

## 'Rozgar Mela'

### ❖ Context

- PM Modi launched recently 'Rozgar Mela' mega recruitment drive to give ten lakh jobs.



### ❖ Key Highlights

- During the ceremony, appointment letters were handed over to 75 thousand newly inducted appointees in the first tranche.
- This will be a significant step forward towards fulfilling the continuous commitment of the Prime Minister to providing job opportunities for the youth and ensuring the welfare of citizens.
- As per the directions all Ministries and Departments are working towards filling up existing vacancies against sanctioned posts in a mission mode.
- The new recruits selected from across the country will join 38 Ministries and Departments Central of Government.
- The appointees will join the government at Group A, B and C levels.
- The posts on which appointments are being made include Central Armed Force Personnel, Sub Inspector, Constable, LDC, Steno, PA, Income Tax Inspectors and MTS.
- These recruitments are being done in mission mode by Ministries and Departments either by themselves or through recruiting agencies including UPSC, SSC and Railway Recruitment Board.

## Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

### ❖ Context

- Recently, Global terror-financing watchdog FATF has announced **Pakistan's removal from its grey list.**



### ❖ Key Highlights

- FATF said that the **country has largely completed its action plans** on anti-money laundering and financing of terrorism.
- Pakistan has been on the FATF **grey list since June 2018.**

### ❖ Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

- **About :**
  - It is an **inter-governmental decision-making body.**
  - It was **established in 1989 during the G7 Summit** in Paris to develop policies against money laundering.
  - It is a **"policy-making body"** which works to generate the political will to bring about national legislative & regulatory reforms in money laundering.
  - It has also **started dealing with virtual currencies.**
  - The FATF **Secretariat is located in Paris.**
- **Objective of FATF :**
  - FATF **sets standards** and **promotes effective implementation** of:
    - legal, regulatory and operational measures for **combating money laundering.**
    - The FATF works to identify national-level vulnerabilities with the aim of protecting the international financial system from misuse.
- **Members : 37 Countries.**
- **India became an Observer at FATF in 2006.**
  - Since then, it has been working towards full-fledged membership.
  - On **June 25, 2010** India was taken in as the 34th country member of FATF.

### ❖ FATF on Terror Financing

- FATF's role in combating terror financing **became prominent after the 9/11 terror attacks** in the US.
- In 2001 its mandate expanded to include terrorism financing.
- Financing of terrorism **involves providing money or financial support to terrorists.**
- As of 2019, **FATF has blacklisted North Korea and Iran** over terror financing.
- **12 countries are in the grey list**, namely: Bahamas, Botswana, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Pakistan, Panama, Sri Lanka, Syria, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and Yemen.

### ❖ FATF 'Grey list' and 'Blacklist'

- **Black List :**
  - Countries known as Non-Cooperative Countries or Territories (NCCTs) are put in the blacklist.
  - These countries support terror funding and money laundering activities.
  - The FATF revises the blacklist regularly, adding or deleting entries.
- **Grey List :**
  - Countries that are considered safe haven for supporting terror funding and money laundering are put in the FATF grey list.
  - This inclusion serves as a warning to the country that it may enter the blacklist.
- **Considered in the grey list may face.**
- **Economic sanctions** from IMF, World Bank, ADB.
- **Problem in getting loans** from IMF, World Bank, ADB & other countries. **Reduction in international trade.**
- **International boycott.**

## Climate Transparency Report 2022

### ❖ Context

- Recently Climate Transparency Report 2022' was released by partnership of climate analysis organisations in G20 countries.

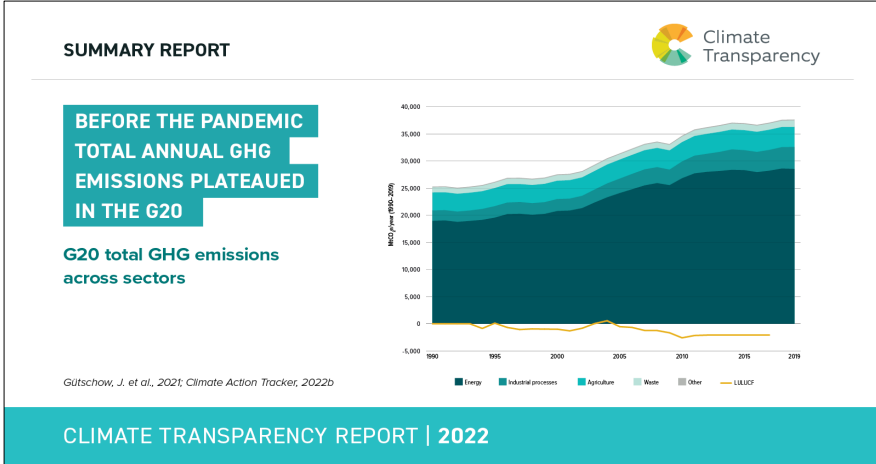


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### ❖ Key Highlights

- According to the report the losses were the highest in four sectors - **services, manufacturing, agriculture, and construction.**

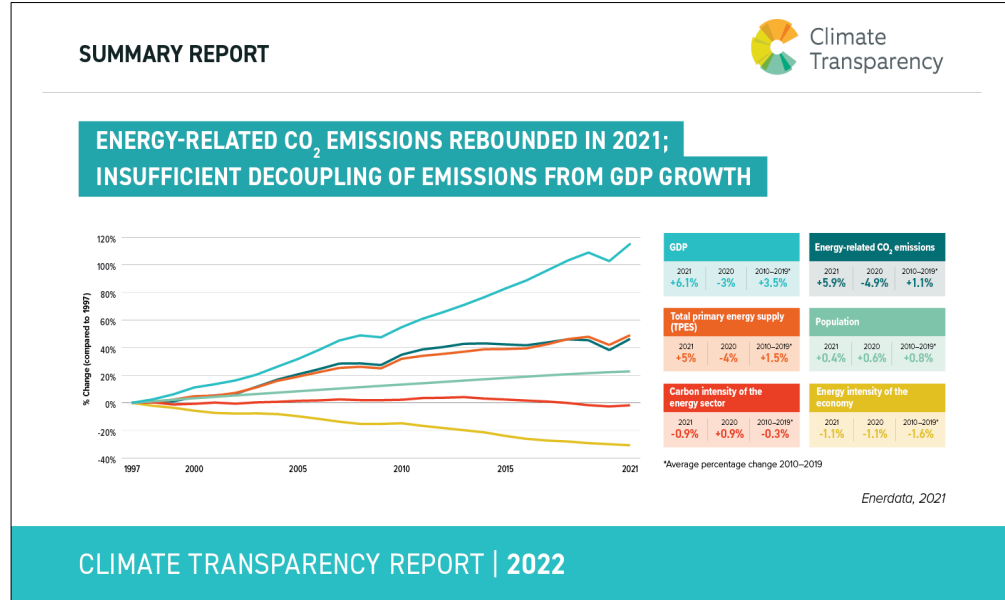


- Losses to earnings from heat-related labour capacity reduction were the highest in India among G20 nations in 2021, a new analysis by the grouping has found.
- Countries most affected by income losses in these sectors were **India (5.4% of GDP), Indonesia (1.6% of GDP), and Saudi Arabia (1% of GDP).**
- The highest % change in heat-related deaths in people over 65 years of age in the 2017–2021 period compared to 2000–2004 period was Indonesia (227%); Brazil (191%) and Saudi Arabia (141%).
- In 2021, average global temperature was about 1.1°C above pre-industrial levels.
- India's rice production could decrease by 10–30%, and maize production could drop by 25–70% with temperature increases in a range of 1°C–4°C, according to the report.

- In 2021, heat exposure in India led to the loss of 167 billion potential labour hours, a 39% increase from the 1990–1999 decade, stated the report.
- The number of people exposed each year to climate-induced hazards is expected to rise as the temperature increases.
- The G20 is responsible for three-quarters of the world's emissions.

### ❖ Role Of Developed Countries:

- The report laid emphasis on the role of developed countries in combating the climate crisis.
- It states that developed countries have failed to deliver on their climate finance commitments and do not even meet a 'fair share' of the USD 100bn per goal.
- The US was especially short, contributing only 5% of their annual fair share in 2020 whereas only Germany, France and Japan have surpassed their fair share of the annual \$100 billion.



## General Consent to the Central Bureau of Investigation

### ❖ Context

- Recently Maharashtra government **restored general consent to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** to investigate cases in the state.
- CBI will no longer require the permission of the state govt. to open investigations in the state.



### ❖ Why is the consent of states needed?

- CBI is governed by **The Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946**, and it must mandatorily obtain the consent of the state government concerned before beginning to investigate a crime in a state.
- According to **Section 6 of The DSPE Act** CBI will require the permission of the state government to open investigations in the state.
- The CBI's position is in this respect different from that of the **National Investigation Agency (NIA)**, which is governed by The NIA Act, 2008, and has jurisdiction all over the country.

### ❖ What is the general consent for CBI?

- The consent of the state government to CBI can be either case-specific or "general".
- General consent is normally given by states to help the CBI in the seamless investigation of cases of corruption against central government employees in their states.
- This is essentially consent by default, which means CBI may begin investigations taking consent as having been already given.
- In the absence of general consent, CBI would have to apply to the state government for its consent in every individual case, and before taking even small actions.

## News in Between the Lines

### Mission DefSpace

### ❖ Context

- Recently, PM of India launched the **'Mission DefSpace'** at the ongoing DefExpo.

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### ❖ Key Highlights

- **About :**
  - The initiative is **aimed at developing innovative solutions for the defense forces in the space sector**, through industry and startups.
  - Under Mission DefSpace, **75 challenges are being opened** to get innovative solutions, based on the defence requirements in the space domain.
- **Significance :**
  - Mission DefSpace, **the effort will strengthen India's preparation and position** the nation for potential future space opportunities.
  - **'South Asia satellite'** is a good example of this.
  - Ten ASEAN nations will also have real-time access to Indian satellite data by the end of the following year.
  - With Mission DefSpace even **wealthy nations like Europe and America use the information from Indian satellites.**

### Honesty Shops



### ❖ Context

- The **'honesty shops'** opened in nearly 15 schools in Kerala's Ernakulam district as part of the Student Police Cadet (SPC) project have gifted some valuable lessons on trust, truth and integrity for students.

### ❖ Honesty Shops

- **About :**
  - Launched in 2008.
  - The SPC project was conceived to inculcate better civic sense among students and mould them as responsible youth who will react positively to the demands of society.
  - There is **no salesman and CCTV cameras** at these counters.
  - **Students can drop the money for each item in the collection box kept on a table.**
  - They can walk in, choose the item of their choice and pay for it based on the price list displayed.
  - The honesty shop has mainly school-based items such as notebooks, pens, pencil boxes, erasers, chart papers and so on,
- **Objective :** To provide students a **chance to experience the virtue of honesty.**

### Viral Spillover Risk



### ❖ Context

- According to new research, yet another **effect of climate change could be the increased risk of "viral spillover"** in some regions that could **cause new pandemics over the next few years.**

### ❖ Key Highlights

- Climate change could **shift the species range of certain viral vectors** and reservoirs northwards, and the **High Arctic zone could become fertile ground for emerging pandemics.**
- This result was drawn from a research article titled, **'Viral spillover risk increases with climate change in High Arctic lake sediments'.**

### ❖ Viral Spillover

- Viruses are some of the most abundant entities on earth, but they need to infect a host's cell in order to replicate.
- According to the research, these virus/host relationships seem relatively stable within superkingdoms, the major groupings of organisms.
- However, below this rank, viruses may infect a new host from a reservoir host (in which it usually resides) by being able to transmit sustainably in a novel host – a process defined as 'viral spillover'.

### Scorched Earth Tactics

### ❖ Context

- Recently, **German Chancellor Olaf Scholz** said Russian President Vladimir Putin was using **"energy and hunger"** as weapons but his **"scorched earth tactics"** would not help Russia win the war over Ukraine.

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### ❖ About Scorched Earth Tactics

- Scorched earth tactics **form part of a military strategy which seeks to destroy anything that could be of use to the enemy**, including energy supplies, bridges, provision stores, agricultural fields, road and railway links, etc.
- The **destruction could be carried out by the enemy**, or by the retreating army of a country which does not want invaders to use its resources.
- Harming civilians as part of this strategy has been **banned under the 1977 Geneva Convention**.

### Central Organisation for Modernisation of Workshops



### ❖ Context

- Indian Railways announced the closure of Central Organisation for Modernisation of Workshops.

### ❖ Key Highlights

- Since its inception in 1979, the COFMOW successfully helped in the modernisation of Production Units and Workshops across the Indian Railways.
- Spanning over four decades, the organisation acquired unmatched expertise in developing specifications for machinery, plants and equipment meeting client needs and their procurement by virtue of its vast experience in the procurement of over 24,707 machines valued at ₹7,650 crore.
- It had emerged as a specialised agency with expertise to offer its services to those needing modernisation or upgradation of their manufacturing, maintenance, training and other activities towards enhancing productivity.

### Solar Facility



### ❖ Context

- Recently International Solar Alliance (ISA) has approved the creation of a 'Solar Facility'.

### ❖ Key Highlights

- This will be a financial instrument to encourage investments in solar energy through insurance funds and payment guarantee.
- The solar facility adopted will have two financial components that will help attract investments in the solar energy sector world over but more **specifically in Africa**.
- The two components are the **solar insurance fund and the solar payment fund**.
- The facility will help solar technologies with strong potentials to attract private capital into underserved African markets. The Solar Facility will also provide a mechanism for payment and insurance to cover **the first loss guarantee**.

### ❖ About ISA:

- At present ISA has 110 member countries.
- The primary objective of the organisation is to increase energy access and energy security around the world and to promote solar power as an environmentally-friendly way to transition to a low-carbon future. **Headquarters:** Gurugram

### Interpol Metaverse



### ❖ Context

- Recently the Interpol launched the first ever metaverse specifically designed for law enforcement agencies worldwide during its 90th General Assembly in Delhi.

### ❖ Key Highlights

- This "fully operational" Interpol Metaverse allows registered users to tour a virtual facsimile of the Interpol General Secretariat **headquarters in Lyon, France** without any geographical or physical boundaries.
- Interact with other officers via their avatars, and even take immersive training courses in forensic investigation and other policing capabilities.
- The metaverse holds many benefits for law enforcement, notably in terms of
  - remote work,
  - networking,
  - collecting
  - and preserving evidence from crime scenes & delivering training.
- The metaverse has the potential to transform every aspect of our daily lives with enormous implications for law enforcement.

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