

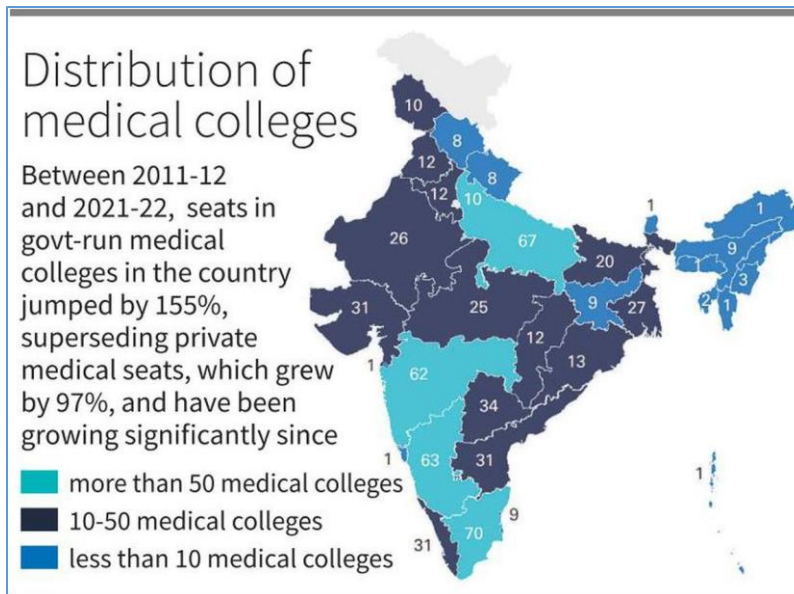
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ JSW Steel has joined the United Nations Global Impact (UNGC) initiative.

TAMIL NADU

Highest number of UG medical colleges



- ❖ India saw the average annual growth of medical colleges from 2011-12 to 2021-22 stands at 5.9%.
- ❖ It is the highest in the last five decades
- ❖ In 2021-22, Tamil Nadu (11.4%) and Uttar Pradesh (10.9%) had the highest share of both public and private UG medical colleges.
- ❖ They are followed by Karnataka (10.3%) and Maharashtra (10.1%).
- ❖ According to Health Ministry data between 2011-12 and 2021-22, the government MBBS seats jumped by 155% superseding private medical seats which grew by 97%.
- ❖ Data also indicates that the US, UK, Australia, Canada and Germany remained the top five countries with the highest number of Indian origin doctors.
- ❖ In terms of addition of private MBBS seats between 2017-22, the maximum increase was in Tamil Nadu (4,110 seats), Karnataka (3,004 seats), Maharashtra

(2,775 seats), Gujarat (2,170 seats), Telangana (1,900 seats) and Bihar (1,525 seats).

- ❖ While the rural population was about 66% of India's total health workforce, only 33% was available in rural areas.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Kerala and Tamil Nadu accounted for about 20% of India's population.
- ❖ But they had 37% of India's total PG seats (17,038 out of 46,118 seats in 2021-22).

NATIONAL

LEADS 2022



- ❖ LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2022 was released recently by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- ❖ States and union territories classified under four broad categories – coastal states, hinterland/landlocked states, north eastern states and union territories.
- ❖ It provides three performance categories
 - Achievers - states and UTs achieving 90 per cent or more
 - Fast Movers - states and UTs scoring between 80 and 90 per cent and
 - Aspirers - states and UTs with percentage scoring below 80 per cent.
- ❖ The 15 states and UTs that have been categorized as achievers.

- ❖ Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chandigarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand are placed in above groups.
- ❖ The fast movers in the latest report are Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Puducherry, Sikkim and Tripura.
- ❖ 15 states and UTs are categorized as aspirers.

ENVIRONMENT

Lead Poisoning in India



- ❖ NITI Aayog and CSIR's joint report highlighted the growing concern of lead poisoning among children under 19 years of age in India.
- ❖ India has the highest health and economic burden caused by lead poisoning.
- ❖ The 2020 report found that India accounted for 275,561,163 of the total 800 million children who were poisoned by lead across the world.
- ❖ This means that 50 per cent of children in India suffered lead poisoning.
- ❖ It also caused 2.3 lakh premature deaths in the country.

- ❖ The report found that Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh have the highest average blood lead levels (BLL) among the Indian states.
- ❖ They accounted for 40% the total Indian population with high average BLL.

STATES

Highest child marriage

- ❖ Recently a demographic survey conducted by the Union Home Ministry.
- ❖ As per the data, Jharkhand has the highest percentage of underage girls getting married.
- ❖ In Jharkhand, the percentage of girls getting married before turning 18 is as high as 5.8 per cent.
- ❖ The percentage of females who got effectively married before reaching 18 years of age is 1.9 at the national level and varies from 0.0 in Kerala to 5.8 in Jharkhand.
- ❖ In Jharkhand, child marriages accounted for 7.3 percent of marriages in rural areas and three per cent in urban areas.
- ❖ Jharkhand and West Bengal are the only two states in the country where more than half of the women are married before attaining the age of 21 years.
- ❖ 54.9 percent of girls are married in West Bengal before attaining the age of 21 years, the figure for Jharkhand is 54.6 percent.
- ❖ The national average is 29.5 per cent.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Member of Inter-Parliamentary Union





- ❖ The 145th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly is being held currently in Kigali, Rwanda.
- ❖ Lok Sabha member from Odisha, Aparajita Sarangi has been elected as a member to the executive committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- ❖ This will be the first time in 20 years, that India will have her representative in the international committee.
- ❖ Inter-Parliamentary Union was set up in 1887.
- ❖ This global organization of national parliaments has a total of 178 members.

SPORTS

36th National Games 2022

Rank	Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Services	61	35	32	128
2	Maharashtra	39	38	63	140
3	Haryana	38	38	40	116
4	Karnataka	27	23	38	88
5	Tamil Nadu	25	22	27	74

- ❖ The 36th edition was hosted by Gujarat for the first time in 2022.
- ❖ Maharashtra bagged the Indian Olympic Association's Best State trophy.
- ❖ Sajan Prakash is named as Best Male Athlete to (5 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze).
- ❖ Karnataka's Hashika Ramchandra, barely 14 years old, appropriated the Best Female Athlete crown with 6 gold and 1 bronze.
- ❖ Gujarat's 10-year-old Shauryajit Khaire (Mallakhamb) emerged as the 'viral star' of the Games, becoming its youngest medal winner.
- ❖ The Indian Olympic Association has confirmed that Goa will host the 37th edition of the National Games in October next year.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE World University Ranking 2023

- ❖ The Times Higher Education (THE) rankings 2023 were released Recently.

- ❖ The parameters based on which the institutes are ranked are teaching (30%), research (30%), citations (30%), international outlook (7.5%), and industry outcome (2.5%).
- ❖ In teaching and research, 15% weightage each is based on a reputational survey.
- ❖ India is the sixth most represented country in the 2023 rankings with 75 ranked universities.
- ❖ The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) is at the top position among Indian institutes.
- ❖ Globally, the IISc is placed in the 251-300 band.
- ❖ The second position among Indian institutions has been taken by Himachal Pradesh based Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences (351-400 overall).
- ❖ IIT Ropar, which was the second highest ranking Indian institute in 2022 rankings, slipped to 6th position.
- ❖ The third position is backed by Tamil Nadu's Alagappa University.

