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Workshop On Global Navigation Satellite System

- **Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari** said that the Global Navigation Satellite System for toll collection will play a pivotal role, being effective, viable, and environmentally sound.
- He said this while addressing an **International Workshop in New Delhi** on Global Navigation Satellite System based electronic toll collection in India.



- Mr. Gadkari emphasized the moral and economic importance of toll payment, stressing the need for equilibrium in the system through quality services. Mr. Gadkari stressed that an integrated approach is essential along with a behavioral change to ensure a robust system.
- **He warned against the exploitation** of the public and suggested creating monthly passes for car owners to ensure smooth toll collection. Mr. Gadkari expressed concerns over tendencies to circumvent laws and called for a transparent, qualitative, and effective system. He highlighted the necessity of **eradicating loopholes** in toll collection system.

Srinagar – ‘World Craft City’

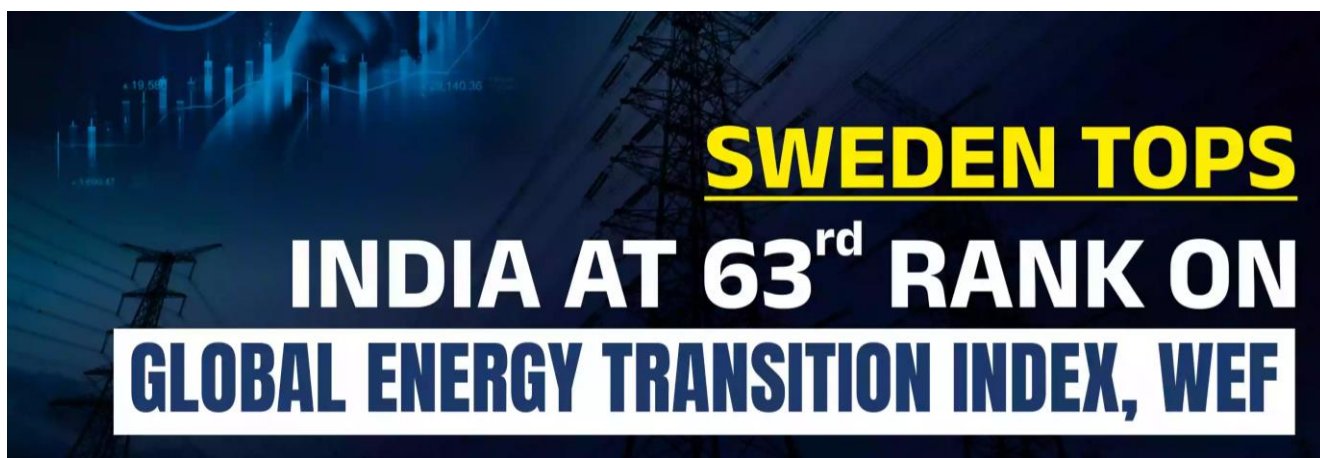
- Srinagar, the largest city of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, has recently been designated as a ‘World Craft City’ by the World Crafts Council.
- The fact that Srinagar is known as a “World Craft City” shows how skilled and dedicated the people who work there are. Their traditional craftsmanship and skills have not only made their culture richer but they are also admired around the world.



- The goal of this award is to honor and protect the wide range of crafts that are unique to Srinagar.
- **Aileen Osborn Webb** started the non-profit World Crafts Council (WCC) in 1964 to promote and encourage craftsmanship around the world.
- It was created after talks between foreign craft representatives in New York City, which led to its joining UNESCO.
- The WCC is split into five areas: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and North America. Its main office is in Belgium.

Global Energy Transition Index

- **World Economic Forum (WEF)** just released the Global Energy Transition Index.
- It shows that the global energy transition scene has changed in big ways. After falling to 67th place, **India moved up to 63rd place** out of 120 countries, which is a big jump.
- **Sweden stayed at the top of the Index**, showing that it has been making steady progress in the energy field. India was praised by the WEF for taking the initiative to promote sustainable energy sources, especially solar energy.



- **The country's progress in energy security, fairness, and long-term use** shows that it is becoming an important player in global energy changes. Notably, 42% of India's total energy production potential now comes from renewable sources, such as biomass.
- Other countries are following the **lead of the United States** by investing in green hydrogen and making more electric vehicles. The Index, which was made by the WEF and Accenture working together, is a way to compare how ready and how well countries are doing at switching to safe, long-lasting, and fair energy systems.
- A lot of things are looked at, like government regulations, energy security, sustainability efforts, and lowering carbon emissions. The goal of the Index is to keep track of how far the world has come in using less fossil fuels and making energy use more efficient.
- **In 2024, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Switzerland, and France** lead the better rankings. This is because they have strong energy policies and are committed to being environmentally friendly. With rankings of 20th and 63rd, China and India stand out among non-European countries.

Iberian Lynx Conservation Status

- **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** changed the Iberian Lynx's protection status from **"Endangered"** to **"Vulnerable"**.
- The species was once very close to going extinct. This is a big step forward in what is one of the best conservation rescues in recent memory.



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- Since 2010, more than **400 Iberian lynxes** have been safely returned to parts of Portugal and Spain where they lived before. In 2005, the species only lived in 449 km², but now it lives in at least 3,320 km². These reintroductions have been very important to the survival of the species, leading to more of them and a wider range of genetic types.

Rahul Gandhi To Be Leader Of Opposition

- **WRahul Gandhi** Accepted A Decision By Congress Working Committee And Will Take Up The **Leader Of The Opposition** In Lok Sabha. Leader Of Largest Opposition Party Having Not Less Than **1/10th Seats** Of Total Strength Of Lok Sabha. He Will Be A Member Of **Committees** Such As Public Accounts, Public Undertakings, Estimates & Member Of Joint Parliamentary Committees.



- He Is Entitled To Be A Member Of Various Selection Committees Responsible For Appointing Heads Of Statutory Bodies Like The Central Vigilance Commission, The Central Information Commission, The CBI, The NHRC, And The Lokpal.
- Leader Of Opposition In Both The Houses Were Accorded **Statutory Recognition** Under The Salaries And Allowances Of Leader Of Opposition In **Parliament Act, 1977** And Are Entitled To The Salary, Allowances And Other Facilities Equivalent To That Of A Cabinet Minister. The Office Of The **Leader Of The Opposition Is Not Mentioned** In The Constitution.

Anush Agarwalla

- **Equestrian Federation of India (EFI)** has selected Anush Agarwalla to represent the country in the dressage event at the **upcoming Paris Olympics**.
- EFI selected him over Shruti Vora based on a thorough assessment of their recent performances, where Anush demonstrated a superior average.
- It will be **India's first ever entry at the dressage event** at the Olympics as largely riders in past editions competed in eventing categories only.



- **Agarwalla has been consistent** since the Qualification period began last year and achieved Minimum Eligibility Requirement four times while veteran Shruti Vora earned the required two MERs this month.
- **Anush emerged winner** with an average score of 67.695 per cent against Shruti's 67.163 per cent. As per the criteria set by the Federation, a rider-horse combination is required to achieve a minimum of 67 per cent twice between January 1, 2023 and June 24, 2024 to be eligible for the Paris Games qualification. The decision was taken unanimously by the Executive Council.

Asian Wrestling Championships In Amman

- **India concluded their campaign** at the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships in Amman, Jordan, on a resounding note.
- The young Indian contingent **clinched a total of 11 medals**, including four gold, two silver, and five bronze medals. Women wrestlers grabbed all four gold medals.



- Dipanshi in 46 kg, Muskan in 53 kg, Rajnita in 61 kg, and Mansi Lather in 69 kg delivered stellar performances in their respective weight categories to clinch the yellow metal. Raja Bala had to settle for a silver in the 40 kg category, despite her valiant efforts.
- **On the men's front, Samarth Gajanan Mhakave** bagged a silver medal in the fiercely contested 55 kg category. While Akash in 65 kg, Sachin Kumar in 71 kg, Bikash Kacchap in 48 kg, Tushar Tukaram Patil in 60 kg, and Ronak in 110 kg showcased their prowess by clinching bronze medals.

Rohit Sharma

- **Rohit Sharma became the first player** to hit 200 sixes in T20Is during the T20 World Cup 2024 Super Eight Group 1 match against Australia at the Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium in St. Lucia.
- Rohit struck a 41-ball 92 and hit eight sixes in the innings, taking his overall tally to 203 maximums in the shortest format of the game. As mentioned, Rohit has become the first-ever batter to record 200 sixes in T20I cricket.



- Only one other batter has more than 150 maximums in the format. **New Zealand's Martin Guptill** follows Rohit with 173 T20I sixes. Among Indians, only Surya Kumar Yadav (129) and Virat Kohli (121) has over 100 sixes in T20I cricket.
- Earlier this month, Rohit completed 600 sixes in international cricket. The 37-year-old got to this feat in his 52-run knock against Ireland in New York. Rohit became the first-ever player to smack 600 sixes across formats. Chris Gayle, who played his last international game in 2021, remains the only other player to have slammed over 500 maximums (553).

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. India Ranked _____ In Global Energy Transition Index

- A. 61
- B. 62
- C. 63
- D. 64

ANSWER: C

2. HQ Of World Crafts Council

- A. Paris
- B. Kuwait
- C. Dubai
- D. London

ANSWER: B

3. Iberian Lynx Conservation Status

- A. Extinct
- B. Vulnerable
- C. Endangered
- D. Least Concern

ANSWER: B

4. Which Ministry Launched First National Additive Manufacturing Symposium 2024

- A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Urban Development

ANSWER: A

5. Which State/UT Recently Organized The 'Hemis Festival 2024'

- A. Ladakh
- B. Assam
- C. Manipur
- D. Lakshadweep

ANSWER: A

6. Fire Dragon 480 Is A Tactical Ballistic Missile Of Which Country

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. China
- D. UK

ANSWER: C

7. Which Organization Released “State Of Global Air (Soga) 2024”

- A. World Bank
- B. Health Effects Institute (HEI)
- C. World Health Organization (WHO)
- D. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

ANSWER: B

8. What Is ‘Garnet’

- A. A deep red mineral
- B. AI model
- C. Invasive weed
- D. A type of vitamin

ANSWER: A

9. Halla Tomasdottir Has Been Elected As President Of Which Country

- A. Iceland
- B. Ireland
- C. Italy
- D. Greece

ANSWER: A

10. Nagi Bird Sanctuary, Declared As New Ramsar Site, Is Located In

- A. Bihar
- B. Haryana
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Odisha

ANSWER: A

11. Where Was Foreign Minister Meeting Of The BRICS countries held

- A. St. Petersburg, Russia
- B. Guangzhou, China
- C. Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
- D. Bengaluru, India

ANSWER: C

12. What Is 'Chlorella Sorokiniana'

- A. Microalgae
- B. Bacteria
- C. Amoeba
- D. Fungus

ANSWER: A

13. Which State Government Launched Intra-state Air Service Facility 'PM Shri Tourism Air Service'

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Bihar

ANSWER: C

14. Which State Government Provided Rs 5 Lakh Financial Assistance For Families Of State Residents Who Died In Kuwait Fire Tragedy

- A. Kerala
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha

ANSWER: A

15. What Is 'Olympus Mons'

- A. A shield volcano on Mars
- B. Invasive plant
- C. Nuclear ballistic submarine
- D. Short range ballistic missile

ANSWER: A

16. 'Kavli Prizes', Are Awarded For Which Fields

- A. Literature, Peace, and Music
- B. Economics, Environment and Chemistry
- C. Astrophysics, Nanoscience and Neuroscience
- D. Agriculture, Physics and Maths

ANSWER: C

17. Which Organization Has Developed A New Tool To Predict The Emergence Of El Nino & La Nina Conditions

- A. Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)
- B. National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)
- C. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- D. Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER)

ANSWER: A

18. Which State Has Won Award For Maximum Wind Power Installed Capacity

- A. Odisha
- B. Karnataka
- C. Gujarat
- D. Haryana

ANSWER: C

19. Ghatampur And Obra C Thermal Power Projects, Is Associated With Which State

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Haryana
- D. Odisha

ANSWER: A

20. The University Of Nalanda Was Set Up By Which Gupta Ruler

- A. Kumargupta I
- B. Chandragupta II
- C. Samudragupta
- D. Kumargupta II

ANSWER: A