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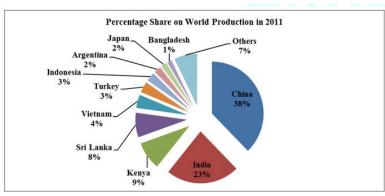


DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS 21 May 2022

International Tea Day

- The first ITD was held in New Delhi in India in 2005. However, in 2015, the Indian government proposed to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation to expand International Tea Day across the world.
- The reason for the UN celebrating May 21 as International Tea Day is that the season of tea production begins in May in most of the tea-producing countries.
- Tea is a beverage made from the Camellia Sinensis plant. Tea is the world's most-consumed drink, after water. It is believed that tea originated in northeast India, north Myanmar, and southwest China, but the exact place where the plant first grew is not known. Tea has been with us for a long time. There is evidence that tea was consumed in China 5,000 years ago. Tea consumption can bring health benefits and wellness due to the beverage's anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and weight loss effects. It also has cultural significance in many societies.





Day For Cultural Diversity For Dialogue And Development

- The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is a United Nations-sanctioned international holiday for the promotion of diversity issues. It is currently celebrated on May 21.
- The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed this holiday due to UNESCO's Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity in November 2001.

- Diversity Day, officially known as "The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development", is an opportunity to help communities understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony.
- This day was created as a result of the destruction of the Buddha statues of Bamiyan in Afghanistan in 2001.





National Anti-Terrorism Day

- Anti-Terrorism Day is observed every year on May 21, the death anniversary of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi. In 1991, on this day he was assassinated by terrorists while campaigning for the Congress party at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu.
- Anti-Terrorism Day is a great opportunity to remember and Honours the sacrifices made by thousands of soldiers and security men who fought against terrorism to protect the people of India.



State Of Inequality In India Report

- State of Inequality in India' Report was released by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).
- The report compiles information on inequities across sectors of health, education, household characteristics and the labour market.
- Inequities in these sectors make the population more vulnerable and trigger a descent into multidimensional poverty.

- Five Key Areas: These are income distribution, labour market dynamics, health, education and household characteristics.
- Highlights:
- Urban areas have a 44.4% wealth concentration in the highest quintile (20%) compared to a meager 7.1% concentration in rural areas.
- India's unemployment rate is 4.8% (2019-20), and the worker population ratio is 46.8%.
- From 1,72,608 total health centres in India in 2005, total health centres in 2020 stand at 1,85,505
- The Gross Enrolment Ratio has also increased between 2018-19 and 2019-20 at the primary, upper primary, secondary and higher secondary.
- Recommendations:
- Creating income slabs that provide class information
- Establishing universal basic income
- Creating jobs, especially among the higher levels of education
- Increases the budget for social protection schemes.
- Need to formulate reform strategies for social progress, and shared prosperity.





Pollution And Health Report

- 'Pollution and health: A Progress Update', published in The Lancet Planetary Health, Air Pollution was responsible for 16.7 lakh deaths in India in 2019, or 17.8% of all deaths.
- Globally Air Pollution alone contributes to 66.7 lakh deaths, which updates a previous analysis from 2015.
- In Most of the 16.7 lakh air pollution-related deaths in India, around 9.8 lakh deaths were caused by PM2.5 pollution, and another 6.1 lakh by household air pollution.

- Recommendations:
- Modern Pollution Prevention In Multilateral Development Institutions
- Use Of The Health Dimension As A Key Driver In Policy And Investment Decisions
- Focus Resources On Addressing Air Pollution, Lead Pollution, And Chemical Pollution
- Need To Allocate Funding For Pollution Management
- Rapid Transition To Wind And Solar Energy Will Reduce Ambient Air Pollution
- Bring In Concept Of One World One Health In Policy And Investment Decisions



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XV World Forestry Congress

- The Seoul Forest Declaration was adopted at the XV World Forestry Congress, held in Seoul, South Korea.
- The Declaration was signed by 141 participant countries.
- It is held every six years. This year's event, hosted by the Republic of Korea and co-organized with FAO, was the second congress held in Asia.
- Indonesia hosted the first Congress in Asia in 1978.
- Congress has been providing a forum for inclusive discussion on the key challenges and way forward for the forestry sector.
- The Theme for 2022: Building a Green, Healthy, and Resilient.
- Highlights:
- Urges for Shared Responsibility
- Investment in Forest
- Circular Bioeconomy and Climate Neutrality
- Need for Innovative Technologies and Mechanisms





Quad Leaders' Summit In Tokyo On 24th May

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the Quad Leaders' Summit in Tokyo on the 24th of this month at the invitation of Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. US President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will participate in the summit.
- Prime Minister Modi will have a bilateral meeting with his Japanese counterpart
 Fumio Kishida and participate in business events with Japanese business leaders.
 He will also address and interact with the Indian community in Japan.
- Prime Minister is also likely to hold bilateral meetings with US President Joe Biden and Australia PM Scott Morrison. He is expected to review the India-US Strategic Partnership and follow up on discussions held during their bilateral meeting last September. They will also exchange views of regional and global developments of shared interests.
- Mr Modi is likely to review the India- Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with Mr Morrison, and exchange views on global and regional developments.





Mujib - The Making Of A Nation

- Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur and his Bangladeshi counterpart Dr Hasan Mahmud have jointly released a 90-second intriguing trailer of the India - Bangladesh co-production feature film on 'Bangabandhu'. The film is named Mujib - The Making of a Nation and has been directed by Shyam Benegal.
- Addressing the audience on the occasion, Mr. Anurag Thakur said, the movie, while being a co-production of India and Bangladesh, was an initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said the movie is a gift on birth centenary of Bangabandhu Shekh Mujibur Rahman.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. World Employment and Social Outlook Report
- A. IMF
- B. ILO
- C. WEF
- D. UNICEF

ANSWER: B

- 2. World Food Price Index
- A. World Bank
- B. Food and Agricultural Organisation
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. IFAD

3. International Intellectual Property (IP) Index

- A. Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC)
- B. World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- C. UNESCO
- D. UNDP

ANSWER: A

4. "My Body is My Own" Report

- A. United Nations Population Fund
- B. World Bank
- C. Bill& Melinda Gates Foundation
- D. UN Women

ANSWER: A

5. 'State Of The Economy' Report - India

- A. Niti Aayog
- B. Reserve Bank of India
- C. Department of Economic Affairs
- D. Asian Development Bank

ANSWER: B

6. 'State Of The Forest' Report - India

- A. Niti Aayog
- B. Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of New And Renewable Energy

ANSWER: B

7. "Net Zero By 2050" Report

- A. UNFCCC
- B. IEA
- C. UNDA
- D. IMF

8. World Giving Index

- A. UNDP
- B. Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)
- C. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- D. UNICEF

ANSWER: B

9. Global Report On Racial Justice And Inequality

- A. World Bank
- B. UNHRC
- C. IMF
- D. UNICEF

ANSWER: B

10. "The Race Against Time For Smarter Development" Report

- A. World Development Report
- B. Global Economic Prospects
- C. UN Sustainable Development Report
- D. UNESCO Science Report

ANSWER: D

11.World Investment Report

- A. UNCTAD
- B. World Bank
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. New Development Bank

ANSWER: A

12. Annual Report On Children And Armed Conflict

- A. World Bank
- B. UN
- C. IMF
- D. Niti Aayog

13. Suicide Worldwide Report

- A. WHO
- B. IMF
- C. ICJ
- D. ICC

ANSWER: A

14.State Of Global Climate Report

- A. World Meteorological Organisation
- B. Food and Agriculture Organisation
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. NABARD

ANSWER: A

15. Mission 2070: A Green New Deal For A Net Zero India

- A. FAO
- B. WEF
- C. IMF
- D. Niti Aayog

ANSWER: B

16.Annual Overview Of Future Needs

- A. OCHA
- B. UNICEF
- C. UNFPA
- D. UNHCR

ANSWER: A

17. Good Governance Index Is Released By

- A. Niti Aayog
- B. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions

ANSWER: D

18. The Human Development Index (HDI)

- A. World bank
- B. UNDP
- C. IMF
- D. NITI Aayog

ANSWER: B

19. Agricultural Marketing And Farm Friendly Reforms Index

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Ministry of Agriculture
- C. Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

20.Living Planet Report

- A. International Union for Conservation of Nature
- B. Worldwide Fund for Nature
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D. World Nature Organization



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