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1. Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) 2021: India ranked 49th



- India has been ranked 49th in the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) 2021 among 104 countries in terms of government capabilities and outcomes.
- India's index score stood at 0.516.
Rank 1: Finland
Rank 2: Switzerland
Rank 3: Singapore
Rank 49: India
- The **Chandler Institute of Governance**, headquartered in Singapore, releases the **Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI)**.
- The CGGI is the index of effective governance in the world. It ranks 104 countries in terms of their government capabilities and outcomes.
- The CGGI focuses on seven pillars: Leadership and Foresight, Robust Laws and Policies, Strong Institutions, Financial Stewardship, Attractive Marketplace, Global Influence and Reputation and Helping People Rise.

2. Ravi Shankar Prasad represents India at G-7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meeting



- Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad represented India at the G-7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meeting.
- He spoke about India's efforts to bring digital inclusion and empower ordinary citizens through the use of technology under the Digital India programme.

- The Minister also shared India's views on ensuring trust in the digital ecosystem, securing data privacy of users and creating a safe cyber space with the G-7 Digital Ministers.
- **Note:** The United Kingdom has invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the G7 Summit as a guest, along with Australia, South Korea and South Africa.
- The G7 Summit is to be held on June 11-13, 2021.



- **Facts about G7:** The heads of government of the member states, as well as the representatives of the European Union, meet at the annual G7 Summit.
- **Founded:** 1975
- **Members:** United Kingdom, United States, Japan, France, Germany, Canada, Italy

3. Central Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute, Budni (Madhya Pradesh) tests the first-ever electric Tractor in the Institute



- The institute received the application for an electric tractor under Confidential Test initially.
- Accordingly, the institute has tested the tractor & released the Draft Test Report in February 2021. After the release of the draft test report, the manufacturer has requested for conversion of the nature of the test from “Confidential to Commercial” and the competent authority has accepted the request of the manufacturer. Accordingly, the Test Report was released as a Commercial Test Report.

- The Institute has obtained the NABL Certificate of Accreditation for CMVR Test Laboratory on 30th March 2021.

4. High quality online Yoga training programmes offered by the Ayush Ministry's Yoga Institute



- The quality online Yoga training programmes offered by the **Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY)** under the Ministry of Ayush, which are health-promotive and anxiety-relieving, provide useful support to the common people to balance their daily lives in the changed scenario.
- Since the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) is considered among the best Yoga course for beginners, much of the current training programmes of MDNIY are devoted to CYP.
- The MDNIY presently streams Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) training programmes on their social media platforms on a daily basis.
- The elementary training course is called the “**Yoga Volunteer Training (YVT) Course**”, since this course, apart from imparting Yoga learning, also gives the learner an opportunity to be endorsed as a “**Yoga Volunteer**”.

5. 1 Lakh Portable Oxygen Concentrators to be procured from PM CARES fund



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sanctioned the procurement of 1 Lakh Portable Oxygen Concentrators from the PM CARES Fund.
- The decision was taken at a high-level meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to discuss the measures needed to improve Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) Supply for COVID management.

- In addition to the earlier sanctioned 713 PSA plants under PM CARES Fund, 500 new Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) oxygen plants have been sanctioned under PM CARES Fund.
- These 500 PSA plants will be established with transfer of the indigenous technology developed by **DRDO and CSIR** to the domestic manufacturers.

6. Krithi Karanth becomes first Indian woman to get 'Wild Innovator Award'



- Dr Krithi K Karanth, Chief Conservation Scientist at Bengaluru-based Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS), has been chosen as the first Indian and Asian woman for the 2021 'WILD Innovator Award'.
- This award was given by the '**WILD ELEMENTS Foundation**' brings together a coalition of innovators, advocates and partners to disrupt the status quo and identify solutions to global sustainability and conservation.
- The Foundation's distinctive approach to addressing climate change is the "Power of Three," recognising the interconnectedness of animal kind, humankind, and plant kind for the future planetary wellness of our shared home.

7. Secretary, DoE in Finance Ministry T V Somanathan designated as new Finance Secretary



- IAS Officer T V Somanathan who is serving as Secretary, Department of Expenditure (DoE) in the Finance Ministry has been designated as the Finance Secretary.
- He is a 1987 batch IAS Officer of Tamil Nadu Cadre.

8. April 30, Ayushman Bharat Diwas



- Ayushman Bharat Diwas is celebrated across the country every year on the 30th of April. The day is significant to help provide and promote affordable medical facilities in the country.
- The scheme is called Ayushman Bharat Yojana and is also known as Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).
- The day included a special scheme that was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the year 2018. The Scheme has various benefits with a cover of 5 lakh rupees per family to be given per year.