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Important News: International

Times Higher Education Rankings 2023

Why in News:

- The Times Higher Education (THE) Ranking 2023 has been released covering 1,799 universities from 104 countries and territories.



key points:

- Times Higher Education formerly known as Times Higher Education Supplement (THES) is a magazine reporting exclusively on news and issues related to higher education.
- Oxford University has been ranked first in the Times Higher Education Ranking 2023.
- India is the sixth most prestigious performing nation in the Times Higher Education Ranking 2023 with 75 universities.
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has been ranked top among Indian institutions for its performance score for teaching and research, Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences in Himachal Pradesh is second and Tamil Nadu's Alagappa University has been ranked third this year.
- IIT Ropar which was the second highest ranked Indian institute in the year 2022 ranking, has been placed at the sixth position in the list this year.
- The criteria on which institutions are ranked in the Times Higher Education Ranking 2023 include teaching (30%), research (30%), citation (30%), international outlook (7.5%), and industry outcomes (2.5%).

Source: The Hindu

Global Hunger Index 2022

Why in News:

- The Global Hunger Index 2022 has been released jointly by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe.





key points:

- India has been ranked 107th out of 121 countries in this year's Global Hunger Index 2022.
- India's score in the Global Hunger Index 2022 is 29.1, and India has been placed in the 'severe' category this year.
- Earlier, India was ranked 101st out of 116 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2021.
- In the Global Hunger Index 2022, India has performed worse than all countries in the South Asian region except war-torn Afghanistan.
- The Global Hunger Index is a tool to comprehensively measure and track hunger at the global, regional and country levels.
- The Global Hunger Index is calculated on the basis of four indicators which include undernutrition, child wasting, child stunting and child mortality.
- The Global Hunger Index is an annual report, and each set of Global Hunger Index scores is prepared using data over a period of 5 years.
- The year 2022 Global Hunger Index score has been calculated using data from 2017 to 2021.
- Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, China and Croatia are the top five countries in the 2022 Global Hunger Index, while Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Madagascar, the Central African Republic and Yemen are the worst performers in the index.
- In the Global Hunger Index 2022, Sri Lanka (64), Nepal (81), Bangladesh (84) and Pakistan (99) have been ranked better than India.
- Afghanistan (109) is the only country in South Asia, which performs worse than India in the index.

Source: Times of India

Important News: National

Cabinet approved PM-DevINE scheme for development of Northeast states

Why in News:

- The Prime Minister's Development Initiative PM-DevINE for the Northeastern Region has received approval from the Union Cabinet.



Key Points:

- With the intention of closing the growth gap in the Northeastern Region, PM-DevINE was introduced in the Union Budget 2022–23. (NER).
- The PM-DevINE plan receives 100 percent of its support from the government.
- The PM-DevINE program will spend Rs 6,600 crore over the course of four years, from 2022–2023 to 2025–2026.
- The Northeastern Council or Central Ministries/Agencies will be used by the Ministry of Development of the Northeastern Region to implement the PM-DevINE plan.
- The goal of the PM-DevINE Scheme is to finance infrastructure that includes PM Gati Shakti, support social development initiatives based on requirements identified by the NER, and close the growth gap in a number of different industries.
- Southeast Asia and beyond can be reached through Northeast India, PM-DevINE plan has strategic value in addition to being important for development because it acts as India's land bridge to Myanmar.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: State

PM inaugurates Indian Institute of Information Technology in Una

Why in News:

- Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) has been inaugurated in Una, Himachal Pradesh by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



key points:

- India's fourth Vande Bharat Express train has also been inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in this program.
- The need for skill and innovation institutions across the country has also been highlighted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the program.
- The permanent building of IIIT Una will bring immense convenience to the students.
- This building has been dedicated to the Indian Institute of Information Technology with the aim of underlining the changing work culture by the Prime Minister.
- The foundation stone of Bulk Drug Park at Haroli in Una district has also been laid by the Prime Minister which will be constructed at a cost of more than Rs. 1900 crore.
- The government aims to reduce the dependence on API imports through the Bulk Drug Park which is expected to attract investment of about Rs 10,000 crore and will also provide employment to over 20,000 people.
- Himachal Pradesh has played an important role in making India the world's number one pharmaceutical manufacturer, in such a situation its possibilities will increase further with the opening of the Indian Institute of Information Technology.

Source: PIB

Important News: Science & Tech

IIT Guwahati: President Droupadi Murmu inaugurates 'PARAM KAMRUPA' Supercomputer facility

Why in News:

- President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated and laid foundation stones of various projects at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.



key points:



- These projects, which have been virtually inaugurated by President Draupadi Murmu, include the inauguration of 'Param Kamrup', a supercomputer facility under the National Supercomputing Mission and a laboratory for the design and development of high-powered microwave components at IIT Guwahati.
- During the event, President Draupadi Murmu also inaugurated the Dhubri Medical College and Hospital in Assam and also laid the foundation stone of regional institutes of National Institute of Virology at Dibrugarh and Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- A supercomputer is a computer that currently operates at or close to its maximum operational rate.
- The Param 8000 was the first supercomputer built in India.
- Supercomputers are typically made for usage in businesses and other institutions that need a lot of computational capacity.

Source: News on Air

Important News: Sports

Women's Asia Cup 2022: India beat Sri Lanka

Why in News:

- India defeated Sri Lanka by 8 wickets in the final of the Women's Asia Cup 2022.



key points:

- Women's Asia Cup has been won by India for the 7th time.
- Sri Lanka won the toss and decided to bat first.
- Sri Lanka scored 65 runs for the loss of 10 wickets in 20 overs in the final of the Women's Asia Cup and India chased down the target by scoring 71 runs in 8.3 overs for the loss of 2 wickets.
- So far there have been only 8 seasons of Asia Cup, out of which 7 times Asia Cup has been won by India and once by Bangladesh.
- In the final match, Indian batsman Smriti Mandhana scored an unbeaten 51 runs in 25 balls and Indian bowler Renuka Singh took the most 3 wickets in the match.

- India defeated Thailand to enter the final while Sri Lanka defeated Pakistan to ensure their place in the final.

Source: Navbharat Times

Important Days

17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas to be held at Indore in January 2023

Why in News:

- The 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conference will be organized in January 2023 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.



key points:

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar along with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan.
- Government engagement at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention will be established in 4Cs which include Caring, Connect, Celebrate and Contribute.
- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on 9 January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community in the development of India.
- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi to India from South Africa on 9 January 1951.
- According to the United Nations Migration Agency (IOM), a migrant is a person who crosses an international border or migrates away from his/her place of residence within the country.
- The first Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was celebrated on 9 January 2003 and was celebrated annually till the year 2015.
- In the year 2016, it was decided by the Ministry of External Affairs to make this event biennial, since then it is celebrated every second year all over India.

Source: Indian Express

International Day of Rural Women 2022

Why in News:



- On October 15 of each year, people worldwide celebrate International Rural Women's Day.



Key Points:

- "Rural Women, the World's Key to Freedom from Hunger and Poverty" is the subject of International Rural Women's Day.
- The goal of International Rural Women's Day is to raise awareness about how rural women contribute to a variety of ways to family livelihoods, despite the fact that their efforts are generally undervalued.
- On International Rural Women's Day, rural women—including local women—are recognized for their significant role in advancing agricultural and rural development, enhancing food security, and combating rural poverty.
- International non-governmental organizations created International Rural Women's Day as a unique day at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 with the intention of commemorating rural women.
- On October 15, 2008, the first International Day of Rural Women was observed.
- In its resolution 62/136 from the year 2007, the General Assembly created this new international day.

Source: Livemint