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# 2021 Index & Reports

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## 2021 Index & Reports - January

### RANKING

INDEX / SURVEY NAME	RELEASED BY / CONDUCTED BY	KEY NOTES
Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2021	Bloomberg Billionaires	<p>India's richest man Mukesh Ambani, the chairman and Managing Director of Reliance Industries limited (RIL) dropped down to 12th spot in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2021 (as on 2nd January 2021). Zhong Shanshan, referred to as "Lone Wolf", has replaced Ambani as Asia's richest person, he is one of the fastest in history to achieve the feat.</p> <p><b><u>Top 3 Members:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jeff Bezos, net worth 190 Billion USD</li> <li>2. Elon R Musk, net worth 170 Billion USD</li> <li>3. Bill Gates, net worth 132 Billion USD</li> </ol>
Henley Passport Index:Q1 2021 Global Ranking	Henley & Partners	<p><b>India =&gt; 85<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>On January 2021, a "<b>Henley Passport Index:Q1 2021 Global Ranking</b>" released where India was ranked 85th with visa-free score 58. The visa-free score states that Indian passport holders get to visit 58 countries without a prior visa. India shared its rank with Tajikistan. In 2020, India held 84th position. The index was topped by <b>Japan</b> with visa-free score of 191. It has been holding the position for three consecutive years. It was followed by <b>Singapore</b> with visa-free score of 190 and <b>Germany &amp; South Korea</b> with visa-free score of 189 respectively.</p> <p><b><u>Top 3 Country:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Japan</li> <li>2. Singapore</li> <li>3. Germany, South Korea <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
Digital Evolution Scorecard 2020	Tufts University's Fletcher School in partnership with Mastercard	<p><b>India =&gt; 4<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>The scorecard is topped by China followed by Azerbaijan, Indonesia. It should be noted that India doubled its mobile internet connectivity in the last four years It will add 350 million smartphones by 2023. The scorecard was published in the Harvard Business Review in December 2020. Researchers analysed 90 economies based on a combination of 160 indicators over a 12-year period (2008-2019) across four supply key drivers.</p>
2020 Hurun Global 500 list	Hurun Research Institute	<p><b>India =&gt; 10<sup>th</sup> Rank with 11 companies</b></p> <p>2020 Hurun Global 500 list ,a list of 500 most valuable companies across the globe, of Hurun Research features a total of 11 Indian companies. According to the report India secured the 10th rank with 11 companies whose total values grew 14% and</p>

		reached 805 billion USD (around one third of Indian GDP). Topped by United States with 242 companies. Apple tops the list with a value of 2.1 Trillion USD.
Indian Innovation Index 2020	NITI Aayog, along with the Institute for Competitiveness	<p>NITI Aayog, along with the Institute for Competitiveness virtually released the 2nd Edition of Indian Innovation Index 2020. Karnataka topped the Index in the Major States Category, Delhi topped among the Union Territories (UT) and Himachal Pradesh among North-Eastern and Hilly States. Overall, Indian States have achieved an average score of 23.4 in the Index. The Index was released by Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog. Totally the index has 32 Indicators which are based on 2 dimensions – Enablers (Innovation Inputs) &amp; Performance Pillars (Innovation Outputs).</p> <p><b>Top 3 Major States:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Karnataka with the score 42.50</li> <li>2. Maharashtra with the score 38.03</li> <li>3. Tamil Nadu with the score 37.91 <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
International Migration 2020-Highlights report	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)	<p>According to the 'International Migration 2020-Highlights' report released by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), 18 Million persons from India were living outside of their country of birth in 2020, thus making it the world's largest Transnational Community. India is followed by Mexico &amp; Russia (11 Million each), China (10 Million) &amp; the Syrian Arab Republic (8 Million). At the Global level, the number of International Migrants outside their country of birth reached 281 Million in 2020 and it about 3.6% of the world's population.</p>
Global Firepower Nations Index 2021 - 'Military Strength Ranking'	Global Firepower	<p><b>India =&gt; 4<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>According to the defence analytics website, Global Firepower's Global Firepower Nations Index 2021 - 'Military Strength Ranking' an annually updated list of 138 modern military nations, India is ranked 4th with PwrIndx (Power Index) rating of 0.1214 where 0.0000 rating is considered as 'perfect'. The ranking has been topped by the United States of America (USA). Among regions the index is topped by Asia and followed by Asia-Pacific, Middle East and European Union (EU) at 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respectively.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. United States of America</li> <li>2. Russia</li> <li>3. China <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
India Justice Report (IJR) 2020	Tata Trusts with the support of Centre	<p>According to the 2nd Edition of India Justice Report (IJR) 2020, Maharashtra regained the top spot for Better Justice Delivery among 18 Large and mid-</p>

		<p>sized states (Population over one crore each), it was followed by Tamil Nadu &amp; Telangana. In the Category of 7 small states (Population less than one crore each), Tripura topped the list followed by Sikkim &amp; Goa. The report was released by Tata Trusts with the support of Centre for Social Justice, Common Cause, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, DAKSH, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) – Prayas &amp; Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy.</p> <p><b><u>Top 3 Large &amp; Mid sized States:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maharashtra with score 5.77</li> <li>2. Tamil Nadu with score 5.73</li> <li>3. Telangana with score 5.64 <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2021	Germany-based think tank Germanwatch	<p><b>India =&gt; 7<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>India has improved its ranking to 7th in the 16th edition of “Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2021- Who suffers Most from Extreme Weather Events? Weather-related Loss Events in 2019 and 2000 to 2019” released by Germany-based think tank Germanwatch. The top three of the lists are Mozambique followed by Zimbabwe, and Bahamas. India was 5th in CRI 2020. Puerto Rico, Myanmar and Haiti were the top three most affected countries during the 20-year period. The index provides a list of worst-hit countries due to extreme weather events in 2019 and 2000-2019. India topped list of having highest number of fatalities (2,267) and the biggest economic loss (68,812 million USD) in 2019.</p> <p><b><u>Top 3 Country:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mozambique</li> <li>2. Zimbabwe</li> <li>3. The Bahamas <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2020	Transparency International	<p><b>India =&gt; 86<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>Transparency International released the 2020 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) where India’s rank slipped to 86th with a score of 40 from 80th rank in 2019 stating a low position as CPI uses a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 is highly corrupt and 100 is very clean. The list has been topped by New Zealand and Denmark rank at the first position with scores of 88 stating minimum corruption levels. Somalia and South Sudan rank lowest at 179th position with scores of 12.</p> <p><b><u>Top 3 Country with Minimum Corruption Level:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New Zealand, Denmark</li> <li>3. Finland, Switzerland, and Singapore <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index 2020	Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)	<p><b>India =&gt; 10<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>According to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) report ‘Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index 2020’</p>

		<p>developed by the Copenhagen Institute for Future Studies in partnership with Roche, India with a score of 36 was ranked at 10 out of 11 Asia Pacific Countries in terms of adopting Personalised healthcare &amp; steps taken to provide right care to the needed person at the right time. Singapore topped the Index followed by Taiwan &amp; Japan at 2nd &amp; 3rd positions respectively. The index measures the performance of countries in 4 categories called 'Vital Signs' through 27 indicators. 11 countries in the Asia Pacific region which were measured in the index are Australia, China, Japan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and New Zealand.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Singapore</li> <li>2. Taiwan</li> <li>3. Japan <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
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## REPORTS

REPORT NAME	SUBMITTED BY	KEY NOTES
Focused Interventions for 'Make in India': post COVID -19	Released by Dr. Harsh Vardhan	Union Minister of Science and Technology, Earth Sciences Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan, released the Action Agenda for Atma Nirbhar Bharat (AAAN) prepared by Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) in New Delhi. The document provided the recommendations focusing towards local to global to revive the Indian economy. It should be noted that earlier TIFAC prepared a report namely "Focused Interventions for 'Make in India': post COVID -19' providing foresight towards the understanding of technology interventions in key sectors for boosting the economy.
Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) Wave-1 Report 2020	Dr. Harsh Vardhan	Union Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) virtually released the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) Wave-1 Report 2020 based on full-scale national. It is India's first and the world's largest survey providing base for designing national and state level programmes and policies for ageing population in India. It should be noted that LASI is a Government of India's (GoI) initiative towards Better Health Care for Elderly People.
Financial Stability Report (FSR) 2021	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the 22nd issue of its bi-annual Financial Stability Report (FSR) 2021. It stated that gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) may rise to 13.5%

		by September 2021, from 7.5% in September 2020 under the baseline scenario. The above mentioned information is based upon the RBI's macro stress tests covering the first six months (April-September) of the FY20-21.
CPCB Report	Central Pollution Control Board	According to a report by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), India generated 771, 215 tonnes of Electronic waste (e-waste) in 2018-19, of which only 10% were collected. In 2017-18, India generated 7, 08, 445 Tonnes of which only 3.5% was collected. Further the amount of e-waste generated increased by 32% to 1, 014, 961 tonnes in 2019-20. India has generated 3.2 Million Tonnes of E-Waste in 2019.
UNEP Adaptation Gap Report 2020	UNEP	5th edition of United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Adaptation Gap Report 2020 was launched during a high-level online press event. The report was produced along with UNEP DTU Partnership (UDP) and the World Adaptation Science Programme (WASP). The annual cost of adaptation to the effects of climate change for developing countries is estimated to at least quadruple by 2050. As per the report the actions required by the Paris Agreement are lagging behind. Even though nations have met success in planning and implementation, there is a huge gap faced by developing countries in financing of these planning.
Working from home from invisibility to decent work	International Labour Organization (ILO)	International Labour Organization (ILO) in its report titled 'Working from home from invisibility to decent work' has highlighted the need to adopt Global Labour Standards and improve national-level labour registries for home-based workers (Industrial home-based workers, Teleworkers, Digital Platform workers) & organisations. Prior to COVID-19 crisis i.e 2019, there were 260 Million home-based workers, which represents 7.9% of Global employment and 56% of them were women.
Global Risks Report 2021	World Economic Forum	World Economic Forum (WEF) has released the Global Risks Report 2021, 16th Edition. The findings of the report are based on the Global Risks Perception Survey (GRPS) undertaken by over 650 members of WEF's diverse leadership communities. The main objective behind the publishing of the report is to enable better preparation by Government &

		other International Communities during the times of crisis. The Report is prepared with Strategic Partners, Marsh McLennan in Partnership with SK Group and Zurich Insurance Group.
Asia and the Pacific Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition 2020: Maternal and child diets at the heart of improving nutrition	FAO, UNICEF, WFP and WHO	According to the report 'Asia and the Pacific Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition 2020: Maternal and child diets at the heart of improving nutrition', based on Global estimates the number of people facing severe food insecurity was estimated to double to 265 Million by the end of 2020 due to pandemic. The report was jointly released by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP) and World Health Organization (WHO). It is the 3rd Annual Report released by the UN agencies.
Ageing Water Storage Infrastructure: An Emerging Global Risk	UNU-INWEH	United Nations University – Institute for Water, Environment & Health (UNU-INWEH) released a report called 'Ageing Water Storage Infrastructure: An Emerging Global Risk', the report states that ageing of large dams is an emerging Global Development issue as they pose threats to human safety & environment. In India, around 1, 115 large dams are set to reach the ~50 years mark by 2025. The report consists of case studies on decommissioning & ageing of dams from the United States, France, Canada, India, Japan, and Zambia & Zimbabwe.
The Inequality Virus	Oxfam	As per the Indian supplement of Oxfam report "The Inequality Virus", the top 100 Indian billionaires increased their wealth by 35% during the lockdown to Rs 12,97,822 crore. The report was released on the opening day of the World Economic Forum's 'Davos Dialogues'. India ranked 6th in the world after the United States (US), China, Germany, Russia, and France where billionaires increased their wealth in COVID times. India has the world's fourth lowest health budget in terms of its share of government expenditure.
People's Climate Report	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) released the results of 'People's Climate Report' – World's Largest Survey of Public Opinion on Climate Change. Around 1.2 Million People participated in the survey, out of which two-thirds of people (64%) believe that Climate Change is a Global Emergency. The survey conducted by UNDP along with



		University of Oxford, United Kingdom spanned 50 countries and covered 56% of the World's Population.
Global Climate Litigation Report: 2020 Status Review	UNEP	UN Environment Programme (UNEP) released a report titled "Global Climate Litigation Report: 2020 Status Review". The report was published by UNEP in cooperation with the Sabin Centre for Climate Change Law at Columbia University. The report states that the climate litigation cases increased in recent years, which has made the courtroom relevant to the efforts to address climate change across the globe. The climate litigation cases has doubled in the last 3 years.

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Democracy Index 2020	Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)	<p><b>India =&gt; 53<sup>rd</sup> Rank with the score 6.61</b> According to the 'Democracy Index 2020' released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), India with a score of 6.61 slipped two places to 53rd Rank (out of 167 countries) in the Index due to decline in Civil Liberties. Norway topped the index followed by Iceland &amp; Sweden. The least country placed in the index is North Korea. India was ranked 51st in 2019 Democracy Index.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Norway with the score 9.81</li> <li>2. Iceland with the score 9.37</li> <li>3. Sweden with the score 9.26 <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
International Economic Resilience (IER)	PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)	<p><b>India =&gt; 2<sup>nd</sup> Rank</b> According to the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) International Economic Resilience (IER) India is set to emerge as the 2nd Most Resilience Economy in 2021 among top-10 leading economies showcasing the strong recovery of Indian Economy in the Post COVID-19 era. Germany took the top spot &amp; South Korea took the 3rd spot It is based on 5 Macroeconomic indicators.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Germany</li> <li>2. India</li> <li>3. South Korea <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
COVID Performance Index : Deconstructing Pandemic Responses	Australia based Lowy Institute	<p><b>India =&gt; 86<sup>th</sup> Rank</b> According to the 'COVID Performance Index : Deconstructing Pandemic Responses' released by Australia based Lowy Institute, India ranked at 86 out of 98 Countries with a score of 24.3 on basis of its</p>

		<p>response towards tackling the Pandemic. New Zealand topped the list followed by Vietnam &amp; Taiwan.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New Zealand</li> <li>2. Vietnam</li> <li>3. Taiwan <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
Grant Thornton Bharat's Britain Meets India report	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and with the support of the UK's Department of International Trade	<p>In accordance with the 7th edition of Grant Thornton Bharat's Britain Meets India report, the FDI inflow from the United Kingdom to India has increased from \$898 million in 2015- 16 to \$1,422 million in 2019-20. The report is prepared in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and with the support of the UK's Department of International Trade. It should be noted that Maharashtra is the top investment destination for UK companies, followed by Haryana, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Karnataka.</p> <p><b>Top Investment destination for UK companies:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maharashtra</li> <li>2. Haryana</li> <li>3. Delhi <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>

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Ombudsman Schemes of the Reserve Bank for the year 2019-20	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the Annual Report of the "Ombudsman Schemes of the Reserve Bank for the year 2019-20" i.e. the period covering July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Complaints received at Office of Banking Ombudsman (OBO) recorded an increase of 57.54% Year-on-Year (Y-o-Y) in FY19-20. There were a total of 308,630 complaints in the FY20 as against 195,901 in FY19. Complaints against NBFCs increased by 387%.
IRDAI annual report 2019-20	IRDAI	In accordance with the data by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's (IRDAI) annual report 2019-20, the claim settlement ratio of Life Insurance Corp. of India (LIC) declined in FY20 to 96.6% from 97.7% in FY19. On the other hand, Private Insurers has increased their settlement ratio to 97.18% for FY20 from 96.6% in FY19. LIC was ranked 17th among the 24 life insurers.
Corporate India Risk Index 2020	ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co. Ltd	ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co. Ltd launched its 1st 'Corporate India Risk Index 2020'. India's Corporate India Risk Index stands at 57. The HealthCare Sector topped

		among the sectors with the highest score of 70, which indicates that it manages the risk well. The Corporate India Risk Index 2020 uses a risk measurement tool that has been developed by ICICI Lombard in partnership with Frost and Sullivan, a leading management consulting firm.
All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) for January 2021	National Statistical Office (NSO)	The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is released the All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) for January 2021. As per the index, India's retail inflation eased to a 16-month low at 4.06% in January 2021. The retail inflation was 4.59% in December 2020. The food inflation fell to a 20-month low of 1.89% in January 2021. The retail inflation in rural India was 3.23% and in urban India was 5.06%.
Profile of Cancer and Related Health Indicators in the North East Region of India-2021	ICMR & NCDIR	According to the report 'Profile of Cancer and Related Health Indicators in the North East Region of India-2021' released by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) & National Centre for Disease Informatics & Research (NCDIR), the number of New Cancer Cases in North East Region (NER) is set to increase to 57, 131 by 2025, which is a big increase over the estimated 50, 317 cases of Cancer in NER in 2020. The report prepared by ICMR-NCDIR has been funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India.
Mobilising Finance for EVs in India: A Toolkit of Solutions to Mitigate Risks and Address Market Barriers, January 2021	NITI Aayog & Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)	According to the report 'Mobilising Finance for EVs in India: A Toolkit of Solutions to Mitigate Risks and Address Market Barriers, January 2021' released by NITI Aayog & Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), India's transition towards Electric Vehicles (EVs) adoption between the years 2020-2030 will need a capital of INR 19.7 Lakh Crores (USD 266 Billion) they will be utilized for construction of vehicles, charging stations, and batteries & other infrastructures.
Upskilling for Shared Prosperity	World Economic Forum (WEF)	According to the report 'Upskilling for Shared Prosperity' – January 2021 released by World Economic Forum (WEF) in collaboration with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Investments in Upskilling can boost the Global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by USD 6.5 Trillion by 2030 also adding that it has the potential to boost India's GDP by USD 570 Billion (INR 40

		Lakh Crore) by 2030. The report was released during WEF's The Davos Agenda 2021. Upskilling has the potential to create 5.3 Million new jobs by 2030.
COVID-19: Missing More Than a Classroom. The impact of school closures on children's nutrition	UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti and the World Food Programme (WFP)	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Office of Research – Innocenti and the World Food Programme (WFP) released a new report titled "COVID-19: Missing More Than a Classroom. The impact of school closures on children's nutrition" which states that more than 39 billion in-school meals were missed due to the closure of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is observed that the Midday Meals Scheme (MDMS) of India has reduced the calorie deficits in children by 30%.
India Energy Outlook 2021	International Energy Agency's (IEA)	In accordance with the International Energy Agency's (IEA) "India Energy Outlook 2021", India will surpass European Union as the world's third-biggest energy consumer by 2030. In this regard, India energy demand growth share will be maximum at 25% in the next two decades. As per India's current national policy scenario, its gross domestic product (GDP) expands to an estimated \$8.6 trillion by 2040.
Capital Flows Underpinning India's Energy Transformation	Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA)	According to the report 'Capital Flows Underpinning India's Energy Transformation' released by Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), India needs an Investment of USD 500 Billion to reach its target of 450 Gigawatts (GW) of Renewable Energy (RE) by 2030. The report was authored by Tim Buckely, Director Energy Finance Studies & Saurabh Trivedi, Research Analyst.
Traffic Crash Injuries and Disabilities: The Burden on Indian Society	World Bank	According to the report 'Traffic Crash Injuries and Disabilities: The Burden on Indian Society' released by the World Bank with 1% of World's vehicles, India accounts for 11% of Global Road Accident deaths & 6% of total road crashes. The World Bank report was prepared in association with Save LIFE Foundation (SLF). In India, annually around 4.5 Lakh road crashes take place out of which 1.5 Lakh people die. 76.2% of people who are killed in road crashes are in the prime working-age i.e 18-45 years.

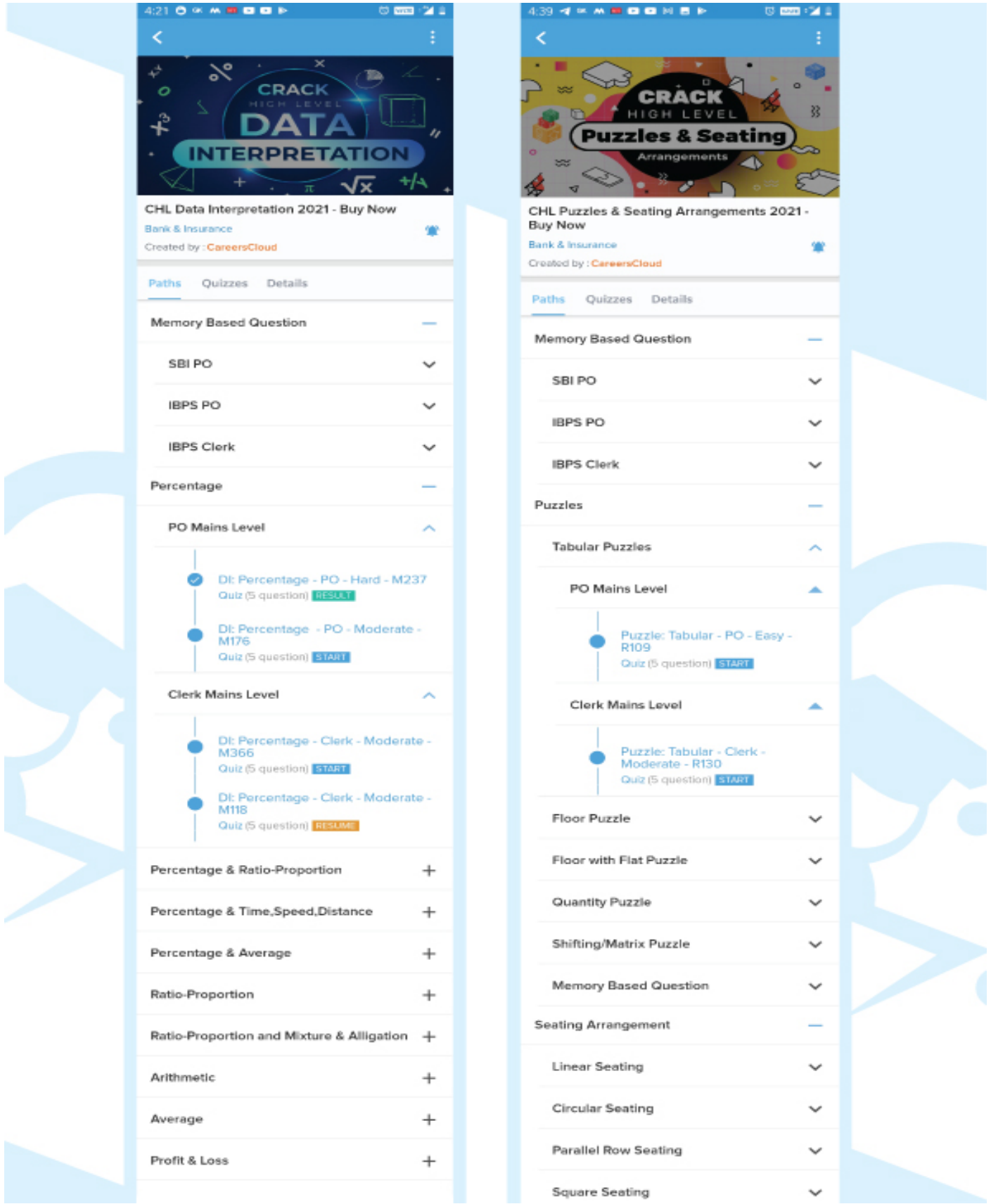
Cross-Sector Outlook: India's Escape From Covid	S&P (Standard & Poors) Global Ratings	On February 16, 2021 S&P (Standard & Poors) Global Ratings released a report titled, 'Cross-Sector Outlook: India's Escape From Covid', where it estimated that India will have an economic recovery at 10% in FY22, on a lower base. Earlier, it had revised India's Real GDP Forecast for FY21 to -7.7%(contract by 7%) from -9%. It also mentioned that, the 91st Union Budget 2021-22, that is India's 1st Digital Budget will also support the recovery
Impact of IBOR transition on NBFCs in India	EY (Ernst & Young) India	In accordance with the new EY (Ernst & Young) India report titled "Impact of IBOR transition on NBFCs in India", Indian Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) require an effective plan for Inter Bank Offered Rate (IBOR) transition, as majority of London Inter Bank Offered Rate (LIBOR) rates are likely to be phased out by the end of 2021. It is one of the most common series of benchmark rates for determining short-term interest rates across the world which are measured in trillions of dollars across global currencies.

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NCAER Land Record and Services Index (N-LRSI) 2021	NCAER with support from Omidyar Network India	<p>In accordance with the 2nd edition of NCAER Land Record and Services Index (N-LRSI) 2021, almost 32 States and Union Territories (UTs) have shown an improvement in their effort to digitise land records. Their mean has shown an increase of 16.6% in 2020-21 from 38.7 in 2019-20 to 45.1 in 2020-21 (out of 100 points). Notably, Madhya Pradesh topped the list for the second year in a row and followed by West Bengal (2nd), Odisha (3rd), Maharashtra (4th) and Tamil Nadu (5th).</p> <p><b><u>Top 3 State:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Madhya Pradesh with 80.2 score</li> <li>2. West Bengal with 78.5 score</li> <li>3. Odisha with 77.2 Score <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
Ease of Living Index (EoLI) 2020 & Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020	Hardeep Singh Puri	<p>On February 4, 2021, Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Housing &amp; Urban Affairs (MoHUA) released the Final Rankings of Ease of Living Index (EoLI) 2020 &amp; Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020 through an online event. For the purpose of ranking, both EoLI 2020 &amp; MLI 2020 categorized the rankings of Cities (including cities under Smart Cities Program) &amp; Municipalities under 2 categories based on their population – Million+ Category &amp; Less than Million Category.</p> <p><b><u>Ease of Living Index 2020: Population – Million+ Category Top 3 City</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bengaluru</li> <li>2. Pune</li> <li>3. Ahmedabad</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Municipal Performance Index 2020: Population – Million+ Category Top 3 Municipality</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indore</li> <li>2. Surat</li> <li>3. Bhopal <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
State of India's Environment 2021 (SoE 2021) Annual report	Down to Earth Magazine	<p><b>India =&gt; 117<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>According to the State of India's Environment 2021 (SoE 2021) Annual report released by Down to Earth Magazine in association with Centre for Science &amp; Environment (CSE), India is set to begin a 'pandemic generation' as 375 million children (0-14-year-olds) may suffer long-lasting impacts such as underweight, stunting &amp; increased child mortality, to losses in education &amp; work productivity due to pandemic.</p>

		India was ranked 117 out of 192 nations in terms of sustainable development behind all South Asian countries except Pakistan. <a href="#">Click here</a>
World University Rankings 2021	QS (Quacquarelli Symonds)	On March 4, 2021, the unveiling of QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings by Subject 2021 was held virtually which was addressed by Union Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Ministry of Education (MoE). Notably, the number of Indian Institutions in the list of top 100 has increased to 12 from 8. These are IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, IISC Bangalore, IIT Guwahati, IIM Bangalore, IIM Ahmedabad, JNU, Anna University, University of Delhi, and O.P Jindal University. The O P Jindal Global University is the only private university to have entered the top-100 club. <a href="#">Click here</a>
Freedom in the World 2021: Democracy under Siege	US based Think Tank Freedom House	<b>India =&gt; Score 67 with Status "Party Free"</b> According to the 'Freedom in the World 2021: Democracy under Siege' released by US based Think Tank Freedom House, India has scored 67 and its position has been downgraded to 'Partly Free' from 'Free' in 2020. India's ranking has also fallen to 88 (from 83) out of 211 countries. The 'most free countries' with a score of 100 are Finland, Norway & Sweden. Least Free Countries with a score of 1 are Tibet & Syria. This is the 1st time since 1997 that India has been downgraded to 'partly free'. India's score has decreased from 71 (in 2020). <a href="#">Click here</a>
Hurun Global Rich List 2021	Hurun Report	According to Hurun Global Rich List 2021, Chairman of Reliance Industries (RIL), Mukesh Ambani with a wealth of USD 83 Billion (~ INR 6 Lakh Crore) became the 8th Richest Person in the World. The List was topped by Elon Musk (CEO of Tesla), Jeff Bezos (CEO of Amazon) & Bernard Arnault (CEO of LVMH-Louis Vuitton). In the Hurun Global Rich List 2020, Mukesh Ambani was ranked 9th. Elon Musk took the number 1 spot for the 1st time and at the age of 49 years is the youngest to take the No.1 spot. <b>Top 3 Rank:</b> 1. Elon Musk 2. Jeff Bezos 3. Bernard Arnault <a href="#">Click here</a>
Technology and Innovation Report 2021	UNCTAD	In accordance with the new country-readiness index released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its 'Technology and Innovation Report 2021', India is the biggest over performer in frontier technologies than it's per capita gross domestic products (GDP) among 158 countries. The index ranked India at 43 while the estimated one based on per capita income was 108.



		<p>This meant that India over performed other countries by 65 ranking positions (difference between index rank and the estimated index rankings based on per capita income). India was followed by the Philippines, which over performed by 57 ranking positions.</p> <p><b><u>Top 3 over performing countries relative to per capita GDP:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. India</li> <li>2. Philippines</li> <li>2. Ukraine <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
UNCTAD B2C E-COMMERCE INDEX 2020	UNCTAD	<p><b>India =&gt; 71<sup>st</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>In accordance with the 'UNCTAD B2C E-COMMERCE INDEX 2020- Spotlight on Latin America and the Caribbean', India ranked 71 out of 152 countries as compared to 75th position in 2019. The index measures an economy's preparedness to support online shopping where B2C stands for Business to Consumer. UNCTAD is an acronym for United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The index has been topped by Switzerland for the first time which has surpassed the Netherland. On the regional front of East, South &amp; Southeast Asia, India ranked at 10th position which has been topped by Singapore.</p> <p><b><u>Top 3 Country:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Switzerland</li> <li>2. Netherlands</li> <li>3. Denmark <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
2021 Index of Economic Freedom	The Heritage Foundation	<p><b>India =&gt; 121<sup>st</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>India with a score of 56.5 was ranked 121 (category - 'Mostly Unfree') in the '2021 Index of Economic Freedom' (27th Annual Edition) released by The Heritage Foundation. Singapore topped the list for the 2nd time in a row followed by New Zealand &amp; Australia. For the 1st time, The Heritage Foundation has excluded Hong Kong from its rankings. Hong Kong had topped the Index for 25 out of 27 years (1995-2019). Overall, the Global Economy remains 'Moderately Free' in the 2021 Index.</p> <p><b><u>Top 3 Country:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Singapore</li> <li>2. New Zealand</li> <li>3. Australia <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
Annual Global CEO Survey	PwC's (PricewaterhouseCoopers)	<p><b>India =&gt; 5<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>According to PwC's (PricewaterhouseCoopers) 24th Annual Global CEO Survey, India emerged as the 5th most attractive growth destination in the world. India has slipped one position to 5th, after being surpassed by the United Kingdom which took the 4th Position.</p>

		<p>The USA emerged as the Number one market favoured by CEOs over the next 1 year followed by China, Germany.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. USA</li> <li>2. China</li> <li>3. Germany <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
JLL Human Performance Indicator (HPI) Index	JLL's (Jones Lang LaSalle)'s	<p>According to JLL's (Jones Lang LaSalle)'s Human Performance Indicator (HPI) Index, India ranked highest in workplace satisfaction at 98 percent followed by China at 97 percent. As per the report, India leads other Asia-Pacific (APAC) countries with 81 per cent of high performers practising flexible working, including flexible hours and work-from-home. The Key Factors impacting workplace satisfaction in high performers are wider range of sophisticated workplaces and technologies.</p>
Trade Data	Reuters	<p>According to trade data released by Reuters, the United States surpassed Saudi Arabia as India's 2nd Biggest Oil Supply in February, 2021. Iraq continues to be India's Largest supplier despite a 23% decline in purchases to a five-month low of 867, 500 BPD (Barrels Per Day). India's imports from America increased to 48% to a record 545, 300 BPD in February, 2021 accounting for 14% of India's overall imports last month. India is World's Third Largest Oil Importer &amp; Consumer (after USA, China). <a href="#">Click here</a></p>
Wealth Report 2020	Hurun India	<p>Maharashtra ranked first in the state wise distribution of High Net-worth Individual(HNI) households with 56,000-dollar millionaire households. It was followed by Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Gujarat. City-wise distribution: Mumbai is home to most millionaires followed by Delhi, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Chennai. Millionaire Household is a household having an annual income of more than USD 1 million. <a href="#">Click here</a></p>
2020 World Air Quality Report	IQAir	<p>According to the '2020 World Air Quality Report' released by IQAir (Swiss Air Technology Company), India was the 3rd Most Polluted Country in the World in 2020 after Bangladesh &amp; Pakistan. Delhi was the most polluted Capital City for the 3rd consecutive time it was followed by Dhaka (Bangladesh) &amp; Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia). In the case of World's most polluted cities, Hotan of China came first followed by India's Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) &amp; Bulandshahr (Uttar Pradesh).</p> <p><b>Top 3 Most Polluted Countries in 2020:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bangladesh with PM value 77.1</li> <li>2. Pakistan with PM value 59.0</li> </ol>

		3. India with PM value 51.9
World's Most Dangerous Roads study	International driver education company, Zutobi	According to the Study conducted by International driver education company, Zutobi, South Africa was ranked 1st in the World's Most Dangerous Roads study, it was followed by Thailand. United States ranked 3rd. India was ranked 4th in the study. The Study was conducted among 56 Countries. Similarly, The Study states that, Norway has the World's Safest Road & topped in the study in World's Safest Roads, it is followed by Japan in the 2nd place & Sweden in 3rd Place.
World Happiness Report 2021	United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network	<p><b>India =&gt; 139<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>India with a score of 3.819 has been ranked 139 out of 149 countries in the 'World Happiness Report 2021' a publication of United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network. The rankings were topped by Finland (tops for the 4th time). This is the 9th World Happiness Report and is based on surveys conducted during the time period of 2018-20.</p> <p>It ranks the world's 149 countries on "how happy their citizens perceive themselves to be". Apart from Afghanistan (149), all neighbouring countries ranked higher than India.</p> <p><b><u>Top 3 Country Based on Past 3 years (2018-2020):</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finland</li> <li>2. Denmark</li> <li>3. Switzerland <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
Ultimate Military Strength Index	Military Direct	<p><b>India =&gt; 4<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>According to a study 'Ultimate Military Strength Index' by Defence Website 'Military Direct', India with 61 Points is the 4th Strongest Military Force in the World. China (82 Points) was topped followed by the USA (74) &amp; Russia (69). The index considers factors like – Budgets, number of inactive &amp; active military personnel, total air, sea, land and nuclear resources, average salaries &amp; weight of equipment. World's Biggest Military Spender – USA (USD 732 Billion per year) followed by China (USD 261 Billion) &amp; India (USD 71 Billion).</p> <p><b><u>Top 3 Country:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. China</li> <li>2. USA</li> <li>3. Russia <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
International Intellectual Property (IP) Index : Recovery through Ingenuity 2021	US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Centre	<p><b>India =&gt; 40<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>India with a score of 38.40% has been ranked 40th out of 53 Global Economies in the 9th Edition of the 'International Intellectual Property (IP) Index : Recovery through Ingenuity 2021' released by US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy</p>

		<p>Centre (GIPC). USA, UK &amp; Germany topped the Index. In the 8th Edition India Scored 38.46%. So there is a decline of 0.06% from Previous Year. The report states that the overall global IP environment has improved in 2020, with 32 out of 53 Countries recording positive improvements in their score.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. USA</li> <li>2. UK</li> <li>3. Germany <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
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## REPORTS

REPORT NAME	SUBMITTED BY	KEY NOTES
World Report on Hearing	WHO	World Health Organization (WHO) released its first World Report on Hearing stating that nearly 2.5 billion people worldwide or 1 in 4 people will suffer from hearing problems by 2050. At present one in five people worldwide have hearing problems. If the issue is not properly addressed, there will be a loss of trillion US dollars every year.
Pictorial guidebook on Prevent Hearing Loss	Released by Harsh Vardhan	On 3rd March 2021, as a part of the World Hearing Day, Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, released the report related to hearing loss prepared by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) – All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) ICMR-AIIMS with the Pictorial guidebook on ‘Prevent Hearing Loss’ prepared by Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)- Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER). As a part of the event, Minister virtually inaugurated the six new Outreach Service Centres for Communication Disorders by the All-India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, Karnataka.
Education Budgets	World Bank	In accordance with the report by World Bank headquartered at Washington, D.C., United States, the low and lower-middle income countries have cut the education budgets by 65% after COVID-19 pandemic despite the urgent need for adequate funding to allow school systems to reopen safely and to fund programs to make up for the losses in learning students experienced while schools were closed. 33% of high and upper-middle income countries also followed the same scenario.
Food Waste Index Report 2021	UNEP & WRAP	According to ‘Food Waste Index Report 2021’ compiled by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) & WRAP (Waste &

		Resources Action Programme) found that around 931 Million Tonnes (1.03 Billion Tons) of Food waste was generated in 2019. It equals to 17% of food produced globally. 61% of this waste was generated by households, 26% from food service & 13% from retail. At the Global level, 74Kg per capita of food is wasted each year. The 2015 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12.3 aims to halve food waste & reduce food loss by 2030.
Education: From disruption to recovery	UNICEF	According to report titled “Education: From disruption to recovery” released by UNICEF (United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund), the closure of 1.5 Million schools due to pandemic. The lockdown in 2020 has impacted 247 Million Children enrolled in elementary & secondary schools in India. Globally around 888 Million children continue to face disruptions to their education due to full & partial school closures. The report also states that Online education is not feasible as only 1 in 4 children have access to digital devices & Internet connectivity.
Global Climate Emergency	UNFCCC	UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres has stated 2021 is a ‘make or break year’ to confront the global climate emergency. The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has released the Initial NDC (Nationally Determined Contributions) Synthesis Report which measures the progress of Climate Action Plans of Countries under the Paris Agreement. The report states that the efforts put in by countries are not enough to limit Global Temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius or to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. In order to achieve the targets, countries must cut global emission by 45% by 2030 from 2010 levels.
Report on Currency and Finance (RCF) for the year 2020-21	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	In accordance with the internal report from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) namely ‘Report on Currency and Finance (RCF) for the year 2020-21’ on the theme “Reviewing the Monetary Policy Framework”, India’s medium-term inflation target of 4% with a +/- 2 % tolerance band is appropriate for the country. This is in lieu of the RBI’s flexible inflation targeting (FIT) mandate. The period of study in this report is from October 2016 to March 2020.

Gender Inequality	Bank of America (BofA)	According to a report compiled by the economists of Bank of America (BofA), Gender inequality has cost the world USD 70 Trillion since 1990. It also states that it would take a minimum of 257 years to bridge the gender gap. The Loss of Human Capital Wealth due to Gender Inequality is estimated at USD 160.2 Trillion. If all countries become gender-equal, the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will increase by up to USD 28 Trillion by 2025.
The Opportunity Index 2021	LinkedIn	In January 2021, LinkedIn surveyed 10,000 working women in the Asia Pacific region and released "The Opportunity Index 2021", which revealed that 85% of Indian women felt missed out of Salary hike or promotion because of their gender, while the number stands at 60% in Asia Pacific region. However, 66% felt that gender equality has improved from the time of their parents. Shockingly 9 of 10 women revealed that they were negatively impacted by the pandemic.
Mobilising Finance for EVs in India Report	NITI Aayog along with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) India	NITI Aayog along with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) India released the 'Mobilising Finance for EVs in India: A Toolkit of Solutions to Mitigate Risks and Address Market Barriers' report. The report analyses the risk & market barriers involved in transforming India's Electric Vehicle (EV) Sector and provides Target Instruments to overcome the hurdles. Indian EV market size to be of USD 50 billion (Rs 3.7 lakh crore) by 2030, which is equivalent to 80% of the current market size of India's retail vehicle Finance Industry at USD 60 billion (Rs 4.5 lakh crore).
India FinTech: A USD 100 Bn Opportunity	BCG & FICCI	According to the report 'India FinTech: A USD 100 Bn Opportunity' released by Boston Consulting Group (BCG) & Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), India's Fintech Sector is expected to reach a valuation of USD 150-160 Billion by 2025. The USD 150-160 Billion valuation will help in translating to an incremental value-creation potential of about USD 100 Billion. In order to meet the USD 150-160 Billion valuation by 2025, India's fintech sector will need investments of up to USD 20-25 Billion over the next five years (2021-25).
Unlocking APAC's Digital Potential: Changing Digital Skill Needs and Policy Approaches	Amazon Web Service	On 25th February 2021, the Amazon Web Service released a survey report titled "Unlocking APAC's Digital Potential: Changing

		Digital Skill Needs and Policy Approaches”. The report states that the present workforce of India comprises only 12% of digitally skilled employees and the Digitally skilled workforce of India has to increase to 9-fold by 2025. The report was prepared by Alpha Beta, a strategy, and economic consulting firm and commissioned by AWS.
COVID-19: A threat to progress against Child Marriage	UNICEF	According to the ‘COVID-19: A threat to progress against Child Marriage’ report compiled by UNICEF (United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund) COVID-19 impact could result in additional 10 Million Child Marriages in the next decade (2020-30). The report states that around 650 Million Girls & Women who are alive today were married in childhood. Half of such Girls & Women counts are in Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia, India and Nigeria. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals has set a target to end Child Marriage by 2030.
Connecting to Thrive: Challenges and Opportunities of Transport Integration in Eastern South Asia	World Bank	As per the recent report titled “Connecting to Thrive: Challenges and Opportunities of Transport Integration in Eastern South Asia” released by World Bank, India and Bangladesh have the potential to increase their national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 8% in India in particular road connectivity and 17% in Bangladesh with seamless transport connectivity between two countries. Also report suggested Bangladesh, Bhutan, India & Nepal (BBIN) eastern sub-region countries became an economic growth pole for South Asia.
Autocratization Turns Viral: Democracy Report 2021	Swedish-based V-Dem (Varieties of Democracy) Institute	According to the 5th Annual report ‘Autocratization Turns Viral: Democracy Report 2021’ released by Swedish-based V-Dem (Varieties of Democracy) Institute, India’s regime type has turned into ‘Electoral Autocracy’ in 2020 from ‘Electoral Democracy’ in 2010. Hungary & Turkey have also been demoted as ‘Electoral Autocracy’. India has registered a 23%-point drop on the Liberal Democracy Index (LDI) scale marking one of the most dramatic shifts among all countries in the world over the past 10 years. Based on the LDI Index, the top 3 democratic countries in the world are Denmark, Sweden & Norway.
ADB’s Support for the Sustainable Development Goals: Enabling the	Asian Development Bank(ADB)	Asian Development Bank(ADB)’s report titled “ADB’s Support for the Sustainable

<p>2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through Strategy 2030</p>		<p>Development Goals: Enabling the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through Strategy 2030” states that, a renewed focus on achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be essential as countries seek to rebuild from the Covid-19 pandemic. The report also highlights ADB projects and programs that help countries achieve the SDGs.</p>
<p>SIPRI Report</p>	<p>SIPRI</p>	<p>According to a report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), India’s import of arms decreased by 33% between 2011-15 and 2016-20 due to its increased push for ‘Make-in-India’ initiative and other measures to boost the domestic defence industry. The most affected country due to decline in India’s imports was Russia. It was followed by USA. India’s Top 3 Arms suppliers during 2016-20 were Russia (49% imports), France (18%) &amp; Israel (13%).</p>
<p>Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report, 2021</p>	<p>UN-ESCAP</p>	<p>On 16th March, 2021, United Nations-Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)’s report titled “Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report, 2021” states, Asia-Pacific region may achieve just 10% targets of sustainable development goals(SDGs) by 2030. (i.e.) Only nine out of 140 measurable targets of the SDG will be achieved by 2030. Globally, Asia-Pacific region is too slow in achieving the half of the SDG goals and many SDG’s were achieved at levels well below the 2020 Target.</p>
<p>State of the World’s Indigenous Peoples (SOWIP)</p>	<p>United Nations(UN) Department of Economic and Social Affairs(DESA)</p>	<p>On 15th and 16th March 2021, the United Nations(UN) Department of Economic and Social Affairs(DESA) released the State of the World’s Indigenous Peoples (SOWIP) volume V entitled “Rights to Lands, Territories and Resources”. The report examines challenges faced by the indigenous people in asserting their rights to lands, in the context of agribusiness, extractive industries, development, conservation and tourism. The preparation of the report was overseen by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.</p>
<p>Violence Against Women Prevalence Estimates, 2018</p>	<p>WHO</p>	<p>On 9th March 2021, the World Health Organization(WHO) has launched a report titled “Violence Against Women Prevalence Estimates, 2018”. The report was based on the</p>



		WHO's largest study on the prevalence of violence against women. The study conducted by WHO on behalf of The United Nations Inter-Agency Working Group on Violence Against Women Estimation and Data (VAW-IAWGED) states that around 736 million to 852 million women across the globe i.e., 1 in 3 women have faced physical or sexual violence at least once in their lifetime.
Direct and indirect effects of COVID-19 pandemic and response in South Asia	UNICEF partnership with WHO, UNFPA	UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) in partnership with WHO, UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) has released a report called 'Direct and indirect effects of COVID-19 pandemic and response in South Asia'. The report has released estimates which anticipate that India will record the largest increase of deaths among children aged 5 years (15%) & Maternal deaths (18%) among 6 South Asian Countries in 2020 due to pandemic. The 6 South Asian Countries are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan & Sri Lanka.
World Energy Transitions Outlook: 1.5° C Pathway	IRENA	According to the report 'World Energy Transitions Outlook: 1.5° C Pathway' released by International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the COVID-19 Crisis is an opportunity for countries across the world to disengage their economies from Fossil Fuels & accelerate their shift to renewable energy sources. The report was previewed at the virtual Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue (BETD 2021) which took place from March 16, 2021-March 17, 2021. The report states that by 2050, 90% of total electricity needs will be supplied by renewables, followed by 6% from natural gas & remaining from nuclear.
Reimagining WASH:Water Security For All	UNICEF	According to the report 'Reimagining WASH:Water Security For All' released by UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), globally more than 1.42 Billion people, including 450 million children live in areas of high, or extremely high, water vulnerability.It essentially means that globally, 1 in 5 children worldwide do not have enough water to meet their everyday needs. South Asia is home to the largest number of children living in areas of high or extremely high water vulnerability – more than 155 Million children.The report is part of UNICEF's 'Water Security for All' initiative.

India Trend Book 2021	EY-IVCA	According to a report 'India Trend Book 2021' released by EY-IVCA (Ernst Young-Indian Private Equity & Venture Capital Association), India's e-commerce market is expected to be worth USD 99 Billion by 2024. It is also anticipated to grow at a 27% CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate) over the period 2019-24. India will have 220 million online shoppers in India by 2025. The report also states that by 2023, 1.2 % or USD 10.5 Billion of India's grocery sales will be online. Indian Government aims to build a USD 1 Trillion Digital economy by 2025 through Digital India Programme.
India: Transforming to a net-zero emissions energy system	TERI & Shell	According to the report by 'India: Transforming to a net-zero emissions energy system' released by TERI (The Energy & Resources Institute) & Shell (otherwise known as Royal Dutch Shell plc), the Net Zero emissions in energy system in India is achievable by 2050. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog released the report. The report highlights the transformations needed by India over the next 30 years for India to achieve the goal.
Valuing Water	United Nations	According to the 2021 edition of the United Nations World Water Development Report (UN WWDR 2021) titled 'Valuing Water', Each person on the planet may have to live on less Water as per capita reservoir capacity is decreasing. This report published by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on behalf of UN-Water. The production of the report is coordinated by UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP).
World Development Report 2021 : Data for better lives	World Bank Group	According to the 'World Development Report 2021: Data for better lives' (WDR 2021) released by World Bank Group, Most countries across the globe shy away from an Open-data policy. It states that only 11% low-income countries made available a license classifiable as 'open'. The report has provided an assessment of openness of data, by income group. <a href="#">Click here</a>
Global Wind Report 2021	Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC)	According to 'Global Wind Report 2021' released by Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), India may miss its 2022 Renewable Energy Capacity Targets (175 GW RE by 2022 - 100 GW Solar, 60 GW Wind, 10 GW Bio-

		Energy, 5 GW Small Hydro) due to several constraints. The constraints range from things like Land Allocation, grid availability, the recurring financial instability of DISCOMs (Power Distribution Companies), tender design & PPA (Power Purchase Agreement) Sanctity and others.
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## RANKING & REPORTS IN CONTENT FORMAT

### Lakshadweep, Budgam District declared TB Free;Himachal Pradesh tops State TBI Index 2021

On the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day on March 24, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare inaugurated the celebrations at Dr Ambedkar International Centre at Delhi. During the event, Lakshadweep (UT) & District of Budgam (Jammu & Kashmir) were declared Tuberculosis (TB) free. Himachal Pradesh achieved 1st Rank in India amongst the states with a population of more than 50 Lakhs, to end Tuberculosis under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP). India also resolved to end Tuberculosis by 2025. Ending the TB epidemic by 2030 is among the health targets of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### COVID-19 pushes back India's USD 5 Trillion GDP goal by 3 years to FY 2031-32-BofA Securities Report

According to a Bank of America (BofA) Securities Report, COVID-19 pandemic is expected to delay India's ambitious target of becoming the 3rd Largest Economy by 3 years to FY 2031-32 from FY 29-30. (i.e. Indian Government has set a target of becoming a USD 5 Trillion economy by 2030). The pandemic has already shaved off 15.7% of India's GDP from 2020.

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### RANKING

INDEX / SURVEY NAME	RELEASED BY / CONDUCTED BY	KEY NOTES
Global Gender Gap Report 2021	World Economic Forum	<p><b>India =&gt; 140<sup>th</sup> Rank with the score 0.625</b></p> <p>India with a score of 0.625 has been ranked 140th out of 156 countries in the 15th edition of the World Economic Forum's (WEF) 'Global Gender Gap Report 2021'. Iceland is the most gender-equal country in the world (for the 12th time) followed by Finland &amp; Norway. Afghanistan (156), Yemen (155) &amp; Iraq (154) took the last 3 positions in the rankings. Among the South Asian Countries, Bangladesh was the top performer on the Gender Gap Index with a global ranking of 65, followed by Nepal at 106, Sri Lanka at 116, and Bhutan at 130. Afghanistan (156) &amp; Pakistan (153) were the only countries behind India in the South Asian Region.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Iceland with the score 0.892</li> <li>2. Finland with the score 0.861</li> <li>3. Norway with the score 0.849 <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>

Prime-Time for Real Time	ACI Worldwide and GlobalData	<p>According to the report 'Prime-Time for Real Time'-2021 launched by ACI Worldwide and GlobalData, <b>India with 25.5 Billion transactions topped the list</b> of countries with most number of real-time transactions in Digital Payments in 2020. It was followed by China (15.7 Billion) &amp; South Korea (6.0 Billion).The report further states that Digital Payments will account for 71.7% of all Transactions in India by 2025, while Cash, Cheques &amp; other forms of payments will occupy only 28.3 %.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. India</li> <li>2. China</li> <li>3. South Korea <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
Henley Passport Index : Q2 2021 Global Ranking	Henley & Partners	<p><b>India =&gt; 84<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>According to 'Henley Passport Index : Q2 2021 Global Ranking' released by Henley &amp; Partners, India has been ranked as 84<sup>th</sup> Most Powerful Passport (visa-free destination score – 58). The Index has been topped by Japan, Singapore while Germany &amp; South Korea together took the 3rd spot. India shares its ranking with Gabon &amp; Tajikistan. According to "Henley Passport Index: Q1 2021 Global Ranking" released on January 2021,India was ranked 85th with visa-free score 58.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Japan</li> <li>2. Singapore</li> <li>3. Germany, South Korea <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
Inclusive Internet Index 2021	EIU in partnership with Facebook	<p><b>India =&gt; 49<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>India has been ranked 49<sup>th</sup> out of 120 countries in the 'Inclusive Internet Index 2021' released by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) in partnership with Facebook. India shares its rank with Thailand. The 120 countries which have been covered in the report represent 98% of Global GDP &amp; 96% of Global Population. The report is commissioned by Facebook and conducted by EIU.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sweden</li> <li>2. United States</li> <li>3. Spain <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
World Press Freedom Index 2021	Reporters Sans Frontiers (RSF)	<p><b>India =&gt; 142<sup>nd</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>India with a score of 46.56 retained 142nd Rank (out of 180 countries) in the World Press Freedom Index 2021 released by international journalism not-for-profit body, Reporters Sans Frontiers (RSF) (also known as Reporters Without Borders).The index was topped by Norway (for the 5th time), followed</p>

		<p>by Finland &amp; Sweden. India was ranked 142nd in the 2020 World Press Freedom Index rankings.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Norway</li> <li>2. Finland</li> <li>3. Sweden <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
Global Energy Transition Index (ETI)	World Economic Forum (WEF)	<p><b>India =&gt; 87<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>India has been ranked 87th (out of 115 countries) in the Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2021 released by World Economic Forum (WEF) in its report 'Fostering Effective Energy Transition 2021' edition. The index was topped by Sweden, Norway &amp; Denmark. The report has been prepared by WEF in partnership with Accenture. In the Asian Region, Malaysia came at the top in the Index (out of 13), while India finished at 9th position. India was ranked 74th in WEF's Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2020.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sweden</li> <li>2. Norway</li> <li>3. Denmark <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
World's Top 100 Educational Institutions for sustainability	Times Higher Education (THE)	<p><b>India =&gt; 81<sup>st</sup> Rank (Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University)</b></p> <p>Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Tamil Nadu became the only Indian University to make it to the list of World's Top 100 Educational Institutions for sustainability. It was ranked 81st (overall ranking) in the 3rd edition of Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2021.</p> <p><b>Top 3 University:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. University of Manchester, United Kingdom</li> <li>2. University of Sydney, Australia</li> <li>3. RMIT University, Australia <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
Academic Ranking of World Universities 2020	Shanghai Ranking Consultancy	<p>According to the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2020 (ARWU 2020 also known as Shanghai Ranking) released by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc Bangalore) was ranked as the best Higher Education Institute in India, while Calcutta University was ranked as the best University in India. At the Global Level, Harvard University (USA) was ranked as the Best University followed by Stanford University (USA) &amp; the University of Cambridge (United Kingdom). <a href="#">Click here</a></p>
Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) 2021	CIG	<p><b>India =&gt; 49<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>India has been ranked 49<sup>th</sup> in 'Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) 2021' - 1st Edition produced by Chandler Institute of Governance (CIG) with 0.516 score. The Index was topped by Finland,</p>

		Switzerland & Singapore. The Index has ranked 104 countries in terms of government capabilities and outcomes. The 2021 report is the 1st Edition of the CGGI. It measures each country over 50 open data points. <b>Top 3 University:</b> 1. Finland 2. Switzerland 3. Singapore <a href="#">Click here</a>
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Investment Opportunities in India's Healthcare Sector	NITI Aayog	On March 31, 2021, NITI Aayog Member Dr VK Paul, CEO Amitabh Kant, and Additional Secretary Dr Rakesh Sarwal released a report titled 'Investment Opportunities in India's Healthcare Sector'. The report highlights the range of investment opportunities in different segments of India's Healthcare sector. As per the report, investments in the Healthcare sector are expected to reach USD 372 Billion in 2022. The government's plans to increase budgetary allocation for public health spending to 2.5% of the country's GDP by 2025 will benefit the hospital sector as well.
Forest Governance by Indigenous and Tribal Peoples	Food and Agriculture Organization & FILAC	On 25th March 2021, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in association with Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC) has released a report titled "Forest Governance by Indigenous and Tribal Peoples". The report states that, Forests under indigenous people are more protected or Indigenous and Tribal Peoples are 'best guardians' of forests.
2021 Global Food Policy Report: Transforming Food Systems After COVID-19	IFPRI	'2021 Global Food Policy Report: Transforming Food Systems After COVID-19' of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) stated that the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions has affected around half of India's poor people from being deprived from nutritious food.
State of the Global Climate 2020	WMO	According to the 'State of the Global Climate 2020' released by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Cyclone Amphan which made Landfall in the India-Bangladesh border in May 2020 caused Economic losses of ~ USD 14 Billion (~Rs. 1.5 Lakh Crore) to India. It was the costliest tropical cyclone on record for the North Indian Ocean. Due to the cyclone

		around 2.4 Million People were displaced in India (mostly in West Bengal and Odisha) & 2.5 Million in Bangladesh. 2020 was one of the Three Warmest Years on Record (1st – 2016, 2nd – 2020 & 3rd 2019).
Global Energy Review 2021	IEA	According to ‘Global Energy Review 2021’ released by International Energy Agency (IEA), Global CO2 emissions are set to touch 33 Billion Tonnes in 2021, an increase of 5% compared to 2020 Levels (up by 1.5 Billion Tonnes from 2020). It is the 2nd Largest increase in emissions ever. The major reason for increase in CO2 emissions is due to rise in Coal demands. Coal is set to grow by 4.5% in 2021 surpassing its 2019 level.
My Body is My Own – Claiming the right to autonomy and self-determination	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund(UNFPA), formerly the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, has launched its flagship report State of World population 2021 titled “My Body is My Own – Claiming the right to autonomy and self-determination”. This is the first report of the United Nations(UN) which focuses on bodily autonomy, the right of a person to govern what happens to their body without the influence or coercion from others. This report was developed under the UNFPA Division for Communications and strategic partnerships.
Beyond the pandemic: Building back better from crises in Asia and the Pacific	UN-ESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) in its report ‘Beyond the pandemic: Building back better from crises in Asia and the Pacific’ analysed the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 in Asia and the Pacific countries. It has fixed the gross financing needs of India and several economies of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) at 10-16 per cent of the GDP.
Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic : Leaving no Country Behind	ADB, UNDP & UNESCAP	According to the report ‘Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic : Leaving no Country Behind’ jointly released by ADB (Asian Development Bank), UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) & UNESCAP (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific), Richer countries in Asia-Pacific will recover faster than poorer countries from the pandemic. It stated that the Asia-Pacific region is undergoing a K-shaped recovery (different parts of the economy recover at different

		rates). United Nations (UN) and 6 Youth Organizations are set to launch the campaign called 'Global Youth Mobilization Local Solutions' with an initial fund of USD 2 Million (~ INR 15 crores).
Trends in World Military Expenditure, 2020	SIPRI	According to the report 'Trends in World Military Expenditure, 2020' released by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), India with a Military Expenditure of USD 72.9 Billion in 2020 (3.7% of Global Share) was ranked as the 3rd Highest Military Spender in 2020. United States (US) was the World's Highest Military Spender in 2020 with a spending of USD 778 Billion (39% of Global Share) followed by China which spent around USD 252 Billion (13% of Global Share).

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**USCIRF Report Recommends US Government to designate India as Country of Particular Concern**

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), an Independent bi-partisan commission has recommended the US Government to put India on a list 'Countries of Particular Concern (CPC)' for the worst violations of religious freedoms in 2020. USCIRF has put forth its recommendations in its 2021 Annual Report. This is the 2nd year in a row to designate India as CPC.

**India Needs 401 Billion USD Capital Investment to Fight Climate Change: BofA's Report**

According to the report of Bank of America(BofA), India needs 401 Billion USD Capital investments as a part of its measures to control pollution under the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, to save 106 GW of energy and 1.1 billion tonne greenhouse gases between 2015 and 2030. Bank of America(BofA) has identified 2 new themes in India's combat against Pollution: i. Blending Ethanol and ii. Green Hydrogen. This is added to the existing 7 themes identified by BofA.

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Resilience COVID-19 Crisis Through a Migration Lens	World Bank	India received USD 83 Billion as Remittances in 2020 against 83.3 Billion in 2019. It topped the list of Low- and Middle-Income Countries with maximum Remittance Inflows, India was followed by China ,and Mexico. <b>Remittance outflows</b> - Remittance outflow was maximum from the United States (USD 68 Billion), followed by UAE, and Saudi Arabia.



		<p>Remittances outflow from India in 2020 was USD 7 Billion, against USD 7.5 Billion in 2019.</p> <p><b>Top 3 Country with Remittance inflow in 2020:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. India with USD 83 Billion</li> <li>2. China with USD 59.5 Billion</li> <li>3. Mexico with USD 42.8 Billion <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ol>
2021 Ranking of Global retail powerhouses	Deloitte	<p><b>Fastest-Growing Retailers :-</b> Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Retail Ltd has been ranked the 2<sup>nd</sup> in this category and South Korea's Coupang is the World's 1st.</p> <p><b>List of Global Powers:-</b> Retailing Reliance Retail Ltd was ranked 53<sup>rd</sup> (ranked 56th in 2020's list) and it was the only Indian entry in the global list of 250 retailers. US giant Walmart Inc and Amazon.com Inc were placed first and second respectively.</p>
State of Indian Healthcare – Indian Cities through the lens of healthcare 2021	Housing.com	<p><b>Report Name -</b> 'State of Indian Healthcare – Indian Cities through the lens of healthcare 2021'</p> <p><b>Released by -</b> Housing.com, a real estate portal Pune, Maharashtra is the healthiest city among the top 8 urban cities of India with regard to parameters like number of hospital beds, ease of living, water quality, and local body performance. The top 3 cities are – Pune, Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Bengaluru (Karnataka).</p>
Environmental Risk Outlook 2021'	Verisk Maplecroft	<p><b>Highlights -</b> According to the above report ,<b>India ranked 43</b> of the World's 100 most environmentally riskiest cities. Jakarta in Indonesia was ranked as the riskiest city in the world, followed by Delhi &amp; Chennai (Tamil Nadu). Glasgow, Scotland was ranked as the safety city in the report.</p>
Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI)	Ernst & Young Global Ltd (EY)	<p><b>Index name -</b> 57th Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) – May 2021, an biannual report being released since 2003.</p> <p><b>Released by -</b> Ernst &amp; Young Global Ltd (EY)</p> <p><b>Country's Rank -</b> India ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 40 countries. United States (US) topped the index, while China took the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rank.</p>
Bloomberg Billionaires Index	Bloomberg	<p>As on May 20, 2021, Jeff Bezos (United States) tops in Richest person in Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Tesla and SpaceX's Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk lost his world's 2<sup>nd</sup>-richest person to LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton's Chairman Bernard Arnault. Mukesh Ambani topped among Indians in the list. He was ranked 13<sup>th</sup> Globally.</p>
Bloomberg Billionaire Index	Bloomber	<p>According to the data released by Bloomberg Billionaire Index of Ranking of Asia's Richest Person,</p> <p>✓ <b>Mukesh Ambani</b> ,Reliance Industries' chairman and India's richest man topped in the Asia's Richest Man-Bloomberg Billionaire Index and,</p>

**Gautam Adani**, Adani Group's founder and chairman became Asia's 2<sup>nd</sup> richest man.

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Global EV Outlook 2021	International Energy Agency (IEA)	<p><b>Global EV Outlook 2021</b> - Annual Report of International Energy Agency (IEA)</p> <p><b>Highlights of Report</b> - Sale of Electric Vehicles (EVs) will be more than 30% in India by 2030 and highlights the FAME II (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) and Electric Vehicles) scheme.</p> <p><b>FAME Scheme (National Mission on Electric Mobility)</b> - Introduced by Government of India in 2015 to support electrification of public and shared transportation through subsidies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2020, Europe emerged as the World's Largest EV market for the 1st time, overtaking China.</li> </ul>
Global Forests Goals Report 2021	UN DESA	<p><b>1. The Global Forests Goals Report 2021</b> - released by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report states that new challenges for countries to manage the forests due to COVID-19.</li> <li>Presented the overview of progress achieved by Countries on 6 Global Forests Goals under the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. 'The World in 2030 - Public Survey Report'</b> - released by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Around 67% of the people chose Climate change and loss of biodiversity as the biggest challenges facing the earth.</li> </ul>
Special 301 Report	United States Trade Representative	<p>According to the <b>Special 301 report</b>, India, along with eight other countries has been placed on the "<b>Priority Monitoring List</b>" for IP security and enforcement.</p>

		<p><b>Report Released by</b> - United States Trade Representative</p> <p>The report basically lists the countries that do not provide sufficient Intellectual Property (IP) rights to American companies.</p>
Global Methane Assessment: Benefits and Costs of Mitigating Methane Emissions	CCAC & UNEP	<p><b>Report name</b> - 2021 Global Methane Assessment: Benefits and Costs of Mitigating Methane Emissions</p> <p><b>Released by</b> - Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) &amp; United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).</p> <p><b>Result</b> - Human-caused methane emissions can be reduced by 45% in this decade (2020-30), these reductions would avoid 0.3°C of Global Warming by 2045.</p>
Global Report on Food Crises 2021 (GRFC)	GNAFC	<p><b>Report Name</b> - 'Global Report on Food Crises 2021 (GRFC)' (5th Edition, Annual Report)</p> <p><b>Launched by</b> - Global Network Against Food Crises (GNAFC),</p> <p><b>Result</b> - At least 155 million people (an increase of 20 million people from 2019) faced Acute Food Insecurity in 2020 due to conflicts, extreme weather &amp; economic shocks caused by COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ GRFC is an initiative of the Global Network against Food Crises (GNFC) facilitated by the Food Security Information Network (FSIN) and its 16 global and regional partners.</li> </ul>
Nature in a Globalized World: Conflict & Conservation	IUCN	<p><b>Report name</b> - Nature in a Globalized World: Conflict &amp; Conservation, the 1<sup>st</sup> report in IUCN's Nature in a globalized world report series.</p> <p><b>Released by</b> - International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).</p> <p><b>Highlights</b> - Civil unrest and military exercises pose high risk to 219 Endangered Species (out of 30, 178 species assessed as threatened on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species). Notable among them are the Critically-</p>

		endangered Eastern Gorilla & Elephant populations.
Estimates of Global e-commerce 2019 and preliminary assessment of covid-19 impact on online retail 2020	UNCTAD	<p><b>Report name</b> - 'Estimates of Global e-commerce 2019 and preliminary assessment of covid-19 impact on online retail 2020'.</p> <p><b>Released by</b> - UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)</p> <p><b>Report Estimates</b> -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Online Sales accounted for 19% (from 16% in 2019) of Overall Retail Sales in 2020.</li> <li>❖ Countries which reported the highest are South Korea ,China ,Britain and the United States .</li> <li>❖ Global e-commerce reached USD 26.7 Trillion in 2019.</li> </ul>
Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat	NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) & Mastercard	<p><b>Report name</b> - 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat'</p> <p><b>Released by</b> - NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) &amp; Mastercard. FTI Consulting was the Research and Curation Partner of the report.</p> <p><b>Highlights</b> - It identifies the challenges in accelerating digital financial inclusion in India and provides recommendations for making digital services accessible to 1.3 Billion citizens of India.</p>
Market Handbook 2020-21 (Annual Issue)	CEEW-CEF	<p><b>Report name</b> - '<a href="#">Market Handbook 2020-21</a> (Annual Issue)'</p> <p><b>Released by</b> - Council on Energy, Environment and Water-Centre for Energy Finance (CEEW-CEF)</p> <p><b>Highlights of report</b> - India added 12.1 GigaWatt (GW) power generation capacity in 2020-21, of which 7.7 GW was from renewable energy sources (64%), followed by coal/lignite (3.9 GW) segment.</p> <p><b>Target</b> - India Targets 175 GW Renewable Energy by 2022.</p>
Automotive Export Manual 2021-South Africa' report	AIEC	<b>Report name</b> - Automotive Export Manual 2021-South Africa' report.

		<p><b>Released by</b> - Automotive Industry Export Council (<b>AIEC</b>), a South African export promotion body for automotive industry.</p> <p><b>Highlights of Report :-</b> India was the top country in terms of volume by importing 43.2% (87, 953 units) of passenger cars &amp; Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs) into South Africa in 2020 despite COVID-19 lockdowns &amp; global decline in vehicle sales. India also topped based on Rand Value term accounting for 22.1% of total Import Value of South Africa. India was followed by Germany (19.9%).</p>
Renewable Energy Market Update – Outlook for 2021 and 2022	IEA	<p><b>Report name</b> - ‘Renewable Energy Market Update – Outlook for 2021 and 2022’</p> <p><b>Released by</b> - International Energy Agency (<b>IEA</b>), Paris-based autonomous body</p> <p><b>Highlights</b> - India’s Renewable Energy capacity addition declined by almost 50% to 5.62 GigaWatts (GW) in 2020 (compared to 2019) due to COVID-19. <b>At the Global level</b>, the annual renewable capacity additions increased 45% to almost 280 GW (up from 190 GW in 2019), which is the highest year-on year increase since 1999.</p>
Over 100 Years of Snow Leopard Research	World Wide Fund for Nature ( <b>WWF</b> )	<p><b>Highlights</b> - More than <b>70% of the habitat of the snow leopard (Panthera uncia)</b> over 12 Asian countries remain under-researched. Only 23% of snow leopard’s 1.7 million sq km habitat have been explored. The proportion of area within each country covered by research was highest in Nepal (74%), followed by India (40%), Uzbekistan (39%) and China and Russia (25%).</p>
Net Zero by 2050	International Energy Agency (IEA)	<p><b>Highlights</b> - Halting new oil, gas, and coalfields will be key to achieving Net Zero Global Carbon emissions by 2050. Achieving Net Zero emissions is vital to limit the increase in average global temperatures to less than 1.5 degree Celsius.</p>
Global Trade Update (May 2021)	United Nations Conference on Trade	<p><b>Highlights</b> -India, China, and South Africa performed ‘relatively better’ than other major</p>

	and Development (UNCTAD)	economies in imports & exports during the 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2021. The overall forecast for 2021 indicates an 16% growth in Global Trade – 19% for Goods and 8% for services. At the Global level, Trade in goods and services increased by 10% year-over-year.
2021 Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID): Internal displacement in a changing climate	IDMC	<b>Report name</b> - '2021 Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID): Internal displacement in a changing climate', Global Annual Report <b>Released by</b> - Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) <b>Highlights</b> - The number of people living in Internal displacement reached 55 Million at the end of 2020 globally. The highest number was in China (5 Million), followed by Philippines & Bangladesh. India has the highest levels of displacement due to Disaster in South Asia and Global level.
Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2021	Knight Frank	<b>Report name</b> - Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2021 , a valuation based on the prime residential prices in the local currency across more than 45 cities across the globe. <b>Released by</b> - Knight Frank, London based International Property Consultant <b>India's Performance</b> - Delhi ranked 32 and Mumbai ranked 36 in Q1 2021 Index. <b>Top 3 Cities:</b> Chinese cities Shenzhen, Shanghai and Guangzhou are the top 3 in the Q1 2021 index. New York was identified as the weakest performing market with negative 5.8% growth.

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### Global FDI flows fall by 38% in 2020, India 3rd Largest Recipient: OECD Data

Global FDI (Foreign Direct Investments) dropped by 38% in 2020 compared to 2019 to USD 846 Billion, which is a 15-year low (lowest since 2005).

**Data Released by** - Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

- ❖ India became the **3rd Largest Recipient of FDI inflows** in 2020 with an inflow of USD 64 Billion.
- ❖ China became the largest Recipient of FDI overtaking the United States for the 2nd time in six years, while Luxembourg finished 4th.

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SDG India Index and Dashboard 2020-21: Partnerships in the Decade of Action	NITI Aayog	<p><b>Index name</b> - 3rd edition of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index and dashboard for 2020-21.</p> <p><b>launched by</b> -NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman, Rajiv Kumar</p> <p>✓ <b>State-Wise Rank:</b> Kerala has retained top spot among states and Bihar has become worst performer.</p> <p><b>Union Territories (UTs) Rank:</b> Chandigarh topped among the UTs, followed by Delhi, Puducherry. Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman &amp; Diu have been adjudged as the worst performer. <a href="#">Click here</a></p>
Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20	Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education	<p><b>Index name</b> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20 for States &amp; UTs.</p> <p>✓ <b>Highest Ranked States</b> - Punjab, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman &amp; Nicobar Islands, and Kerala occupied the highest grade (Grade I++) for 2019-20 (i.e Scores are between 901-950).</p> <p><b>Lowest Ranked States</b> – Chhattisgarh , Nagaland , Meghalaya , Ladakh UT . It was the 1st time that Ladakh UT was included separately in the report.</p>
CWUR's World University Rankings 2021-22	CWUR	<p>Indian Institute of Management(IIM), Ahmedabad topped among the Indian Universities in the Centre for World University Ranking (CWUR)'s World University Rankings 2021-22 &amp; IIM-Ahmedabad was ranked 415th globally.Harvard University topped globally.</p> <p><b>Indicators-</b> Quality of Education, Alumni Employment, Quality of Faculty, Research Performance were the indicators of Center for World University Rankings (CWUR).</p>
AIRINC Global 150 Cities Index for Financial Attractiveness Ranking	AIRINC	<p><b>Released by</b> – AIRINC , a USA Multinational Company working on International mobility data.</p> <p>✓ <b>Manama, the Capital city of Bahrain</b> topped the index for third consecutive time.</p> <p>✓ <b>New Delhi (113)&amp; Mumbai(125)</b> of India were the only two cities to be listed in the Index.</p> <p><b>Indicators used for calculating Financial Attractiveness</b> are Salary levels, Cost of Living, and Taxes in a particular market. <a href="#">Click here</a></p>
Asia university rankings	Times Higher Education(THE)	<p>In the 2021 <b>Times Higher Education(THE) Asia university rankings</b> , IISc Bangalore, IIT Ropar and IIT Indore of Indian universities have secured ranks among the top 100 universities in Asia.18 Indian universities have made it to the top 200 Rankings.</p> <p><b>Tsinghua University of China</b> ranked first followed by Peking University of China and National University of Singapore.</p>

State of India's Environment Report 2021	Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)	<b>India ranked 117 which has dropped by 2 places from last year's 115</b> on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a part of the 2030 agenda by 193 United Nations member states in 2015. Kerala, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh were the best states on the path to achieving the SDGs. Jharkhand and Bihar were the least prepared states to meet the SDGs.
Anemia Mukht Bharat Index 2020-21	Anemia Mukht Bharat	<b>Initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) &amp; United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Madhya Pradesh has been ranked 1st in the index.</b> Odisha came 2nd followed by Himachal Pradesh in the 3rd position. T</li> </ul> The score card and rankings of the Index are based on parameters like coverage of Iron-Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation across beneficiaries to support assessment of progress and performance of the programme.
18th Edition of QS World University Rankings 2022	QS (Quacquarelli Symonds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in USA ranked as the World's No. 1 University for the 10th consecutive time) followed by University of Oxford (UK) while Stanford University (USA) &amp; Cambridge University (UK) shared the 3rd spot.</li> <li>✓ <b>Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)</b> was the top ranked Indian University at 177 (score of 46.4)</li> </ul> <b>Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (IISc Bengaluru)</b> was ranked as the World's top research university in accordance with quotes per faculty indicator.
Global Skills Report 2021	Coursera, an USA organization	The report is based on skills proficiency across <b>3 categories – Business, Technology and data science.</b> It stated that India has been ranked <b>67th overall globally</b> , ranked number <b>55 in business</b> , ranked number <b>66 in both</b> technology and data science categories, and <b>ranked 16th in the Asian region</b> ahead of Philippines & Thailand. Switzerland topped the rankings followed by Luxembourg & Austria globally.
World's Best Banks 2021 in India	Forbes	DBS, a leading financial services group headquartered in Singapore, tops the Forbes list of the World's Best Banks 2021 in India. DBS ranked number 1 out of the 30 domestic and international banks in India for the 2nd consecutive year. This is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition of the World's Best Banks' list by Forbes. CSB Bank, based in Kerala, secured the 2nd rank followed by ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Axis Bank. State Bank of India (SBI) has ranked 7th on the list.
World Giving Index 2021	Charities Aid Foundation	World Giving Index 2021 (WGI 2021) report released by Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has ranked India as the 14th most charitable country in



		the world (with a score of 44%) out of 114 countries. Indonesia topped the Index followed by Kenya & Nigeria. WGI 2021 is based on the year 2020 and highlights the impact of lockdowns on charitable giving.
World Competitiveness Index 2021	Institute for Management Development's (IMD) World Competitiveness Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ India retained its 43rd rank out of 64 nations (for the 3rd consecutive year). Switzerland topped the Index followed by Sweden in the 2nd spot &amp; Denmark in the 3rd spot.</li> </ul> India's ranking in the 4 parameters are – Government Efficiency 46, Economic performance – 37, business efficiency – 32, and infrastructure – 49.
Annual Bank Statistics of 2020	Swiss National Bank (SNB), the Central Bank of Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The report stated that <b>India with Swiss Francs (CHF) 2.55 billion (INR 20, 706 Crore)</b> has been placed at 51st place in the list of foreign clients' money in Swiss Banks during 2020. The United Kingdom topped the list with CHF 377 billion, followed by US (152 billion).</li> </ul>
6 <sup>th</sup> Edition of 'Sustainable Development Report 2021 (SDR 2021)'	Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ According to the report, India ranked at 120<sup>th</sup> out of 165 countries with a score of 60.1. Finland topped the Index followed by Sweden &amp; Denmark.</li> </ul> SDR is an annual report which ranks the 193 UN member countries based on their performance against the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).
15 <sup>th</sup> Edition of 'Global Peace Index 2021 (GPI 2021)'	Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ As per the report, <b>India ranked 135</b> out of 163 countries with a score of 2.553, which specifies 'Low State of Peace'. Iceland topped the GPI 2021 Index followed by New Zealand &amp; Denmark.</li> <li>✓ The average level of global peacefulness decreased by 0.07 per cent in the 2021 Global Peace Index.</li> </ul> GPI measures the relative position of nations and regions peacefulness.
Ease of Living Index 2020	Centre for Science & Environment (CSE)	Bengaluru (Karnataka) with a score of 66.7 has been ranked as India's most liveable capital city followed by Chennai, Tamil Nadu at No. 2, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh at No. 3. The Index is part of the report titled State of India's Environment 2021. The Index is <b>based on 4 Parameters</b> – Quality of life, Economic ability, Sustainability & Citizens' perceptions. Based on which, Indian cities were rated out of 100.
Inward Investment Statistics for 2020-21	Department for International Trade (DIT), the Government of the United Kingdom (UK)	India retained its position as the 2 <sup>nd</sup> largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for the UK in 2020. The United States (US) took the top spot. Indian companies have invested in 99 projects and created 4, 830 jobs in the UK.
QS Executive MBA Rankings 2021	QS	The Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management ( <b>PGPEM</b> ) of the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) ranked the best in India in the ' <b>QS Executive MBA Rankings 2021</b> ' of Quacquarelli Symonds(QS). Globally, it holds 39 <sup>th</sup> spot, became the only Indian institute to feature in the list of the top 100. In the Asia-Pacific category,

		IIMB holds the 10 <sup>th</sup> spot, leading the B-school brigade from India.
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REPORT NAME	SUBMITTED BY	KEY NOTES
World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2021(WESO Trends 2021)	International Labour Organisation(ILO)	Global unemployment rate will be 5.7% in 2022 6.3% in 2021 & there will no recovery in global jobs until 2023.
State of Finance for Nature	United Nations (UN)	<b>Report jointly prepared by</b> - United Nations Environment Programme ( <b>UNEP</b> ), the World Economic Forum ( <b>WEF</b> ) and the Economics of Land Degradation Initiative. Annual investments in Nature-based Solutions (NbS) must be tripled by 2030 and increased to 4-times by 2050, compared to the current spending of USD 133 billion (Rs. 9.7 lakh crores) to tackle the environment change.
Scientific review of the impact of climate change on plant pests	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	The report stated that <b>globally around 40% of agricultural produce is damaged</b> due to invasive pests every year. Annually countries spent USD 70 billion to eliminate invasive pests like <b>Fall Armyworm, Desert Locusts</b> (World's most destructive migratory pests).
Becoming #GenerationRestoration Ecosystem Restoration for People, Nature & Climate	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and UN Environment Programme's (UNEP)	The report states, to avoid biodiversity loss, land equivalent to size of China or one billion hectare of degraded land should be restored by 2030.
All India Survey on Higher Education 2019-20 (AISHE 2019-20)	Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'	Union Minister for Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' released the 10 <sup>th</sup> edition of report ' <b>All India Survey on Higher Education 2019-20 (AISHE 2019-20)</b> '. AISHE Report is released annually by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education. It provides key performance indicators on the current status of Higher Education (HE) in India. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The report states that in the last five years from 2015-16 to 2019-20, there was a growth of 11.4% in student enrolment. The rise in female enrolment in higher education during the period is 18.2%.</li> <li>✓ Total Enrolment in HE stands at 3.85 Crore (1.9 Crore Boys &amp; 1.8 Crore Female) in 2019-20, a <b>growth of 3.04%</b> compared to 3.74 crores in 2018-19. Uttar Pradesh comes at number one with the highest student enrolment.</li> </ul> GER in Higher Education in 2019-20 stood at 27.1 percent, compared to 26.3% in 2018-19.
The Costs of Climate Change in India	Overseas Development Institute(ODI)	<b>Report Title</b> - The Costs of Climate Change in India: a review of the climate-related risks facing India, and their economic and social costs.

		<p><b>Released by</b> - Overseas Development Institute(ODI), a London-based global think tank.</p> <p>The report highlights the possibility for India to lose 3-10 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) annually by 2100 due to climate change.It also estimated the poverty rate of India to rise by 3.5 percent in 2040 due to climate change.</p>
Global Wind Workforce Outlook 2021-2025	Global Wind Energy Council at Belgium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Report highlights the global job market and workforce needs in the wind energy sector. Also the need of giving training people to GWO standards over the next five years to meet global wind power market demand in line with health and safety standards.</li> <li>✓ <b>As per the new report India Wind Energy Market Outlook 2025</b>, jointly released by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) and MEC Intelligence (MEC+) ,India, world's fourth-largest wind power market remains one of the top markets globally for onshore wind with 38.6 GW of capacity.</li> </ul>
Global Liveability Index 2021	Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ New Zealand's Auckland has been named as the World's Most Liveable followed by Osaka (Japan), and Adelaide (Australia).</li> <li>✓ Syrian Capital, Damascus remained the least liveable city at Rank 140.</li> </ul> <p>Asian Cities in Top 10 Least Liveable City - Karachi (Pakistan) at 134, Dhaka (Bangladesh) - 137.</p>
Child Labour Global Estimates 2020, trends and roads forward	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) & International Labour Organization (ILO)	<p>For the 1st time in two decades, 160 million children (63 million girls and 97 million boys) were in child labour globally at the beginning of 2020, accounting for almost 1 in 10 of all children worldwide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The report highlights the significant rise of children working between the ages of 5-11. This age group accounts for just over half of the total global figure (160 million).</li> </ul> <p>Due to COVID-19, globally 9 million additional children are at risk of being pushed into child labour by the end 2022.</p>
Development and Globalization: Facts and Figures	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development(UNCTAD)	<p>The report stated that due to pandemic, Small Island Developing States (SIDS) experienced an estimated fall in GDP of 9% in 2020, compared with a 3.3% decline in other developing countries (Based on IMF data).</p>
Global Home Price Index	London-based Knight Frank	<p><b>Report Title</b> - Global Home Price Index for the 1st Quarter (Q1) i.e January to March 2021.</p>

		India was ranked 55 <sup>th</sup> in the, which is 12 spots lower than its Q1 ranking of 43 <sup>rd</sup> in 2020. This index monitors housing prices in 56 countries. The ranking was topped by Turkey with 32% year-on-year (YoY) growth, followed by New Zealand and Luxembourg .
Complicit: 2020 Global Nuclear Spending, the worldwide Nuclear-armed countries'	International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)	✓ The report stated that worldwide Nuclear-armed countries' overall spending on atomic weapon arsenals in 2020 was increased by \$1.4 billion (1.2-billion-euro) to \$72.6 billion from \$71.2 billion of 2019. <b>9 Nuclear-armed countries include</b> The United States(US), China, Russia, The United Kingdom(UK), France, India, Israel, Pakistan, and North Korea.
Renewable Energy Market Update – Outlook for 2021 and 2022	International Energy Agency (IEA)	India will add 17 GigaWatt (GW) renewable capacity in 2021 & 19.3 GW in 2022. However, the total Renewable Energy Capacity will be under 140 GW in 2022. <b>Ministry of New &amp; Renewable Energy (MNRE)</b> has stated that including Projects under construction and in bidding stages, India has achieved its goal of installing <b>175 GW renewable capacity by 2022.</b>
Financing Clean Energy Transitions in Emerging and Developing Economies	International Energy Agency (IEA)	The Annual Clean energy investment in emerging and developing economies needs to increase by more than seven times – from less than USD 150 billion in 2019 to more than USD 1 Trillion by 2030 to put the world on track to reach net-zero emissions by 2050. The report has been prepared by IEA in collaboration with the World Bank and the World Economic Forum (WEF).
SIPRI Yearbook 2021 (52nd Edition)	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)	The report highlights that India, Pakistan & China are expanding their nuclear arsenals. 9 nuclear armed states in the world ( <b>US, Russia, UK, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea</b> ) possessed an estimated 13, 080 Nuclear warheads at the start of 2021, a decrease compared to 2020 stockpile – 13400.
7 <sup>th</sup> UNESCO Science Report 2021: The race against time for smarter development	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	The report highlights that India's Investment in Research remains unsatisfactory. India's Gross Domestic Expenditure on Research & Development (GERD) remained at 0.7% of the GDP for several years. In 2020, the task force drafting India's new Science & Technology Policy set the target date for 2% of GDP for R&D to 2030.
Children and Digital Dumpsites	World Health Organisation (WHO)	The report estimates the risk faced by children and pregnant women living & working in informal electronic waste (e-

		waste) processing centers. Over 18 million Children and 12.9 million women work at the e-waste dumpsite every year, mostly from low- & middle-income countries, for dismantling & recycling e-wastes.
Global Trends: Forced Displacement in 2020 Report	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	The report highlights the number of people fleeing wars, violence, persecution, and human rights violations increased to nearly 82.4 million people in 2020, an increase of 3 million people compared to 79.5 million recorded at the end of 2019.
World Investment Report 2021	UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	According to the " <a href="#">World Investment Report 2021</a> " released by the <b>UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</b> , India received Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows worth USD 64 billion in 2020 making it the 5th largest recipient of inflows in the world. The US with 156 billion was the top destination for FDI in 2020 followed by China (USD 149 billion) & Hong Kong, China (USD 119 billion). India's FDI inflow has increased to USD 64 billion in 2020 from USD 51 billion in 2019 (37% increase) due to acquisition in the Information & Communication Technology (ICT) industry.
Suicide Worldwide in 2019	World Health Organization (WHO)	The world is not on track to reduce Suicide Mortality Rate by One-Third by 2030. More than 7,03,000 people died by suicide in 2019. More than 58% of the global suicides have occurred before the age of 50 years. Suicide is the 4th leading cause of death among 15-29 year olds. Global suicide rate has decreased by 36% in the last 2 decades (2000-19).
Global Wealth Report 2020	Credit Suisse	According to the Interim Edition of ' <b>Global Wealth Report 2020</b> ' released by Credit Suisse – the overall wealth of India's super-rich decreased down by USD 594 billion to USD 12.83 trillion in 2020 or 4.4% compared to 2019 due to fall in Rupee value. Currently, India is home to 1% of the global rich list. At the global level, Global Wealth grew by 7.4% in 2020 to USD 418.3 trillion in 2020. The number of millionaires increased by 5.2 million to 56.1 million in 2020.
Annual report of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC)	Office of the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (SRSG CAAC)	More than 19,300 boys and girls affected by war in 2020 were victims of grave violations like abduction, recruitment or sexual violence. Around 26, 425 grave violations were committed against children in 2020, which included attacks on schools and hospitals.

World Drug Report 2021	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's (UNODC)	<b>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's (UNODC)</b> released a <b>World Drug Report 2021</b> which states that around 275 million people used drugs worldwide in 2020 of which 36.3 million people or 13% suffered from drug use disorders. The report referred a term drug as a substance controlled under international drug control conventions, and their non-medical use.
Abused and Neglected – A Gender Perspective on Aggravated Migrant Smuggling Offences & Responses	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	As per the report, globally there are instances of Extreme violence, torture, rape highly prominent among the migrants who were smuggled across countries.
Fast Tracking Freight in India: A Roadmap for Clean and Cost-Effective Goods Transport'	NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India), RMI (Rocky Mountain Institute), and RMI India.	The report highlights the need in the transformation of the freight sector as it will enable India to save logistics Fuel worth Rs 311 lakh crore between 2020 and 2050. Reduce the country's logistics cost by 4 percent of GDP (Gross Domestic Product).

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### A Report Titled 'One year of INDIAai' Released

'National AI Portal (<https://indiaai.gov.in>)' observed its first anniversary. A report titled 'One year of INDIAai' was released and a new look of the website homepage was also unveiled at virtual event.

- ✓ **National AI Portal** -A joint initiative by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), National e-Governance Division (NeGD) and NASSCOM.

### Goa Institute of Management Ranked as Pioneering B-school in Positive Impact Rating 2021

Goa Institute of Management (GIM) has been ranked as a Pioneering Business School (B-school) in the second edition of the **Positive Impact Rating (PIR) 2021**. 4 business schools were ranked globally in the list of PIR 2021 as the '**Pioneering B-schools (Level 5)**', in which 3 were of the Indian business schools.

- ✓ The results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the PIR 2021 were announced at the World Economic Forum in Lucerne-Burgenstock, Switzerland.

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INDEX / SURVEY NAME	RELEASED BY / CONDUCTED BY	KEY NOTES
Mercer Annual Cost of Living Survey 2021	Mercer's	Mercer's 2021 Cost of Living City Rankings, the rankings are based on Mercer's 27 <sup>th</sup> annual Cost of Living Survey. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ashgabat, the capital of Turkmenistan has become the world's most expensive city for foreign workers (Expatriates) followed by Hong Kong, Hong Kong (SAR) &amp; Beirut, Lebanon. Mumbai, Maharashtra was ranked at <b>78</b>, making it India's most expensive city for expatriates (a fall of 18 places compared to 60th rank in 2020 Mercer Survey).</li> </ul>

<p>Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021</p>	<p>StartupBlink</p>	<p><b>India =&gt; 20<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Country-Wise ranking</b> - India was ranked 20<sup>th</sup> out of 100 countries. United States (US) topped the index followed by the United Kingdom (UK) &amp; Israel.</li> <li>✓ <b>City-wise ranking</b> - San Francisco Bay, USA topped the ranking followed by New York, USA &amp; Beijing, China. Bengaluru, Karnataka was the highest ranked Indian City at 10 (up from 14 in 2020). Overall, 43 Indian cities featured in the list, out of which 9 were new.</li> </ul>
<p>Growth engines of innovation: How Asia Pacific's technology hubs are reshaping regional real estate</p>	<p>Colliers, Canada-based diversified professional services and investment management company.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The report stated that Outer Ring Road of Bengaluru (Karnataka) has been ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the top 10 established technology submarkets in APAC (Asia Pacific) for companies to set up operations. The list has been topped by Beijing (China).</li> </ul> <p>HITEC (Hyderabad Information Technology and Engineering Consultancy) City of Hyderabad (Telangana) ranked grabbed the 10<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p>4<sup>th</sup> Global Cybersecurity Index 2020 (GCI 2020)</p>	<p>International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the UN agency for Information &amp; Communication Technologies (ICT)</p>	<p>India with a score of 97.5 has been ranked 10<sup>th</sup> (India was placed at the 47<sup>th</sup> spot in the last edition of GCI in 2018) in the Index. The US topped the Index, UK &amp; Saudi Arabia shared the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot while Estonia took the 3<sup>rd</sup> rank.</p>
<p>Indigenous Peoples' Food System, Insights of sustainability and resilience from the front line of climate change</p>	<p>Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in collaboration with Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The study identified diverse plant and animal species that are a part of Indigenous Peoples' food systems. Globally, these people depend on these species and also look after them to generate food sustainably and enhance biodiversity.</li> </ul> <p>Indigenous people are the practitioners of unique cultures and ways of connecting people and the environment. They have a population of 500 million people in more than 90 countries.</p>
<p>WHO/UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage (WUENIC)</p>	<p>WHO (World Health Organization) and UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)</p>	<p>The survey states that comprehensive worldwide childhood immunization figures' 23 million children missed out on basic vaccines through routine immunization services in 2020.</p> <p>India topped the countries with the greatest increase, missing diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis combined vaccine (DTP-1) in 2019 and 2020. India's DPT-3 (3<sup>rd</sup> dose) coverage also fell from 91% to 85%.</p>
<p>World Trade Organization (WTO) report</p>	<p>World Trade Organization</p>	<p><b>India =&gt; 9<sup>th</sup> Rank</b></p> <p>A recently released World Trade Organization (WTO) report has ranked India 9<sup>th</sup> (holding 3.1% share in global agriculture exports) among the Top</p>

		10 list of Agricultural produce exporters in 2019. European Union (EU) topped the list followed by United States and Brazil. The report states that India holds a significant share in the export of rice, cotton, soya beans and meat. India replaced New Zealand at the 9 <sup>th</sup> rank.
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United District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20	Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'	<p><b>Union Minister for Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'</b> released the report on '<b>United District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20</b>' for School Education in India. It is the official statistics system of the Ministry of Education (MoE). Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) has improved at all levels of school education in 2019-20 compared to 2018-19. Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) has also increased at all levels of school education.</p> <p>Enrolment of girls from primary to higher secondary is more than 12.08 crore, an increase of 14.08 lakh compared to 2018-19.</p>
Road to a UK-India Free Trade Agreement: Enhancing the Partnership and achieving Self-Reliance	UK India Business Council (UKIBC)	<p>The agreement made a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India &amp; United Kingdom (UK) will help in achieving India's vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat. Both countries have agreed for an Enhanced Trade Partnership. They have agreed to start FTA negotiations by the end of 2021 with the goal of doubling trade by 2030.</p>
Directory of Extramural Research & Development Projects 2018-19	DST	<p>According to the '<b>Directory of Extramural Research &amp; Development Projects 2018-19</b>' released by the Centre for Human and Organisational Resource Development (CHORD), a division of the Department of Science &amp; Technology (DST) – Women Principal Investigators (PIs) participation in research that received Extramural Research (EMR) support (support received through peer-reviewed competitive grant mechanism) stood at 28% during 2018-19, compared to 24% during 2016-17.</p>
Ethics and governance of artificial intelligence for health	World Health Organisation (WHO)	<p>It is the World's 1st report on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the healthcare sector. WHO proposed 6 principles to maximize the utility of AI on Public Interest. WHO with inputs from various international experts prepared the report that can be used</p>



		by countries to minimize the risk & maximize the benefits of AI.
Hydropower Special Market Report – Analysis and forecast to 2030	International Energy Agency (IEA)	<p>✓ India is expected to add 26 GW (or 26,000 MW) of Hydropower projects by 2030. At present, the installed capacity of the 207 hydropower projects running in India is 46,209 MW. More than 9,000 MW of large hydro projects are under construction at present.</p> <p>Hydropower’s share in the overall energy matrix of India has decreased from 40% in 1980 to 12% at present.</p>
ILO Global Estimates on International Migrant Workers: Results and Methodology	United Nations International Labour Organisation (ILO)	International Migrant Workforce increases to 169 million in 2019, a rise of 5-million increase in total count or 3% rise compared to the figures of 2017. This is also a 12.7 % increase from the 2013 estimate of 150 million migrant workers.
OECD Employment Outlook 2021	Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD)	The report stated that <b>over 22 million jobs</b> were lost in developed nations due to COVID-19. Out of 22 million who remain out of work, 8 million are unemployed and 14 million are considered inactive. The report states that worldwide, <b>114 million jobs</b> were lost during the pandemic.
Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems	Committee on World Food Security (CFS)	Transforming global Agriculture & Food Security in a way more appealing to the younger population will be the key to secure the future of global food & nutrition security, as per the report released. The report titled was prepared by CFS’s <b>High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE)</b> on food security and nutrition.
A future for all – the need for human-wildlife coexistence	World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Which states that world’s most iconic species are in threat due to conflict between humans and animals as one of the key reasons. <p>✓ On Indian front, indicates that over 500 elephants were killed between 2014-2015 and 2018-2019, mostly due to human-elephant conflict.</p> <p>On the global front, conflict-related killing affects more than 75% of the world’s wild cat species.</p>
The Hunger Virus Multiplies	Global anti-poverty organisation ‘Oxfam’	Each minute 11 people die of hunger and there is a 6-fold increase (compared to last year) in the number of people threatened over famine-like conditions, as per the report titled “The Hunger Virus Multiplies” released by global anti-poverty organisation ‘Oxfam’.

		The report also states that the global death toll of 11/minute from famine outpaces that of COVID-19 (7 deaths/minute).
The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World – 2021	5 Agencies of UN	Between <b>720-811 million people</b> (768 million being the midpoint of project range) in the world faced hunger in 2020 compared to 2019. It is the 1st comprehensive report on food insecurity and nutrition in the post-Pandemic era.
Covid-19: the race to finishing line	State Bank of India (SBI)	Projected India to face the 3 <sup>rd</sup> wave of the COVID-19 from August 2021, meanwhile, it is expected to reach its peak in September 2021. It also expected India to experience daily Covid-19 cases of around 10,000 from the second week of July 2021. The projections are based on 'historical trends'.
A progressive shift from transactions to trust	FICCI's (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The report states that <b>India's Online Commerce Industry</b> is expected to touch USD 188 billion by 2025 &amp; USD 200 billion by 2026 from USD 64 billion in 2020. The increase is mainly due to increased adoption of e-commerce caused by COVID-19.</li> <li>✓ The contribution of the Online Commerce Industry to India's GDP will reach 3.8% by 2025.</li> </ul>
Survey on National Education Responses to COVID-19 School Closures	UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Bank and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	The report states that Schools were or are still closed in 1 in 3 countries due to the Covid-19 pandemic have not yet implemented remedial programmes for learning loss. At the same time, only 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> of countries are taking steps to measure learning losses in primary and lower second levels, mostly among high-income countries.
Electricity Market Report', mid-2021 edition	International Energy Agency (IEA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The report states that the demand for electricity is growing faster than the production of Renewable Energy (RE). Electricity demand is expected to grow by 5% in 2021, which is 1% more than the drop experienced in 2020 due to COVID-19.</li> </ul> <p>Renewable power production increased by 7% in 2020. IEA expects RE production to grow by 8% in 2021 and by more than 6% in 2022.</p>
Renewables Integration in India 2021'	NITI Aayog & IEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The report is based on the outcome of Workshops held with State Governments of Maharashtra,</li> </ul>

		<p>Karnataka and Gujarat. The workshops were held to understand the specific energy transition challenges faced by the renewable-rich states.</p> <p>It states that India's power system is capable of efficiently integrating renewables (175 GW by 2022 and 450 GW by 2030).</p>
Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)- Annual Report (July, 2019 – June, 2020)	National Statistical Office (NSO)	<p>In accordance with the '<b>Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)- Annual Report (July, 2019 – June, 2020)</b>' conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), unemployment rate for women fell to 4.2% in 2019-20 from 5.1% in 2018-19. The findings of the survey were informed by Minister of State (MoS) Rameshwar Teli, Ministry of Labour and Employment in a written reply in the Lok Sabha.</p> <p>NSO comes under the aegis of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). PLFS launched in 2017.</p>
'Regional status report on drowning in the Western Pacific' & 'Regional status report on drowning in the Asia Pacific region'	World Health Organization (WHO)	<p>World Health Organization (WHO) released 2 reports 'Regional status report on drowning in the Western Pacific' &amp; 'Regional status report on drowning in the Asia Pacific region'. It is the 1st WHO regional assessment on drowning prevention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In 48 of 85 countries, drowning is among the top 5 causes of death for children under the age of 15 years.</li> <li>✓ Drowning accounts for 75% of all deaths in flood disasters. Countries in South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions are particularly vulnerable to Flood disasters due to climate change. The report states that over 1,44,000 people drowned in the Asia Pacific region in 2019, accounting for 61% of global drowning deaths.</li> </ul>
8 <sup>th</sup> edition of 'Global Tobacco Epidemic 2021: Addressing new and emerging products'	World Health Organization (WHO)	<p>The report states Children and adolescents who use ENDS have high chances of using conventional cigarettes and other tobacco products in the future. For the 1st time, the report presents data on e-cigarettes and other Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS).</p>
The Future of Work is Now: Is APAC Ready?	Autodesk Foundation & conducted by Deloitte	<p>The report stated that has ranked India 5th highest in terms of the impact from automation &amp; 9th in terms of level preparedness among 12 Asia-Pacific (APAC) countries.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Most Prepared</b> – Japan, Singapore and Australia are the most prepared for the coming wave of automation.</li> <li>✓ <b>Least Prepared</b> – India, Bangladesh and Pakistan are most at risk and are least prepared for the incoming wave of automation.</li> </ul>
The Future of Connectivity in India	Deloitte and the ICT Working Group	<p><b>Report Name</b> – ‘The Future of Connectivity in India’</p> <p>During a virtual US-India CEO Forum, hosted by the US (United States)-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF), its ICT ((Information and Communications Technology) Working Group launched a report titled ‘The Future of Connectivity in India’.</p> <p>The report prepared by Deloitte and the ICT Working Group formulated a plan for India’s mobility business for adapting a digitized and interconnected world. The report provides recommendations for accelerating connectivity initiatives to make India at par with advanced digitized economies like the US, China and South Korea.</p>

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**India’s Score Increased to 90.32% In Ease of Cross-Border Trade: UN 4<sup>th</sup> Global Survey on Trade Facilitation 2021**

**Report Name** - United Nations (UN) 4th Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2021.

- ✓ The report states that India’s efforts in streamlining the assessment and clearance of shipments to ease and boost cross-border trade have fetched fruitful results as India’s Trade facilitation score has increased **to 90.32% from 78.49% in 2019**.
- ✓ It tracked 143 economies on 58 parameters related to the **WTO’s Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)**, Framework Agreement on Facilitation of **Cross-Border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (CPTA)**, among others over a two-year period.

**JNCASR Ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in Nature Index Top 50 Rising Institutions for Materials Science 2021**

In **Nature Index 2021 Materials Science tables**, the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru (Karnataka), the only Indian institution has ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in the top 50 Rising Institutions worldwide. The list is topped by **Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU)** of China.

- ✓ **JNCASR also ranked 171<sup>st</sup>** in the table of Leading 200 institutions worldwide along with IISc (Indian Institute of Science), Bengaluru (Karnataka) which was ranked at 165.

## 2021 Index & Reports - August

### RANKING

INDEX / SURVEY NAME	RELEASED BY / CONDUCTED BY	KEY NOTES
Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)	National Statistical Office (NSO)	In August 2021, the <b>National Statistical Office (NSO)</b> released the 8th Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) – Quarterly Bulletin for the Q2 FY21 (July 2020 – September 2020). As per the PLFS, the Jobless/Unemployment rate (UR) in urban areas in Current Weekly Status (CWS) increased to 13.3 percent in Q2 FY21 when compared to 8.4 percent in Q2 FY20 (July 2019 – September, 2019).
QS Best Student Cities 2022	QS Quacquarelli Symonds	✓ Mumbai from Maharashtra ranked as <b>52<sup>nd</sup> among the top 100 cities</b> globally in the ‘employer activity’ indicator and <b>Bangalore from Karnataka</b> ranked 42 <sup>nd</sup> among the top-10 under the indicator of ‘affordable cities’ for students.  The ranking was topped by <b>London (United Kingdom)</b> followed by <b>Munich (Germany)</b> , and third place was shared by Seoul ( <b>South Korea</b> ) and Tokyo ( <b>Japan</b> ).
Fortune Global 500 list 2021	Fortune	MukeshAmbani’s oil-to-telecom conglomerate <b>Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)</b> slipped 59 places to rank 155 <sup>th</sup> (due to COVID-19) on the 2021 Fortune Global 500 list, this is the lowest ranking of RIL since 2017. Reliance’s revenue fell by 25.3 percent due to rise in oil prices in the second quarter of 2020. Walmart topped the list followed by StateGrid, and Amazon.
Global Youth Tobacco Survey	-	Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya presided over the release of National Fact Sheet Global Youth Tobacco Survey – 4th round (GYTS-4), India, 2019. <b>Objective:</b> The survey was formed to provide awareness about tobacco and receptivity to tobacco marketing. It also includes data on tobacco use, second-hand smoke, access and availability, exposure to anti-tobacco. Age of Initiation of Tobacco: 38 percent of cigarette smokers, 47 percent of bidi smokers and 52 percent of smokeless tobacco users initiated the use before their age of 10.
The Transparency Index: Rating of Pollution Control Boards on Public Disclosure report	Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), a Delhi based non-profit Organisation	The report states that State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) of Odisha and Telangana have been ranked 1 <sup>st</sup> released by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), a Delhi based non-profit Organisation. The

		report aims to encourage SPCBs/PCCs to disclose their information in the public domain.
2 <sup>nd</sup> edition of the 'COVID-19 Innovation report 2021'	Startup Blink in association with Health Innovation Exchange & UNAIDS (United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The report has ranked India 32<sup>nd</sup> in the global coronavirus innovation rankings for countries. The US has topped the rankings, followed by Israel &amp; Canada.</li> <li>✓ In the Cities Rankings, San Francisco Bay (US), New York (US) &amp; Moscow (Russia) were top 3 cities.</li> </ul> <p>India has 2 cities – Bengaluru, Karnataka (49<sup>th</sup> Rank), New Delhi (55<sup>th</sup>) in the top 100 rankings.</p>
Global Youth Development Index (YDI) 2020	Commonwealth Secretariat	Commonwealth Secretariat released its triennial rankings of <b>Global Youth Development Index (YDI) 2020</b> , it measures the progress in 181 countries across 6 factors of youth development. In the country wise ranking, India was ranked 122 <sup>nd</sup> out of 181 countries. Singapore topped the Index for the 1 <sup>st</sup> time, followed by Slovenia & Norway. The rankings are based on 27 indicators across the 6 domains (over the period 2010-18) – Health and Wellbeing, Education, Employment & Opportunity, Political & Civic participation, Peace & Security and Equality & Inclusion.
Skytrax World Airport Awards 2021 list	Skytrax	Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport secured 45 <sup>th</sup> rank (from 50 in 2020 rankings), while Qatar's Doha Hamad Airport topped the rankings. Delhi's IGI has been awarded as the 'Best Airport in India & Central Asia for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Consecutive time. <a href="#">Click here</a>
Global Crypto Adoption Index 2021	Chainalysis	According to the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Global Crypto Adoption Index 2021</b> released by Chainalysis, a crypto-analysis firm, India ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> out of 154 countries. Vietnam topped the index. It aims to provide an objective measure of which countries have the highest level of Cryptocurrency adoption. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The index ranks countries based on 3 indicators such as On-chain value received, On-chain retail value received and Peer-to-Peer (P2P) exchange trade volume.</li> </ul> <p>India improved to 2<sup>nd</sup> rank from 11<sup>th</sup> in the 2020 Global Crypto Adoption Index.</p>
Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2021	Shanghai Ranking Consultancy	Ranking for higher education Institutes. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore was selected as the best university in the country and University of Calcutta secured 2 <sup>nd</sup> rank. Globally, Harvard University Topped the ranking & followed by Stanford University, University of Cambridge.
Bloomberg Billionaires Index	Bloomberg	Radhakishan Damani, who owns the retail chain D-Mart, an Indian retail corporation under Avenue Supermarts has made it to the top 100 richest

		<p>people in the world. He is now ranked 97 on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index with a net worth of 19.3 billion USD (around Rs 1.4 lakh crore). Elon Musk topped the list, followed by Jeff Bezos, Bernard Arnault.</p>
Hurun Global 500 List 2021	Hurun Research Institute	<p>It is a list of the 500 most valuable non-state-controlled companies in the world ranked according to their value, defined as market capitalization for listed companies and valuations for non-listed companies. Reliance Industries Ltd topped the list of Indian companies with a global rank 57. As per the Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies list 2021, Apple is the world's most valuable company and followed by Microsoft and Amazon got the 2nd and 3rd place in the list respectively.</p>
Global Manufacturing Risk Index-Assessing Costs, Risks and Conditions Impacting Manufacturing	Cushman & Wakefield's	<p>India became the world's second most desired manufacturing destination globally surpassing the United States (US) which stood at 3rd place. The top position is retained by China. The report provides guidance and data on <b>four parameters such as Bounce Back, Conditions, Costs, and Risks</b> among 47 countries in Europe, the Americas and Asia Pacific.</p>
Safe Cities Index 2021- New expectations demand a new coherence, a biennial report	Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)	<p>✓ <b>Capital City and Financial Capital City of India</b> i.e., New Delhi is placed at 48<sup>th</sup> position and Mumbai ranked at 50<sup>th</sup> respectively in 4<sup>th</sup> Safe Cities Index 2021 of 60 global cities. The index has been topped by Denmark's capital Copenhagen and Yangon (Myanmar) is at the bottom of the index with a score of 39.5, as least safe city.</p>
Global DeFi (Decentralised Finance) Adoption Index	Chainalysis	<p>The 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the Global DeFi (Decentralised Finance) Adoption Index was released by Chainalysis. India ranked 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 154 countries. The United States topped the ranking followed by Vietnam (2<sup>nd</sup>) &amp; Thailand (3<sup>rd</sup>) respectively.</p> <p>✓ The index ranks 154 countries in 3 indicators namely On-chain DeFi value received, On-chain number of DeFi deposits &amp; On-chain retail DeFi value received.</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> It is designed to highlight countries with the highest grassroots adoption by individuals, rather than those sending the largest raw values of funds.</p>

**REPORTS**

REPORT NAME	SUBMITTED BY	KEY NOTES
Turning around the Power Distribution Sector- Learnings and Best Practices from Reforms	Dr. Rajiv Kumar	<p>NITI Aayog's (National Institute for Transforming India) Vice chairman Dr. Rajiv Kumar released a Report on the Power Distribution Sector titled 'Turning around the Power Distribution Sector- Learnings and Best Practices from Reforms'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The report is co-authored by NITI Aayog, RMI (Rocky Mountain Institute), and RMI India.</li> </ul> <p>The report provides ways to transform India's Power distribution sector. Most of the power Distribution Companies (DISCOMS) incur losses every year, the total losses were estimated to be around INR90,000 crore in FY 21.</p>
MSME Pulse – Edition XII	lender SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India) and Transunion-Cibil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ As per the report, the value of new loans disbursed to the MSME sector in FY21 (COVID-19 period) was Rs.9.5 lakh crore, 40% higher than Rs.6.8 lakh crore in FY20 (pre-COVID-19 period).</li> </ul> <p>It was mainly supported by the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), the government's initiative under the AtmaNirbhar Bharat programme.</p>
Quality of Life for Elderly Index 2021	Dr Bibek Debroy	<p>Dr Bibek Debroy, Chairman of the <b>Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)</b> released the Quality of Life for Elderly Index 2021 measuring the quality of life led by the elderly in India. It has been created by the Institute for Competitiveness (IFC) at the request of EAC-PM. The report identifies the regional patterns of ageing across Indian States and assesses the overall well-being of the ageing population in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The index also provided 'Quality of Life for Elderly Scores' in 4 categories viz. Aged states, Relatively Aged States, Union Territory (UT), and North-East States.</li> </ul> <p>Rajasthan has topped the ranking of aged states while Himachal Pradesh is top-scorer in Relatively Aged States.</p>
Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis by the Working Group I	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ United Nations (UN) secretary-general Antonio Guterres called the report 'a code red for humanity'.</li> </ul> <p>The report states that if the emissions decline slowly, the temperature rise of 2°C, the limit</p>



		set by the Paris Agreement will be breached by 2060. It addresses the most up-to-date physical understanding of the climate system, climate science, etc.
Impact of Exemption under Article 15 (5) with regards to Article 21A of the Constitution of India on Education of Minority Communities	NCPCR	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights ( <b>NCPCR</b> ) conducted a nationwide assessment of minority schools and released a report titled 'Impact of Exemption under Article 15 (5) with regards to Article 21A of the Constitution of India on Education of Minority Communities'. <b>Objective:</b> To study the impact of Article 15(5) and Article 21A of the Constitution of India regarding the exemption of minority schools and education of minority communities' children.
Public Enterprises (PE) Survey 2019-20 report	Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance	In August 2021, the <b>Department of Public Enterprises (DPE)</b> , Ministry of Finance, released the 60 <sup>th</sup> Public Enterprises (PE) Survey 2019-20 report. As per the report, the net profit of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in FY20 decreased by 20 percent from Rs 1.74 lakh crore in FY19 to around Rs 1.38 lakh crore. The decrease in profit was mainly due to the fall in profits in the petroleum sector.
The World's Best and Worst Towns and Cities for Clean Air	British company HouseFresh	On the 50 'most polluted cities' in the world in 2020 titled – ' <b>The World's Best and Worst Towns and Cities for Clean Air</b> ', in which, Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad ranked as the 2 <sup>nd</sup> most polluted city in the world in 2020. China's Hotan city in Xinjiang province topped the list and was adjudged as the most polluted city. As per the report, India became the 3 <sup>rd</sup> most polluted country.
Life Freedom Index 2021 report	HDFC Life	<b>Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Ltd</b> introduced fixed deposit (FD) named 'Green & Sustainable Deposits' to safeguard the environment from climate change. HDFC Life released its latest Life Freedom Index 2021 report. The report analyses the financial freedom of consumers across 4 different segments viz, Proud Parents, Wisdom Investors, Young Aspirants and Smart Women. HDFC Life released its latest Life Freedom Index 2021 report. The report analyses the financial freedom of consumers across 4 different segments viz, Proud Parents,

		Wisdom Investors, Young Aspirants and Smart Women.
North Eastern Region (NER) District Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index & Dashboard 2021-22	Niti Aayog	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Edition of North Eastern Region (NER) District Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index & Dashboard 2021-22 was released. The district of East Sikkim topped the rankings. It was prepared by Niti Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) & Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (M/DoNER) with the support of <b>United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</b> .
The Climate Crisis Is a Child Rights Crisis: Introducing the Children's Climate Risk Index' (CCRI)	UNICEF	<p>India is among the 33 extremely high-risk countries where approximately 1 billion children (half the world's 2.2 billion children population) are most at risk of the impacts of climate change that will affect their health, education, and protection. This is a first kind of Climate Risk Index to be introduced for children all over the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ CCRI Report is composed of two pillars such as Exposure to climate and environmental shocks and stresses and Child vulnerability.</li> <li>✓ Children in the Central African Republic, Chad, Nigeria, Guinea, and GuineaBissau countries are at high risk.</li> </ul> <p>Children in Iceland, Luxembourg and New Zealand are at very low risk as per the index...<a href="#">Click here for more detail..</a></p>
Shifting Global Value Chains: the India Opportunity	Kearney in association with WEF (World Economic Forum)	The report states that Coordinated action between the government and the private sector can help create globally competitive manufacturing companies in the country.
India's turning point: How climate action can drive our economic future	Deloitte Economics Institute, India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In accordance with the report, India needs an action on climate change that could pave a way for \$11 trillion economic gain, meanwhile, preventing a loss of \$35 trillion over the next 50 years due to unmitigated climate change.</li> </ul> <p>As per the report, there is a window time of 10 years which can be used by India as an opportunity to tackle the impacts of climate change. This can fetch a fruitful result of limiting rising average global temperatures to around 1.5°C by 2050.</p>

## RANKING & REPORTS IN CONTENT FORMAT

### Haryana Police secures 1st Position in India under CCTNS

Haryana Police secured the top place in India under Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS). Gujarat Police secured the 2nd position, while Himachal Pradesh was placed third.

- ✓ CCTNS was created for a comprehensive and integrated system for effective police through e-Governance.
- ✓ It also to create a nationwide networking infrastructure for the evolution of IT-enabled modern tracking systems around 'Investigation of crime and detection of criminals'.

### 32% of India's coastline underwent erosion in 28 years: NCCR Report

As per the information provided by Parshottam Khodabhai Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal, Husbandry and Dairying in response to a question in the Lok Sabha in accordance with the recent technical report by the National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, 32% of India's coastline underwent sea erosion and 27% of it expanded in a time span of 28 years i.e. between 1990 and 2018.

The coastline of West Bengal is the most affected as 60% of it underwent erosion during these 28 years.

## GA Questions Asked in Exams

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