mango are the latest to receive the Geographical Indication status from the state of Kerala.
- ❖ Edayur chilli has been cultivated for at least 150 years.
- ❖ Kuttiattoor mango is a popular and tasty traditional mango.

Ropeway services - Varanasi

- ❖ Varanasi will soon become the first Indian city to use ropeway services in public transportation.

- ❖ The public transport ropeway is proposed to be constructed from Cantt Railway Station (Varanasi Junction) to Church Square (Godauliya).
- ❖ This is to ease the traffic congestion.
- ❖ India will be the third country in the world after Bolivia and Mexico City to have ropeway services in public transportation.

SPORTS

Hockey Stars Awards 2020-21

- ❖ Gurjit Kaur won the FIH Women's Hockey Player of the Year at the International Hockey Federation's (FIH) Hockey Stars Awards 2020-21.
- ❖ Harmanpreet Singh won the FIH Men's Hockey Player of the Year.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Pension System Diwas – 01 October

- ❖ India celebrated the first-ever National Pension System (NPS) Diwas on 1st October 2021.
- ❖ This is to promote pension and retirement planning for a carefree 'azad' retirement.
- ❖ NPS Diwas is a campaign of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority.



Mental Health Awareness Campaign Week - October 05 to 10

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is observing the “Mental Health Awareness Campaign Week”.
- ❖ It starts on October 5, 2021, and will culminate on October 10, 2021.
- ❖ October 10 is also marked as the “World Mental health Day”.
- ❖ The Mental Health Awareness Campaign Week is being observed in India with the aim of encouraging people’s participation in breaking the stigma associated with Mental Disorders.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2021 - October 01 to 31

- ❖ Every year the Breast Cancer Awareness Month is observed in the month of October, from 01 to 31.
- ❖ The annual international health campaign aims to increase awareness of the disease.
- ❖ It also aims to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure.
- ❖ The pink ribbon is an international symbol of breast cancer awareness.

