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Important News: World

EIU's Democracy Index 2021



- According to the **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)**, India has ranked 46th position in the 2021 Democracy Index's global ranking.
- With the highest score of 9.75, **Norway** topped the Democracy Index.
- India scored 6.91 to rank 46th on the Index.

Top 3 countries in the list: Norway, New Zealand, Finland

- Afghanistan occupies the bottom place in the index.
- Out of 167 countries included in the survey by EIU, only 21 countries have been put under the category of full democracy while 53 are included under the flawed democracy category.
- 34 countries are counted among hybrid democracies and 59 are authoritarian governments.

About the Index:

- The Democracy Index is an index compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), the research division of the Economist Group, a UK-based private company which publishes the weekly newspaper The Economist.

Source: newsonair

Important News: India

"SMILE" scheme



- Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the Central Sector scheme "**SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise**".
- The two sub-schemes of SMILE - 'Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons' and '**Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of engaged in the act of Begging**' – provide comprehensive welfare and rehabilitation measures to the Transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging.
- The Ministry has allocated Rs. 365 Crore for the scheme from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Source: PIB

Community Innovator Fellowship



- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog** in collaboration with **UNDP, India** launched the **Community Innovator Fellowship (CIF)**.
- The fellowship is developed as a pre-incubation model which will provide youth with an opportunity to establish their social enterprise focusing on **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)** based solutions for solving community issues.
- This is going to be a one-year-long intensive fellowship program which has been designed for an aspiring community innovator irrespective of their socio-economic background.
- During the course of this fellowship, each fellow will be hosted at one of the AIM's Atal Community Innovation Centres (ACICs) and shall acquire SDG awareness, entrepreneurial skills and life skills while they are working on their idea.

Source: PIB

Important News: Appointment

Munishwar Nath Bhandari new Chief Justice of Madras High Court



- Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari has been appointed Chief Justice of the Madras High Court.
- Justice M N Bhandari was transferred to the Madras High Court in November, 2021 and he assumed office as the Acting Chief Justice (ACJ).
- Madras High Court, officially renamed High Court of Tamil Nadu, is the second oldest High Court of India after the Calcutta High Court in Kolkata.

Important News: Personality

Rahul Bajaj, former chairman of Bajaj Group, passes away

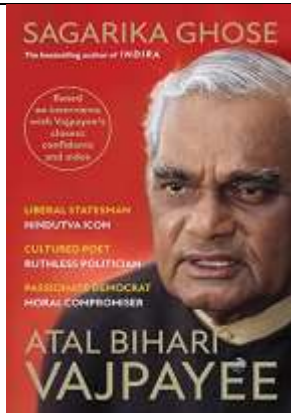


- Industrialist and former chairman of Bajaj Group, Rahul Bajaj passed away at 83.
- Rahul Bajaj acted as the chairman of the Bajaj Group for 50 years.
- He was awarded with the third-highest civilian award Padma Bhushan in 2001.
- Bajaj also served as a Rajya Sabha MP from 2006-10.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: Books

A book titled “Atal Bihari Vajpayee” authored by Sagarika Ghose



- Recently, a book titled “Atal Bihari Vajpayee” authored by Sagarika Ghose has been launched.
- The book is a biography of the former Prime Minister of India “Atal Bihari Vajpayee”.
- Sagarika Ghose is a senior journalist. She is the author of the bestselling biography Indira: India’s Most Powerful Prime Minister.

Important News: Important Days

World Radio Day



- World Radio Day is celebrated on 13 February every year.

- The theme of World Radio Day 2022 is "Radio and Trust".
- World Radio Day was proclaimed by UNESCO in 2011.
- It was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 as an International Day.
- February 13 was chosen as it is the day on which the United Nations established the United Nations Radio in 1946.

Source: un.org

National Women's Day



- National Women's Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary (February 13) of the Nightingale of India, Sarojini Naidu.
- Sarojini Naidu played a major role in India's struggle for freedom against British colonial rule.
- She participated in the non-cooperation movement and Quit India movement.
- After independence, Sarojini Naidu was appointed as the Governor of the United Provinces which is present-day Uttar Pradesh, making her India's first woman governor.
- International Women's Day is celebrated annually on 8 March.

Source: India Today