

## Daily Current Affairs 27/12/2021

### Important News: India

#### 1. Good Governance Index 2021

##### Why in News

- **Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah** released the **Good Governance Index 2021** prepared by **DARPG (Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances)** on Good Governance Day at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

##### Key Points

- **Good Governance Index, GGI 2021 Framework** covered 10 sectors and 58 indicators.
- **The sectors of GGI 2020-21 are** 1) Agriculture and Allied Sectors, 2) Commerce & Industries, 3) Human Resource Development, 4) Public Health, 5) Public Infrastructure & Utilities, 6) Economic Governance, 7) Social Welfare & Development, 8) Judicial & Public Security, 9) Environment, and 10) Citizen-Centric Governance.
- The GGI 2020-21 categorises States and UTs into four categories, i.e., (i) Other States – Group A; (ii) Other States – Group B; (iii) North-East and Hill States; and (iv) Union Territories.
- **Gujarat** has topped the composite ranking in the 58 indicator index followed by Maharashtra and Goa.
- **Gujarat** registered 12.3 percent increase over GGI 2019 indicators.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has shown an incremental growth of 8.9 % over GGI 2019 performance.
- In the Union Territories category, **Delhi** tops the composite rank registering a 14 percent increase over the GGI 2019 indicators.
- **Top ranking States in the Sectors as well as in Composite Ranks is as follows:**

Sectors	Group A	Group B	NE & Hill States	UTs
Agriculture & Allied Sector	Andhra Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	Mizoram	D & N Haveli
Commerce and Industry	Telangana	Uttar Pradesh	J & K	Daman & Diu

Human Resource Development	Punjab	Odisha	Himachal Pradesh	Chandigarh
Public Health	Kerala	West Bengal	Mizoram	A & N Island
Public Infrastructure and Utilities	Goa	Bihar	Himachal Pradesh	A & N Island
Economic Governance	Gujarat	Odisha	Tripura	Delhi
Social Welfare and Development	Telangana	Chhattisgarh	Sikkim	D & N Haveli
Judiciary and Public Safety	Tamil Nadu	Rajasthan	Nagaland	Chandigarh
Environment	Kerala	Rajasthan	Manipur	Daman & Diu
Citizen Centric Governance	Haryana	Rajasthan	Uttarakhand	Delhi
<b>Composite</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Delhi</b>

Source: PIB

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## 2. Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2021: With 54 unicorns, India overtakes UK to third spot

**BusinessToday.In**

### **INDIA'S TOP UNICORNS**

Global Rank	India Rank	Company	Valuation US \$ bn	City	Sector
15	1	BYJU'S	21	Bengaluru	EdTech
28	2	INMOBI	12	Bengaluru	Adtech
49	3	OYO	9.5	Gurugram	Shared Economy
69	4	Razorpay	7.5	Bengaluru	FinTech
80	5	OLA	7	Bengaluru	Shared Economy
101	6	PharmEasy	5.5	Mumbai	Health Tech
101	6	SWIGGY	5.5	Bengaluru	On-Demand Delivery
111	8	DREAM11	5	Mumbai	Gaming
111	8	of business	5	Gurugram	FinTech
159	10	BrowserStack	4	Mumbai	SaaS
159	10	CRED	4	Bengaluru	FinTech
159	10	meesho	4	Bengaluru	E-commerce
159	10	ZERODHA	4	Bengaluru	FinTech

Source: Hurun Global Unicorn Report 2021

### Why in News

- **India** has a total of **54 unicorns**, ranking it third in the world, and overtook the UK, according to **Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2021**.

### Key Points

- The **USA and China** still continue to bag the top ranks in the list.
- India's list of unicorns is led by which is valued at \$21 billion, followed by mobile ad-tech platform InMobi valued at \$12 billion and hospitality major OYO Rooms with a valuation of \$9.5 billion.
- In the **global rankings**, **ByteDance** tops the list with a valuation of \$350 billion.

### Note:

- Indians founded 119 Unicorns (65 are Outside of India and 54 are in India).
- The Hurun Research Institute's Global Unicorn Index 2021 is a ranking of the world's start-ups founded in the 2000s, are worth at least a billion dollars, and are not listed on a public exchange.

**About Unicorns:** A unicorn is a privately held startup company valued at over \$1 billion.

Source: Business Today

### 3. Union Minister of Tribal Affairs inaugurates a pictorial chronicle on Van Dhan programme and 14 Honey Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)



#### Why in News

- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda launched the **'TRIFED Van Dhan- A Chronicle of Tribal Grit & Enterprise'**.
- He launched the formation of **14 Honey Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)** and a **MIS Portal** for Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produces (MFP).
- He launched 9 promotional videos for promoting TRIBES INDIA and Van Dhan products.
- In addition, UNICEF and TRIFED signed an MoU on **Tribal Samvaad Network** (Communication campaign).
- The research report titled, 'Tribal Livelihoods: From Sustenance to Sustainability', has also been launched.

#### Key Points

- In a short span of two years, it has successfully now sanctioned 52976 Van Dhan SHGs subsumed into 3110 VDVKCs covering 9.27 lakh beneficiaries & 27 States/UTs.

**Formation of 14 Honey Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs):**

- Beekeeping activity has been recognized as one of the important activities by Govt of India for its promotion and development to achieve “**Sweet Revolution**” in the endeavor of enhancing income of farmers.
- A central scheme titled “Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)” was launched to ensure economies of scale for farmers over the next five years.
- The National Bee Board (NBB), under the National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NHBM), has planned to develop the scientific bee-keeping value chain for honey across 100 clusters in the country.
- TRIFED has been made the implementing agency by the Ministry of Agriculture to undertake the formation of 14 Honey FPOs alongside NAFED and NDDDB in the states of Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Gujarat.

Source: PIB

### Important News: Polity

#### 4. Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021



#### Why in News

- The Karnataka legislative Assembly has passed the **Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021**, commonly referred to as the **anti-conversion Bill**.

#### Key Points

- The Bill states, “No person shall convert or attempt to convert either directly or otherwise any other person from one religion to another by use of misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement or by any fraudulent means or by marriage, nor shall any person abet or conspire for conversions.”
- According to the proposed legislation, complaints regarding conversions can be filed by family members or any other person who is related to the individual who is getting converted.
- A jail term of three to five years and a fine of Rs 25,000 has been proposed for those violating the law in the case of people from general categories, and a jail term of three to 10 years and a fine of Rs 50,000 has been mooted for those converting minors, women or persons from SC/ST communities.

**Anti-Conversion Laws in India:**

- **Constitutional Provision:** The Indian Constitution under Article 25 guarantees the freedom to profess, propagate, and practise religion, and allows all religious sections to manage their own affairs in matters of religion; subject to public order, morality, and health.
- **Existing Laws:** There has been no central legislation restricting or regulating religious conversions.

**Note:** Other States like Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have also passed laws restricting religious conversion.

**Source: Indian Express**

## Important News: State

### 5. Amit Shah inaugurates 'Bharat Darshan Park' in Delhi



#### Why in News

- **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** inaugurated the '**Bharat Darshan Park**' in New Delhi which showcases attractive replicas of several iconic monuments of India built with scrap and waste material.

#### Key Points

- The recreational garden was built by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation on the '**waste-to-wealth**' model.
- A total of 22 replicas have been put up in the park. These include replicas of 21 monuments and a tree.
- The theme of the park is 'Unity and Diversity'.
- These replicas have been built with scrap and waste material such as dumped old vehicles, fans, iron rods, nuts and bolts, lying unused or abandoned.
- Like 'Waste to Wonder Park', 'Bharat Darshan Park' will also become a popular tourist spot of Delhi, where people will be able to see 'mini India' in one place.

- 'Waste-to-Wonder Park' in Sarai Kale Khan Area was opened in February 2019.

**Source: Business Standard**

### **Important News: Defence**

#### **6. DRDO successfully conducts flight test of indigenous Aerial Target 'Abhyas'**



#### **Why in News**

- **DRDO** successfully conducted the flight test of indigenously developed **High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) Abhyas** from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast, Odisha.

#### **Key Points**

- Two boosters provided initial acceleration during launch and a small turbo jet engine is used to sustain high subsonic speed with long endurance.
- The indigenous data link designed by Bengaluru based Industry partner has been successfully flown and tested during the flight.
- Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), bengaluru based DRDO laboratory along with other DRDO laboratories has developed this indigenous unmanned aerial target system to meet the requirement of aerial targets of Indian Armed Forces.

**Source: PIB**



## 7. INS Khukri decommissioned after 32 years of service to the nation



### Why in News

- **INS Khukri**, the first of the indigenously built Missile Corvettes, was decommissioned after 32 years of glorious service.

### Key Points

- The corvette was built by the Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders on 23 August 1989 and had the distinction of being part of both the Western and Eastern Fleets.
- During her service, the ship was commanded by 28 Commanding Officers and traversed a distance of over 6,44,897 nautical miles.

Source: PIB

## 8. NMCG & TERI launch Centre of Excellence on Water Reuse



### Why in News

- The Director General of **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** and the Director General of the **Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)** launched the **NMCG-TERI's Centre of Excellence (CoE)** on Water Reuse at the TERI Headquarters in New Delhi.
- The CoE on Water Reuse is the **first of its kind** to be established in the country through collaboration between NMCG and TERI.

### **Key Points**

- The Centre is a quadripartite alliance between NMCG, TERI, industry partners and industry representative bodies, to come up at the TERI campus in Gwal Pahari, Gurugram, will be meeting the objectives of the Ganga Knowledge Centre (GKC) to design and foster research and innovation.
- TERI has developed the **TERI Advanced Oxidation Technology (TADOX®)** for wastewater treatment.

Source: PIB

## **Important News: Sports**

### **9. Spinner Harbhajan Singh announces retirement from all forms of cricket**



### **Why in News**

- Veteran Indian spinner **Harbhajan Singh** has announced retirement from all forms of cricket.

### **Key Points**

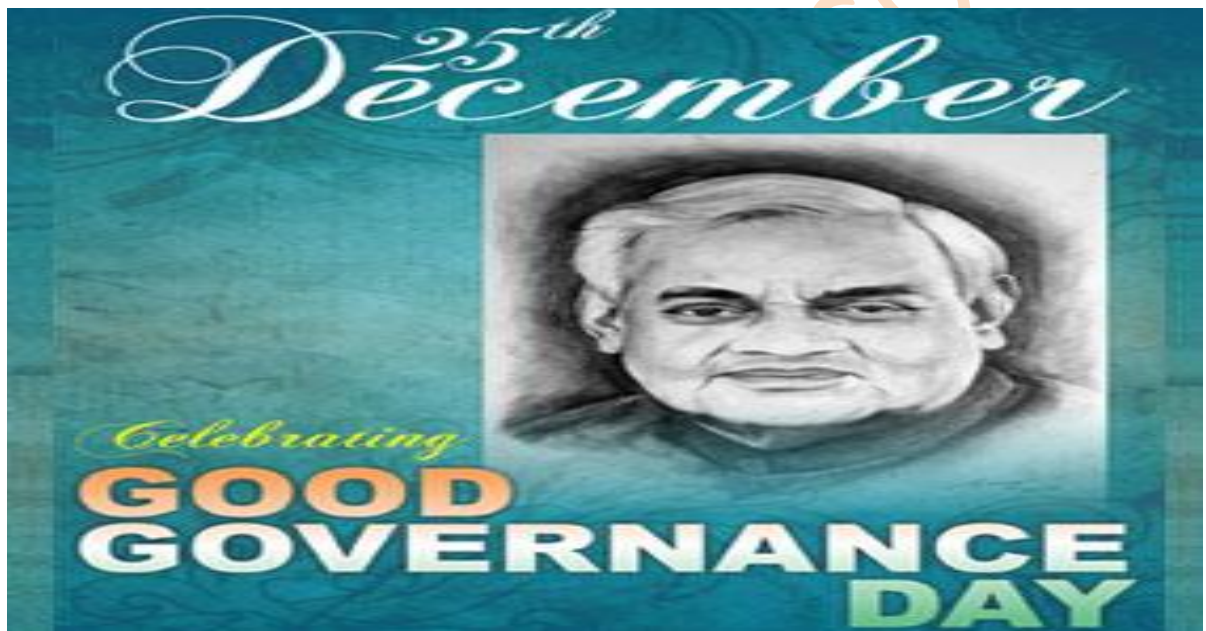
- The 41-year-old spinner from Punjab, who made his Test debut against Australia in Bangalore back in 1998, took a total of 417 wickets in 103 Tests.

- He also scalped 269 wickets in 236 One Day International and 25 wickets in 28 T20 internationals during his over two-decades-long career.
- Harbhajan last played for the country in March 2016 during a T20I against the UAE at Dhaka.

Source: newsonair

### Important News: Important Day

#### 10. December 25, Good Governance Day



#### Why in News

- **Good Governance Day** is observed annually on December 25.

#### Key Points

- On this day, the country celebrates the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

#### History:

- On December 23, 2014, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya (posthumously) were announced as recipients of India's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna.
- After the announcement, the newly elected Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced to celebrate 25 December as Good Governance Day.

Source: India Today

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