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1. India ranked 140 among 156 countries in WEF's Global Gender Gap Report 2021



- India's ranking on the 15th edition, **WEF (World Economic Forum)'s Global Gender Gap Report 2021** dropped 28 places to 140, amongst 156 nations, making it the third-worst performer in South Asia, way behind Bangladesh and Nepal.
 - 1 rank:** Iceland
 - 2 rank:** Finland
 - 3 rank:** Norway
 - 140 rank:** India
 - Afghanistan was at the last position of 156.
 - In South Asia, Bangladesh was the top performer with a global ranking of 65, followed by Nepal at 106.
 - Note: India** has been ranked 112 in WEF's Global Gender Gap Report 2020.
 - The Global Gender Gap Index benchmarks the evolution of gender-based gaps among four key dimensions (Economic Participation and Opportunity, Educational Attainment, Health and Survival, and Political Empowerment).
- ### 2. Foreign Ministers of BIMSTEC grouping finalised a major Master plan for transport connectivity for the Bay of Bengal region

BIMSTEC



- On 1st April 2021, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar virtually addressed the 17th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting held from Colombo, Sri Lanka.



- The meeting also endorsed **three MoUs/agreements** relating to convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal matters, cooperation between diplomatic and training academies and establishment of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility in Colombo.



Note: The study conducted by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 2007 and 2014, identified 166 connectivity projects at an estimated cost of USD 50 billion out of which 65 projects were identified as priority projects.

- About BIMSTEC** (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation):

Headquarters:

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Founded: 6 June 1997

Member: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand

3. Ministry of Labour & Employment set up Expert Committees for suggesting standards under the OSH & WC Code, 2020



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- The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH & WC) Code, 2020 has been enacted after amalgamating thirteen different labour legislations and to simplify the laws regulating the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions in establishments.

- The Expert Committees for Factories and Dock Works are constituted under **Chairmanship of Dr. R. K. Elangovan**, DG,

DGFASLI, Mumbai.

- The other two Expert Committees for the Building & Other Construction Works and the Fire Safety are constituted under **Chairmanship of Shri P.L.N. Murthy**, VP & Head Domestic Operations, L&T Hydrocarbon, Chennai and **Shri D. K. Shami**, Fire Advisor to the Government of India, MHA respectively.



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4. Labour Bureau launches two of the five All-India Surveys



- The **five surveys** are the All-India Survey of Migrant Workers, All-India Survey on Domestic Workers, All-India Survey on Employment generated in Transport Sector, All-India Survey of Employment Generated by Professionals and All-India Quarterly Establishment based Employment Survey (AQEES).
- These surveys have been developed and designed by the Labour Bureau under the technical guidance of an expert group **chaired by Prof S. P. Mukherjee** and **co-chaired by Dr Amitabh Kundu**.
- The **first surveys** to be launched are the **All-India Survey of Migrant Workers** and **All-India Quarterly Establishment based Employment Survey (AQEES)**.
- **Note:** The Labour Bureau is being aided by **Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited**, a Government of India Enterprise under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to provide the IT support.

5. Global Wind Report 2021 by GWEC (Global Wind Energy Council)

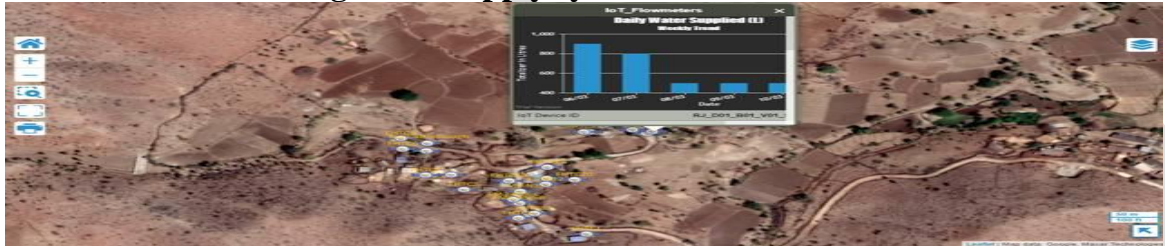


- In this special edition of GWEC's 16th annual flagship report ahead of the crucial COP26 conference in November 2021, the Global Wind Report 2021 highlights wind power's role.
- 2020 was the best year in history for the global wind industry with 93 GW of new capacity installed.



- Today, there is now 743 GW of wind power capacity worldwide, helping to avoid over 1.1 billion tonnes of CO₂ globally.
- **India** is the world's fourth-largest onshore wind market by cumulative installations with nearly 38 GW of capacity.
- The government has set an **ambitious target of 175 GW of installed renewable energy capacity by 2022**, which calls for current wind capacity to nearly double within the next two years, totaling 60 GW of onshore wind and 5 GW of offshore wind.
- **Facts about Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC):**
- The Global Wind Energy Council provides a credible and representative forum for the entire wind energy sector at an international level.
Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
CEO: Ben Backwell
Founded: 2005

6. Jal Jeevan Mission deploys first-of-its-kind sensor-based IoT devices to monitor rural drinking water supply systems



- The Ministry of Jal Shakti has decided to take the digital route to use sensor-based IoT devices to effectively monitor the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in more than six lakh villages.
 - For this, National Jal Jeevan Mission in collaboration with Tata Community Initiatives Trust (TCIT) and Tata Trusts recently completed pilot projects in several remote villages of five States i.e. Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Himachal Pradesh.
 - **The Internet of Things (IoT)** based remote monitoring provides near real-time information without any manual intervention by using sensors.
 - **Note:** The aim of **Jal Jeevan Mission** is to provide piped water to all the rural households by 2024. It was launched on 15 August 2019. It comes under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.
- 7. Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launches the "MyNEP2020" Platform of NCTE Web Portal**





- The platform seeks to invite suggestions/inputs/membership from the stakeholders for preparing draft for development of **National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST)** and **National Mission for Mentoring Program membership (NMM)**.
- The “MyNEP2020” platform will be operational from 1st April 2021 to 15th May 2021.
- For preparing the documents on above two major recommendations of NEP 2020, NCTE (National Council for Teacher Education) will work in close consultation with individuals/organizations.

8. Indian Army formally closes down Military Farms



- Military Farms were set up with the sole requirement of supplying hygienic cow's milk to troops billeted in various garrisons across British India.
- After 132 years of glorious service to the nation, curtains were drawn on this organisation.
- After independence Military Farms flourished with 30,000 heads of cattle in 130 Military Farms all over India in varied Agro-climatic conditions.
- **Note:** First Military farm was raised on 01 Feb 1889 at Allahabad.
- Military Farms were even established in Leh and Kargil in the late 1990s.

9. DRDO lab develops light weight Bullet Proof Jacket





- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) lab Defence Materials and Stores Research and Development Establishment (DMSRDE), Kanpur has developed light weight Bullet Proof Jacket (BPJ) weighing 9.0 kilogrammes, meeting the qualitative requirements of Indian Army.
- The Front Hard Armour Panel (FHAP) jacket was tested at Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL), Chandigarh and met relevant BIS standards.

10. Mukhmeet S Bhatia takes over the charge of Director General of ESIC



- Shri Bhatia is an IAS Officer of 1990 batch of Jharkhand cadre.
- **Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** is a statutory and autonomous Body under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.

Industry: Insurance
Founded: 24 February 1952
Headquarters: New Delhi

11. Former RBI Governor Urjit Patel appointed Additional Director of Britannia





- The Board of Britannia Industries has appointed former Reserve Bank Governor Urjit Patel as the company's Additional Director in the category of Non-Executive and Independent Director.
- **Note:** He was the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) during

September 2016-December 2018.

- **About Britannia Industries Limited:** It is an Indian food and beverage company.

CEO: Varun Berry

Headquarters: Bengaluru

Founded: 1892

12. April 05, National Maritime Day



- The National Maritime Day was first celebrated on April 5, 1964.
- The history of India shipping first started on April 5, 1919, when the **SS Loyalty, the first ship of The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd** travelled from Mumbai to the United Kingdom (London).
- **Note:** **World Maritime Day** is observed on the last week of September on Thursday annually.



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