

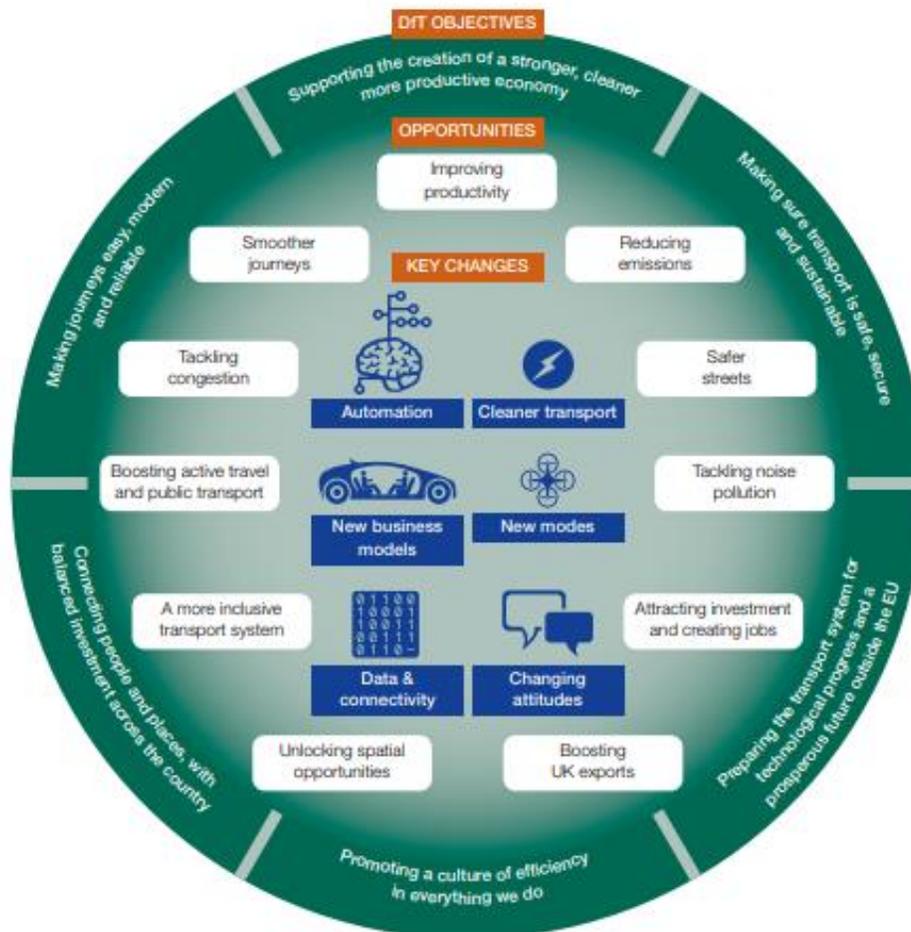
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Sri Lanka declared a state of emergency over food shortages after private banks in the country ran out of foreign exchange to finance imports.
- ❖ At the ongoing Tokyo Paralympics 2020, Indian shooter Singh raj Adana has won the bronze medal in the P1 Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 final.
 - Chao Yang and Huang Xing of China won the gold and silver medals respectively.

TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu announces parks for future mobility and apparels



- ❖ An integrated apparel park in Virudhunagar district, a future mobility park in Krishnagiri district and a SIPCOT Industrial Park in Tiruvallur district were



among the major announcements made by the Tamil Nadu government in the Assembly.

- ❖ The Apparel Park to be opened at Kumara Linga Puram in Virudhunagar district would boost the economic development in the southern districts.
- ❖ SIPCOT's initiative to open the future mobility park at Shoolagiri in Krishnagiri district is said to be the first of its kind in the country.
- ❖ The SIPCOT Industrial Park, proposed at Sengathakulam near Uthukottai in Tiruvallur, is expected to provide direct and indirect employment to about 3,000 persons.
- ❖ The government would set up a 'Ready Built Factory' at Nemili in Kancheepuram district.
- ❖ A state-of-the-art textile park would be opened in Karur district.

Valimai and Neidhal

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited (TANCEM) will introduce a cement brand, 'Valimai', in addition to its existing Arasu brand.
- ❖ TANCEM is a State public sector unit.
- ❖ Likewise, Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation (TNSC) would introduce iodised crystal salt, refined free-flow iodised salt and double iron and iodine fortified salt under the brand 'Neidhal'.

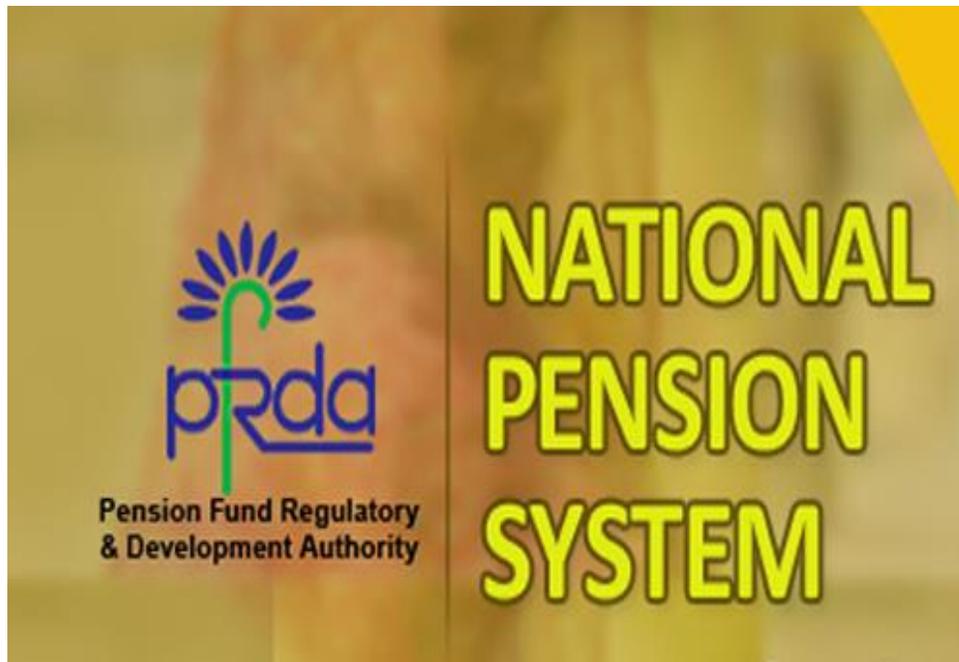
NATIONAL

Rabobank's 2021 Global Top 20 Dairy Companies list

- ❖ Amul, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation has ranked 18th in this list
- ❖ Amul was placed at 16th spot in 2020.
- ❖ French-based dairy company Lactalis has topped the list as the world's largest dairy company.
- ❖ It has unseated Switzerland-based global behemoth Nestle, which dominated the list for decades.
- ❖ Rabobank's Global Dairy Top 20 Report is released annually to rank the dairy industry upon their sales data and financial statements.

Entry age increase in National Pension System

- ❖ The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has increased the entry age for the National Pension System (NPS) from 65 years to 70 years.
- ❖ Earlier the eligible age to invest in NPS was 18-65 years.
- ❖ Now it is revised to 18-70 years.
- ❖ As per the revised norms, any Indian Citizen, resident or non-resident and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) between the age of 65-70 years can join NPS and continue or defer their NPS Account up to the age of 75 years.
- ❖ If a person joins NPS after 65 years, then the Normal Exit shall be after 3 years.



World's highest motorable way

- ❖ A road connecting Leh to the Pangong Lake was inaugurated recently.
- ❖ The stretch passing through the Kela Pass at 18,600 feet is the world's highest motorable way.
- ❖ The road was constructed by 58 Engineer Regiment of the Indian Army.
- ❖ It will reduce the distance between Leh (Zingral to Tangtse) to Pangong Lake crossing the Kela Pass by 41 kms.

First meeting with Taliban - India

- ❖ According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), its Ambassador to Qatar Deepak Mittal, met the head of the Taliban's political office, Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanekzai
- ❖ With this meeting, the Government of India has softened its stance on the Taliban.
- ❖ India's only concern was that "Afghanistan's soil should not be used for any anti-Indian activities and terrorism".

NABARD and NABFOUNDATION's new initiative



- ❖ In Tripura, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated a project called 'My Pad, My Right' initiated by NABARD and NABFOUNDATION.
- ❖ It was inaugurated at Killa village in Gomati district.
- ❖ The project aims to bring livelihood and menstrual hygiene closer to rural women by way of grant, wage support and capital equipment.
- ❖ The Union Minister also flagged off the mobile ATM van of Tripura State Co-Operative Bank Limited.

Floating ATM at Dal Lake

- ❖ The State Bank of India has opened a floating ATM on a Houseboat at Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar.
- ❖ The floating ATM was inaugurated by SBI Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara.
- ❖ This is not the first time that SBI has launched a floating ATM as back in 2004, the bank took this initiative in Kerala.
- ❖ The SBI installed a floating ATM at Jhankar yacht, which operates between Ernakulum and Vaypeyan region.

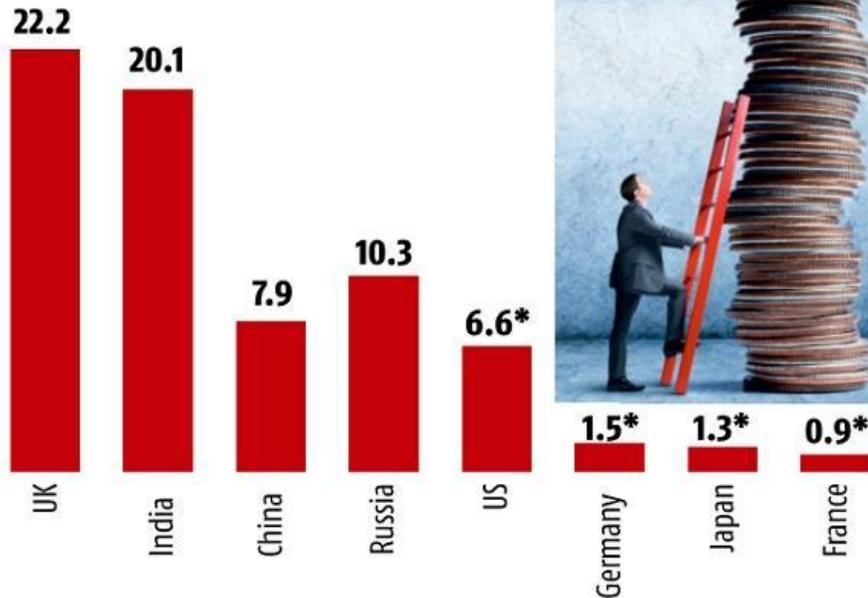


ECONOMY

India's GDP growth in Q1 FY22

- ❖ According to the data of Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, economic growth of India accelerated to a record high in the quarter through June 2021.
- ❖ As per data, the Gross domestic product has increased to 20.1% in the three-month period as compared to contraction of 24.4% in the same quarter in 2020.
- ❖ This is India's fastest growth since the quarterly data started being released.
- ❖ This growth is bit lower than the projection of Reserve Bank of India (21.4%).

Low base pushes up India's economic growth way ahead of others in Q1 FY22



Note: * is quarter-on-quarter
Source: Respective countries' relevant department concerned

PayU to acquire Bill Desk

- ❖ Netherlands-based Prosus NV has announced to acquire the Indian digital payments provider Bill Desk and merge it with its own fintech service business PayU.
- ❖ The size of the deal is \$4.7 billion.
- ❖ This acquisition will make the combined entity of PayU and Bill Desk as the leading online payment providers globally and in India by total payment volume.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

World's first 'Plant based' Smart Air-Purifier "Ubreathe Life"

- ❖ This product is being developed by Urban Air Laboratory which is a start-up company of IIT Ropar.
- ❖ Product is being claimed as world's first, state-of-the-art 'Smart Bio-Filter', which can make breathing fresh.
- ❖ Technology used in this product is called as 'Urban Munnar Effect' and patent-pending "Breathing Roots".
- ❖ IIT Ropar is a designated iHub – AWaDH (Agriculture and Water Technology Development Hub) by the Department of Science and Technology of government.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Dr Basant Kumar Misra

- ❖ Odisha-born neurosurgeon Dr Basant Kumar Misra has been conferred the prestigious American Association of Neurological Surgeons' 'International Lifetime Achievement Award in Neurosurgery'.
- ❖ Misra is the first Indian physician to receive the AANS honor.
- ❖ He was the world's first surgeon to perform Computer-Guided Aneurysm surgery.

- ❖ He is also the recipient of the most prestigious Dr BC Roy National Award in the category of 'Eminent Medical Person' (Highest Medical Award in India) in 2018.

