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Global Domestic Airline Market

- India has achieved significant milestones in its **domestic aviation sector** over the past decade, emerging as the world's third-largest market for domestic airlines by April 2024.
- This marks a remarkable ascent from its fifth position ten years ago, driven by robust growth and strategic developments under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.
- Over the past ten years, India has demonstrated the highest average annual growth rate in **airline seat capacity globally, at 6.9%**.



- This growth has catapulted India's domestic airline capacity to approximately 15.6 million seats as of April 2024, surpassing both Brazil and Indonesia. A significant factor in India's aviation growth story is the dominance of low-cost carriers (LCCs), which command 78.4% of the domestic airline market.
- **IndiGo, in particular**, has seen a meteoric rise, doubling its market share to 62% over the last decade with an annual capacity growth rate of 13.9%. India's aviation infrastructure has expanded significantly, with the number of airports more than doubling from 74 to 157 in the last decade.



- This expansion has been pivotal in accommodating **the increasing number of domestic passengers**, exemplified by the record-breaking single-day traffic figures post-pandemic.
- **While the United States and China** remain the largest domestic aviation markets globally, India's trajectory stands out with sustained growth even amidst global challenges. This growth underscores India's potential as a key player in shaping the future of the global aviation industry for years to come.

BIS Introduces Two New Standards

- The **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** has introduced two new standards, **IS 18590: 2024** and **IS 18606: 2024**, to enhance the safety of electric vehicles (EVs).
- These new BIS standards are designed to ensure that the critical component of **EVs – the powertrain** – meets stringent safety requirements.
- These standards also place a strong emphasis on the safety and performance of batteries, ensuring they are both powerful and secure.



- This initiative is a significant step toward reinforcing the **reliability and safety of electric powertrains and batteries** — crucial components that define the efficiency and security of electric vehicles.
- With these new additions, BIS now boasts a total of **30 Indian standards** dedicated to electric vehicles and their accessories, including charging systems. This comprehensive set of standards is crucial in driving India's transition to a more sustainable, environmentally friendly, and efficient transportation system.

National Monetisation Pipeline

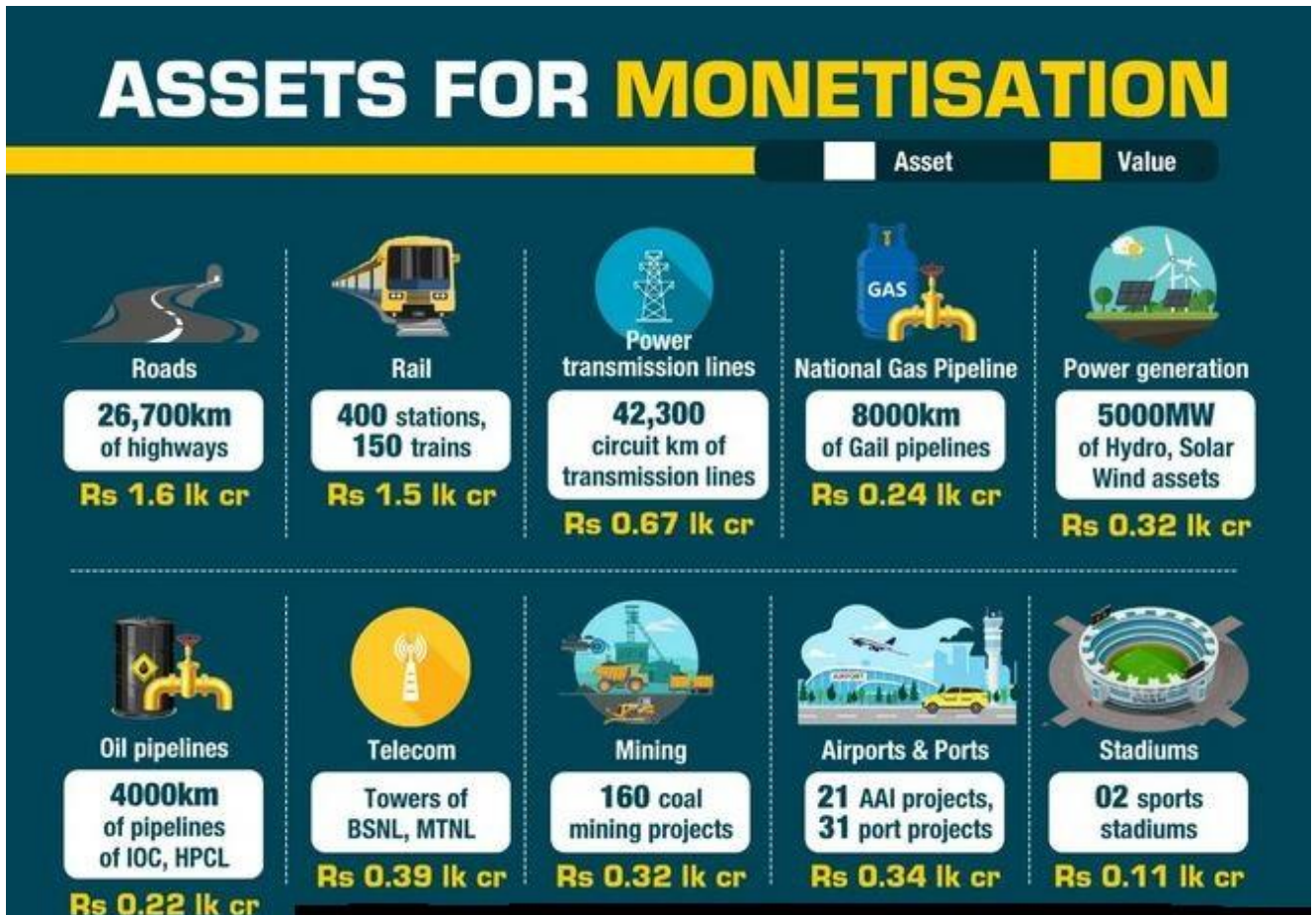
- **Government monetised assets worth ₹1.56 lakh crore** under the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) in the financial year 2023-24, falling short of the target of ₹1.8 lakh crore.

National Monetisation Pipeline

- Govt to monetise roads, railway stations, passenger trains, airports, warehousing assets of CPSEs, etc.
- Launched by Govt of India in August 2021, pipeline developed by the NITI Aayog.
- Objective: To unlock the value of investments in brownfield public sector assets.

- This performance represents approximately 159% of the achievement in 2021-22. The **NMP aims to unlock the value of brownfield infrastructure assets**, with a total monetisation potential estimated at ₹6 lakh crore over a four-year period from FY22 to FY25.
- **NMP Targets and Achievements** : Aggregate Monetisation Potential: ₹6 lakh crore over FY22 to FY25.
- First Two Years (2021-22, 2022-23): Target of ₹2.5 lakh crore; achievement of ₹2.30 lakh crore. FY24 Achievement: ₹1.56 lakh crore against a target of ₹1.8 lakh crore.

- NMP, announced in the Union Budget 2021-22 and prepared by NITI Aayog with infrastructure ministries, aims to tap private investment for infrastructure development and drive high economic growth through asset monetisation.



Tajikistan Government Bans Hijab

- **Tajikistan parliament, Majlisi Milli**, passed a law prohibiting “alien garments,” which primarily targets the hijab and other traditional Islamic clothing.
- This move has sparked debate among Tajikistan’s predominantly Muslim population in the tightly governed ex-Soviet republic.
- Tajikistan has been unofficially restricting the hijab since 2007. Initially, the **Ministry of Education banned** Islamic attire and Western-style miniskirts for students, later extending this to all public institutions.



- Enforcement included special teams and police raids, although officials have denied reports of women being fined for wearing the hijab. President Emomali Rahmon has condemned what he terms “**xenophobia in clothing,**” referring to the wearing of foreign clothes and the hijab.
- The government has promoted **traditional Tajik clothing through** campaigns, including a 2018 guidebook detailing appropriate attire. The new law **also bans children’s festivities** during Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, with the stated aim of ensuring proper education and safety.



- This reflects broader legislative changes concerning holidays, cultural practices, and the role of teachers and parents in children’s upbringing.

World Medical And Health Games

- **Four Armed Forces Medical Service (AFMS) Officers** have brought laurels to India by clinching a **record 32 Medals** in the 43rd World Medical and Health Games held in **Saint-Tropez, France**.
- **These Officers are** Lt Col Sanjeev Malik, Maj Anish George, Caption Stephen Sebastian, and Caption Dania James.
- All officers made history by winning **19 Gold Medals, Nine Silver Medals and four Bronze Medals** in the World's largest sports event for health professionals. The Director General of AFMS Lt.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. India Placed As World's _____ Largest Market For Domestic Airlines

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth

ANSWER: C

2. Which Of The Following Is/Are Awarded By Bureau Of Indian Standards :

1) Ecomark 2) ISI Mark 3) Agmark

- A. Only 1 and 2
- B. Only 2 and 3
- C. Only 1 and 3
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: A

3. Bureau Of Indian Standards Works Under Aegis Of

- A. Department of Heavy Industry
- B. Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- C. Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

ANSWER: B

4. What Is The Theme Of 'World Sickle Cell Day 2024'

- A. Hope Through Progress: Advancing Sickle Cell Care Globally
- B. Celebrating Progress
- C. Shine the Light on Sickle Cell
- D. Increase public awareness and understanding of sickle cell disease

ANSWER: A

5. Nalanda University Is Located In Which State

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Gujarat
- C. Bihar
- D. Rajasthan

ANSWER: C

6. Which Country Became The First Southeast Asian Country To Recognize Same-sex Marriage

- A. Thailand
- B. Vietnam
- C. Malaysia
- D. Singapore

ANSWER: A

7. Trent Boult, Announced His Retirement From International Cricket, Belongs To Which Country

- A. Australia
- B. South Africa
- C. Afghanistan
- D. New Zealand

ANSWER: D

8. Ghodbunder Fort Is Located In Which State

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Kerala
- D. Rajasthan

ANSWER: A

9. Who Won A Gold Medal At The Paavo Nurmi Games In Finland

- A. Neeraj Chopra
- B. Toni Keranen
- C. Oliver Helander
- D. Anderson Peters

ANSWER: A

10. Which Day Is Observed As 'World Refugee Day' Every Year

- A. 19 June
- B. 20 June
- C. 21 June
- D. 22 June

ANSWER: B

11. Which Airport Became First To Introduce A Self-service Baggage Drop System

- A. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport
- C. Indira Gandhi International Airport
- D. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport

ANSWER: C

12. What Is Aim Of The National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme

- A. To improve healthcare infrastructure
- B. To strengthen the criminal forensic infrastructure
- C. To enhance educational facilities
- D. To develop transportation systems

ANSWER: B

13. What Is The Casimir Effect

- A. A phenomenon where two charged plates repel each other
- B. A phenomenon where two uncharged conducting plates experience an attractive force
- C. A phenomenon where two uncharged conducting plates experience a repulsive force
- D. A phenomenon where two charged plates experience a magnetic force

ANSWER: B

14. Which State/UT Has Declared Human Rabies A Notifiable Disease Under The Epidemic Diseases Act Of 1897

- A. Lakshadweep
- B. Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Sikkim
- D. Nagaland

ANSWER: B

15. Where Was Shangri La Dialogue Or Asian Security Summit Held

- A. Singapore
- B. Mexico
- C. Vietnam
- D. Egypt

ANSWER: A

16. Which Indian Shuttler Won Title At Bonn International Tournament

- A. Aakarshi Kashyap
- B. Ashmita Chaliha
- C. P.V Sindhu
- D. Tanvi Sharma

ANSWER: D

17. What Is 'Dictyostelium Discoideum'

- A. Amoeba
- B. Algae
- C. Weed
- D. Drug

ANSWER: A

18. In What Year Was The Nalanda University Act Passed

- A. 2007
- B. 2009
- C. 2014
- D. 2010

ANSWER: D

19. When Is The International Day For The Elimination Of Sexual Violence In Conflict Observed

- A. June 18
- B. June 19
- C. June 20
- D. June 29

ANSWER: B

20. The Last Mauryan Ruler, Who Was Killed By His Commander-in-chief Was

- A. Dasaratha
- B. Kun-ala
- C. Samprati
- D. Brihadratha

ANSWER: D