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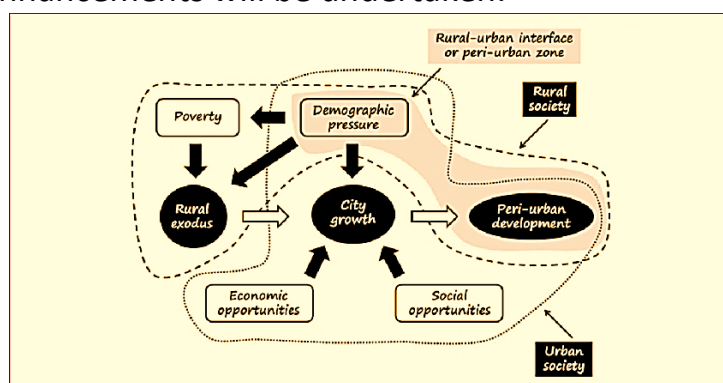
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ADB Invest To Improve Ahmedabad's Peri Urban Areas

- The Asian Development Bank has approved a **\$181 million** loan to enhance urban living in Ahmedabad, India.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$181 million loan to boost living standards in the **peri-urban regions surrounding Ahmedabad**, a city located in Gujarat, India.
- The primary objective is to **upgrade the living conditions** and transportation networks in these swiftly expanding zones.



- A key focus of this initiative is to **manage urban expansion**. This strategy holds potential for implementation in various other states, aiding in the regulation of urban growth and development in both cities and their neighboring vicinities.
- Under the Ahmedabad Peri-urban **Livability Improvement Project**, several vital infrastructure enhancements will be undertaken.



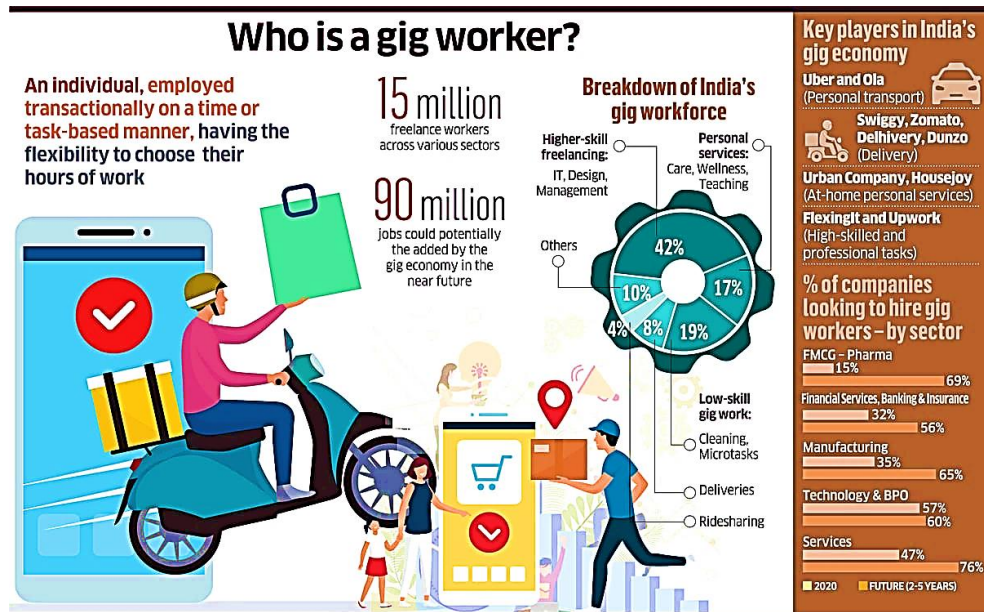
- Installation of a **166-kilometer water distribution network**.
- Construction of **climate-resilient stormwater drainage** systems spanning 126 kilometers.
- Development of 300 kilometers of sewerage systems. Establishment of four sewage treatment plants.
- Additionally, the project will work towards augmenting the **connectivity between the peri-urban areas** and the city of Ahmedabad.

Jharkhand 1st State To Ensure Minimum Wages

- Jharkhand is making history by becoming the **first state in India** to take steps towards including gig workers, such as Swiggy, Zomato, Ola, Uber, and Rapido employees, under the ambit of minimum wages.
- This step marks a significant stride towards ensuring **equitable remuneration** for individuals operating within the gig economy.



- Jharkhand's pioneering move not only extends to the **consideration of minimum wages for gig workers** but also involves a review of the minimum wage standards for workers in various other sectors, underscoring the state's commitment to local employment and social equity.
- To address this crucial matter, the **Jharkhand State Minimum Wage Advisory Council**, operating under the state's labor department, has established a committee.
- The committee's primary objective is **to conduct an in-depth assessment of the working conditions** experienced by gig workers, encompassing those involved in delivery services and ride-hailing platforms.
- Subsequently, the committee will provide recommendations concerning the implementation of minimum wage policies for these workers.



Swachch Tyohar, Swasth Tyohar'

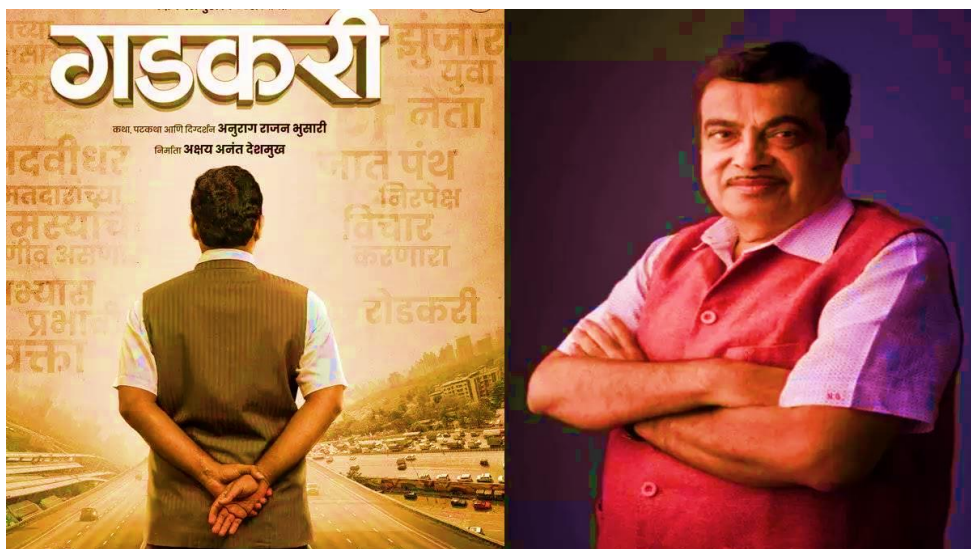
- The Yogi Adityanath government in **Uttar Pradesh** has launched a special cleanliness campaign, '**Swachch Tyohar, Swasth Tyohar**'.
- This campaign is specifically designed to **uphold cleanliness standards** in and around temples during the festive occasions of Navratri, Dussehra, and Diwali.
- Its fundamental goal is **to propagate the idea that maintaining cleanliness** is an integral part of fostering spiritual well-being, urging both local administrations and the public to actively participate.
- By guaranteeing a **hygienic atmosphere at religious sites** and proactively addressing infrastructural issues, the government is dedicated to offering a spiritually enriching and delightful festival experience for all.



- This program embraces the timeless belief that 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness,'
- The following directives have been issued
- Thorough **cleaning of roads and streets** to create an inviting and sanitary atmosphere for festival attendees. **Regular sweeping** and waste collection to sustain cleanliness.
- Emphasis on **cleanliness in the vicinity of temples**, monasteries, and other sacred locations. Special focus on maintaining a clean and peaceful environment for worshippers.

The Biopic Of 'Expressway Man Of India'

- A **biopic featuring Nitin Gadkari**, Road Transport and Highways Minister, is scheduled to premiere on October 27th.
- **Titled 'Gadkari,'** the movie will explore different facets of his life. Actor **Rahul Chopda** has been cast to portray the role of Nitin Gadkari in this biopic.
- The film celebrates his inspiring journey, from a common political worker to becoming a distinguished Cabinet Minister, who has left an indelible mark on the Indian infrastructure landscape.
- The **Marathi movie**, presented by Abhijit Majumdar, is produced by Akshay Anant Deshmukh and directed by Anurag Ranjan Bhusari.



Dr. S Jaishankar Unveils Bust Of Mahatma Gandhi

- External Affairs Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar** said Mahatma Gandhi serves as a motivator of diplomacy in today's world that is beset by conflict and violence.
- Addressing the gathering at the **unveiling ceremony of the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam.**
- Dr. Jaishankar said his thoughts today are a very powerful inspiration for human dignity, societal values, spirituality, environment, sustainability, cleanliness and many other areas.
- External Affairs Minister said the unveiling of the bust is a symbolic moment for the friendship between India and Vietnam, and underlines the message of independence, self-reliance and human dignity.



Supreme Court Refuses To Legalise Same Sex Marriage

- India's Supreme Court **declined an appeal to legalize same-sex marriages** in the country, dealing a blow to LGBTQ rights in one of the world's most populous nations.



- The Supreme Court refused to **tweak the Special Marriage Act** to legalise same-sex marriage.
- The court also **refused to strike down Section 4** of the law to allow a non-heterosexual couple to marry under the law.
- A **five-judge bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud** agreed with the Centre's view that tinkering with the law could have a cascading effect on other laws. The other members of the bench were justices **S.K. Kaul, Ravindra Bhat, Hima Kohli and P.S. Narasimha**.
- The bench was unanimous in its ruling on not modifying or reading into the Act to allow same-sex marriages in the country.
- The court **advised the central government** to set-up a high-powered committee headed by the cabinet secretary to address the concerns of same-sex couples, including ration cards, pension, gratuity and succession.



NSDC & Coca-Cola Launch Super Power Retailer Program

- In a significant move aimed at **bolstering the retailer community** in the states of **Odisha and Uttar Pradesh**, the **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has partnered with **Coca-Cola India**.
- Together, they have unveiled the introduction of the '**Super Power Retailer Program**' as **part of the Skill India Mission**, with the initial phase set in motion in **Odisha**.
- The primary objective of this joint venture is to provide **comprehensive training to retailers**, empowering them to scale their businesses and elevate the consumer experience, thus contributing to the fortification of India's economy.

- The introduction of the 'Super Power Retailer Program' signifies a pivotal **advancement in uplifting** and enabling retailers in Odisha and Uttar Pradesh.
- Through the collaborative efforts of NSDC and Coca-Cola India, retailers will acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in the competitive retail landscape.



Ranbireshwar temple

- In Jammu and Kashmir, amidst two days of incessant rain, a portion of **Ranbireshwar Temple** collapsed in Jammu.
- This incident has raised alarm in the community, as the temple has stood as a symbol of **cultural heritage for centuries**.
- The Temple is named after its **founder Maharaja Ranbir Singh**.
- The construction of the temple was started in **1863 A.D** and was completed in 1878 A.D. It is the **biggest Shiva temple in North India**.
- Ranbireshwar Temple is divided into two distinct halls that are adorned with idols of the two sons of Lord Shiva - Lord Ganesha and Lord Kartikeya.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Goal Of 'Swachch Tyohar, Swasth Tyohar' Campaign Launched In UP

- A. Promote Cultural Festivals
- B. Ensure Clean Surroundings During Festivals
- C. Spread Awareness About Environmental Conservation
- D. Encourage Religious Harmony

ANSWER: B

2. First State To Include Gig Workers Under Ambit Of Minimum Wages

- A. Gujarat
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER: B

3. Ranbireshwar Temple Is Located In

- A. Gujrat
- B. Jammu & Kashmir
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: B

4. Which Organization Has Collaborated With Coca-Cola India For The 'Super Power Retailer Program' In Odisha And Uttar Pradesh

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. National Skill Development Corporation
- C. Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises
- D. Indian Retail Association

ANSWER: B

5. Focus Of The ADB Loan For Ahmedabad's Peri-Urban Areas

- A. Enhancing Healthcare Facilities
- B. Upgrading Educational Infrastructure
- C. Improving Urban Living
- D. Boosting Agricultural Productivity

ANSWER: C

6. Which City Unveiled Bust Of Mahatma Gandhi In Vietnam

- A. Nah Trang
- B. Ho Chi Minh City
- C. Ban Hac City
- D. Da Nang

ANSWER: B

7. Focus Of 'Super Power Retailer Program' Launched By NSDC & Coca-Cola India

- A. Providing Comprehensive Training To Retailers
- B. Boosting The Production Of Consumer Goods
- C. Supporting Large Industries
- D. Enhancing Technology In Retail Stores

ANSWER: A

8. What Is The Name Of The Tallest Tree In The World

- A. Hyperion
- B. Centurion
- C. Doerner Fir
- D. Sequoia

ANSWER: A

9. Which Indian city is commonly referred to as the "Financial Capital of India"

- A. Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Chennai
- D. Bangalore

ANSWER: B

10. The Cashew Of Which State/UT Recently Got Its GI Tag

- A. Kerala
- B. Goa
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: B

11. Which Indian State/UT Launched Orunodoi 2.0, A Poverty Alleviation Scheme

- A. Odisha
- B. Assam
- C. West Bengal
- D. Jharkhand

ANSWER: B

12. Which Organisation Conducts The 'Passport To Earning' Initiative

- A. DPIIT
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. UNICEF
- D. World Bank

ANSWER: C

13. Kulasekarapattinam Associated With ISRO's Second Spaceport, Is Located In Which State

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Karnataka

ANSWER: B

14. Which Country Launched Europe's 1st Fully Private Rocket Miura-1

- A. Italy
- B. Spain
- C. UK
- D. Norway

ANSWER: B

15. Which Organisation Releases Forecast On Global Merchandise Trade Growth

- A. UNCTAD
- B. WTO
- C. WEF
- D. IMF

ANSWER: B

16. 'Tokenisation', Which Was Seen In The News, Is Associated With

- A. Cryptocurrency
- B. Payment Security
- C. Bio-technology
- D. Artificial Intelligence

ANSWER: B

17. Which Institution Released 'Trade And Development Report 2023

- A. WEF
- B. IMF
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. UNCTAD

ANSWER: D

18. Perseverance Rover Has Recently Captured 'Dust Devil' In Which Planet

- A. Jupiter
- B. Mars
- C. Saturn
- D. Venus

ANSWER: B

19. Which State Hosts 'Sammakka Saralamma Jatara' Tribal Festival

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Telangana
- D. Bihar

ANSWER: C

20. Which State/UT Banned The Cultivation Of PUSA-44 Paddy Variety

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Punjab
- C. Assam
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: B

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EXAMS