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G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting

Why in the News?

- **Union Minister for Labour and Employment Santosh Gangwar** delivered the Ministerial Address on **Declaration and Employment Working Group (EWG) Priorities** at G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting.
- India is making collective efforts to reduce gender gaps in **labour force participation**.



Key Points

Issues Discussed:

- The Employment Working Group (EWG) deliberated upon key issues, including women employment, social security and remote working.
- The subject for the meeting being Fostering an inclusive, sustainable, and resilient recovery of labour markets and societies.
- In 2014, G20 Leaders pledged in Brisbane to reduce the gap in **labour force participation rates** between men and women by **25% by 2025**.



Initiatives by India:

- The country is ensuring education, skilling, training, entrepreneurship development and equal pay for equal work.
- The **New Code on Wages, 2019** shall reduce gender-based discrimination in wages, recruitment and conditions of employment.
- The duration of paid **maternity leave** has been increased from 12 weeks to 26 weeks.
- **Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)** provides financial support to women entrepreneurs to start small enterprises. There have been around 70% accounts of women in this Scheme. Collateral free loans worth Rupees 9 thousand billion have been disbursed under this scheme.
- The **New Code on Social Security** may now include even self-employed and all other classes of workforce into the folds of social security coverage.
- **The G20 Roadmap Towards and Beyond the Brisbane Target** has been developed for achieving equal opportunities and outcomes for women and men in our labour markets as well as societies in general.

Labour Force Participation:

- The labor force participation rate indicates the percentage of all people of working age who are employed or are actively seeking work.
- According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey, 2018-19, the female labour force participation rates (LFPR) among women aged above 15 years are as low as 26.4% in rural areas and 20.4% in urban areas in **India**.
- In 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic, female labor force participation in India was 23.5%, according to ILO estimates.

Note: G20 Leaders' Summit 2021 will convene in October 2021 in Rome Italy. For 2021, the G20, under the Italian Presidency, will focus on three broad, interconnected pillars of action: People, Planet, and Prosperity.

Source: PIB

Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for "Mission Karmayogi"

Why in the News?

- **Former Infosys CEO (Chief Executive Officer) S D Shibu Lal** was appointed **chairperson** of a **3-member task force** formed.
- The task force will help the government in bringing major bureaucratic reforms through its ambitious "**Mission Karmayogi**".
- **Other members** are Govind Iyer and Pankaj Bansal.



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Key Points

- The Centre has recently approved the '**National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building - Mission Karmayogi**' to effect a transformational shift from rule based training to role-based capacity development of all civil services in the country.
- To effectively roll out this mission, a **Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), namely Karmayogi Bharat**, would be set up as a not-for-profit company.
- It will be set up under **section 8 of Companies Act, 2013** as a 100% government-owned entity.
- The Special Purpose Vehicle will be responsible to deliver and manage design, implement, enhance and manage a digital platform and infrastructure, manage and deliver competency assessment services, and manage governance of telemetry data and ensure provision of monitoring and evaluation.
- The **task force** shall submit its recommendations on organisational structure for the SPV aligning its vision, mission and functions.

About 'Mission Karmayogi':

The National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) – “Mission Karmayogi” has been launched with the objective of enhancing governance through Civil Service Capacity Building.

Mission Karmayogi will have the following **six pillars**:

- Policy Framework
- Competency Framework
- Institutional Framework
- Digital Learning Framework (**Integrated Government Online Training Karmayogi Platform (iGOT-Karmayogi)**)
- Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.
- Electronic Human Resource Management System (**e-HRMS**)

Source: NDTV

National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat

Why in the News?

- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ministry of Culture signed a Memorandum of Understanding for '**Cooperation in Development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)**' at Lothal, Gujarat.



MOU FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NMHC AT LOTHAL, GUJARAT

- MoU signed between MoPSW & Ministry of Culture
- World class Historical Site showcasing India's rich Maritime Heritage
- Includes National Maritime Museum, Maritime Heritage based Theme Park, Maritime Research Institute, Nature Conservation Park
- State Pavilions and 14 Galleries highlighting diverse Maritime Heritage of India


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Key Points

- National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC), a world-class facility is to be developed in the vicinity of the **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) site of Lothal**, located about 80 kms away from Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- NMHC is to be developed as a **first of its kind in the country** dedicated to the legacy of Maritime Heritage of India.
- NMHC would be developed as an international tourist destination, where the maritime heritage of India from ancient to modern times would be showcased and an edutainment approach using the latest technology would be adopted to spread awareness about India's maritime heritage.



About Lothal:

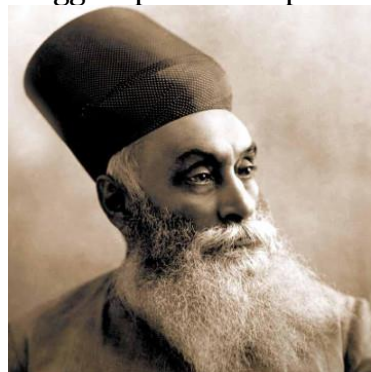
- Lothal was a city of the ancient **Indus Valley Civilization**, located in the Bhal region of the modern state of Gujarat. Construction of the city began around 2400 BCE.
- The Lothal site has been nominated as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, and its application is pending on the **tentative list of UNESCO**.

Source: PIB

Jamsetji N Tata becomes world's top philanthropist of the last century

Why in the News?

- According to the list of 50 global philanthropists compiled by Hurun Research and EdelGive Foundation, India's pioneer **industrialist and Tata Group founder Jamsetji N Tata** is the world's biggest philanthropist of the last century.



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- **Total global donations** in the last century stood at \$832 billion.
- **Hurun Research and EdelGive Foundation** released the **2021 EdelGive Hurun Philanthropists of the Century Report**, a ranking of the world's most generous individuals from the past century. This is the first year of the ranking.

Top 10 of the 2021 EdelGive Hurun Philanthropists of the Century

Rank	Original Philanthropist	Estimated Current Value of Donation (US\$bn)	Start of Key Endowments	Key Person Today	Country	Main Cause
1	Jamsetji Tata	102.4	1892	Ratan Tata	India	Education, Healthcare
2	Bill Gates & Melinda French Gates	74.6	2000	Bill Gates & Melinda French Gates	USA	Healthcare
3	Henry Wellcome	56.7	1936	Eliza Manningham-Buller	UK	Healthcare
4	Howard Hughes	38.6	1953	Clayton S. Rose	USA	Research & Development
5	Warren Buffett	37.4	2006	Warren Buffett	USA	Healthcare
6	George Soros	34.8	1979	George Soros	USA	Human Rights & Justice
7	Hans Wilsdorf	31.5	1945	Marc Maugé	Switzerland	Community Development
8	JK Lilly Sr	27.5	1937	N. Clay Robbins	USA	Community Development
9	John D Rockefeller	26.8	1913	Sharon Percy Rockefeller	USA	Healthcare
10	Edsel Ford	26.6	1936	Darren Walker	USA	Human Rights & Justice

EdelGive Hurun Philanthropists of the Century report

Key Points

- **Rank 1:** Jamsetji N Tata (\$102.4 billion)
- **Rank 2:** Bill Gates & Melinda French Gates (\$74.6 billion)
- **Rank 3:** Henry Wellcome (\$56.7 billion)
- **Rank 12:** Azim Premji (\$22 billion)
- **Note:** The **US topped** the list with 38 billionaires, followed by UK with 5, China 3, India 2 and Portugal and Switzerland 1 each.

Source: The Hindu

Tamil Nadu constituted a 5-member economic advisory council

Why in the News?

- Tamil Nadu government constituted a **5-member economic advisory council** to the Chief Minister.



Five Members:

- **Esther Duflo**- Nobel Prize-winning economist
- **Raghuram Rajan**- Former RBI Governor
- **Arvind Subramanian**- Former Chief Economic Advisor to the GOI
- **S Narayan**- Former Union Finance Secretary
- **Jean Dreze**- Welfare economist and social scientist

Key Points

- The council will provide general guidance on economic and social policy, social justice and human development-related issues, and in matters related to equal opportunities for women and well-being of underprivileged groups.

Facts about Tamil Nadu:

- **Capital:** Chennai
- **Governor:** Banwarilal Purohit
- **Chief Minister:** M. K. Stalin

Source: The Hindu

NHRC forms 7-member panel to probe post-poll violence in West Bengal



- The **National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)** has formed a 7-member committee to probe complaints of post-poll violence in West Bengal, in accordance with the orders of Calcutta high court.
- The panel is headed by **NHRC member Rajeev Jain**.
- **Note:** Recently, TMC chief Mamata Banerjee was sworn-in as the Chief Minister of West Bengal for the third consecutive term.
- **About National Human Rights Commission of India (NHRC):** NHRC is a statutory public body constituted on 12 October 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Ordinance of 28 September 1993. It was given a statutory basis by the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

Source: TOI