

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Global Peace Award

- ❖ Indian PM Narendra Modi received an 'honorary' 'Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Global Peace Award for Minority Upliftment'.



### Key Point

- ❖ The award was a collaborative effort between Washington adventist University and the Association of Indian American Minorities (AIAM).
- ❖ It acknowledges PM Modi's efforts on inclusive growth entrepreneurship activities, and minority welfare measures on the global platform.
- ❖ AIAM is a new non-governmental organization which was inaugurated on November 22, 2024 in Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Maryland, USA to enhance unity among the minority groups within the India American community.

## Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI 2025)

India has been ranked 10th in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI 2025) report.

## INDIA IN TOP 10 FOR SIXTH YEAR



### Key Point

- ❖ This report has been published by Germanwatch, New Climate Institute, & Climate Action Network International since 2005.
- ❖ The purpose of this report is to track progress of the world's largest emitters in emissions, renewables, and climate policy.
- ❖ It covers 63 countries + the European Union, responsible for 90% of global emissions.
- ❖ First three ranks vacant (no country met the "very high" performance criteria).
- ❖ Best performing nations includes ;Denmark (4th), Netherlands (5th), & UK (6th)
- ❖ India's per capita emissions stand at 2.9 tons of CO2 equivalent (tCO2e), far below the global average of 6.6 tCO2e.
- ❖ India receives a high ranking in the GHG Emissions and Energy Use categories, medium in Climate Policy, and low in Renewable Energy.

### World Bank's 'jobs at your doorstep' report

Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan along with Minister of Labour and Employment Mansukh Mandaviya on 22 November launched a World Bank report titled 'Jobs at Your Doorstep: A Jobs Diagnostics for Young People' that covers six states in India.

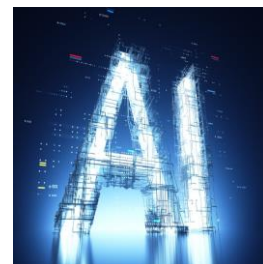


#### Key Point

- ❖ The Jobs at Your Doorstep report serves as both a diagnostic and roadmap to providing strategic linkages and convergence between education and the jobs agenda of India.
- ❖ It goes deep into the job landscape of six states — Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan — and identifies key priority sectors and roles that offer the highest employment potential for young people graduating from secondary school.
- ❖ The report is a skills gap analysis that attempts to align trades offered in schools industry-specific needs of the districts where the schools are present.
- ❖ The study was initiated to reimagine the skill education offered through in-depth primary as well as secondary research in six 'STARS' states.
- ❖ The World Bank assists the Ministry of Education with its programme called Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) covering six states, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan (collectively the STARS states).
- ❖ STARS Scheme has a national component under which key reforms are shared and disseminated for implementation.

### India among top 10 countries with AI readiness

The report by Boston Consulting Group (BCG) based on data from 73 economies showed that India ranks second globally in AI specialists, and third in research publications, with a strong base in AI-related patents.



### Key Point

- ❖ India is among the top ten countries in Artificial Intelligence (AI) readiness, and the country holds immense potential for public sector transformation through AI, according to a report.
- ❖ Readiness'' for AI refers to an economy's ability to effectively implement and integrate AI.
- ❖ On the other hand, over 70 per cent of the economies studied score below average in critical areas such as ecosystem participation, skills, and research and development.
- ❖ The report further showed that AI exposure spans several key sectors in India. Business services account for 16 per cent of GDP and have significant AI exposure, with potential improvements in administrative efficiency for government operations.

### ISRO & ASA sign Implementing Arrangement for Gaganyaan

An Implementation Agreement (IA) was signed between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Australian Space Agency (ASA) on November 20, 2024 for further strengthening cooperation in space activities between Australia and India.



### Key Point

- ❖ The deal enables cooperation of both space agencies on crew and crew module recovery for the Gaganyaan missions.
- ❖ ISRO Human Spaceflight or "Gaganyaan" is a space Mission in which India has planned to prove the capability of Human crew module consisting of up to three astronauts to Low Earth Orbit for up to 3 days and return.
- ❖ The Memorandum enables the Indian and Australian authorities to cooperate in search and rescue operations and the recovery of the crew module in the event of an ascent phase abort near the Australian waters.

### About Gaganyaan mission

Gaganyaan mission is a space mission to demonstrate ISRO's human spaceflight capability by launching a human crew to an orbit of 400 km and bringing them safely back to earth.

### Goals of Gaganyaan Mission

The main goals of the Gaganyaan mission are to:

1. Show that India can do human spaceflights.
2. Learn how to design, build, and use spacecraft for humans.
3. Create the needed setup for future human spaceflights.
4. To encourage the next generation of scientists and engineers.

### State of the World's Children 2024 Report

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) released 'State of the World's Children 2024' report on November 20.



### Key Point

- ❖ India will house 350 million children by 2050, making up 15% of the global child population.
- ❖ By 2050, nearly eight times more children will be exposed to extreme heat compared to the 2000s.

- ❖ Climate crises are expected to disproportionately impact children's health, education, and access to essential resources like water, especially in rural and low-income communities.
- ❖ As nearly half of India's population is projected to live in urban areas by 2050, there is an urgent need for child-friendly, climate-resilient urban planning and infrastructure investments.

### About UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)

UNICEF originally the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, officially United Nations Children's Fund since 1946 is an agency of the United Nations responsible for providing humanitarian and developmental aid to children worldwide

Founded: 1946; operates in 192 countries and territories.

Funding: Supported by government contributions and individual voluntary donations.

Guiding Framework: The Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989).

Awards: Nobel Peace Prize (1965) for promoting international brotherhood.

Flagship Reports:

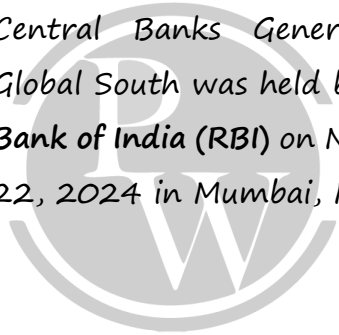
The State of the World's Children.

UNICEF Annual Report.



### Short News

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the transaction limit for UPI 123Pay from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000, improving its usefulness for the 400 million feature phone users in India.
- ❖ Harsha Vardhan Agarwal, Managing Director and Vice Chairman, Emami Group became the President of the Federation of the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for 2024-25 on November 21, 2024.
- ❖ The High-Level Policy Conference of Central Banks General from the Global South was held by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on November 21-22, 2024 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❖ Kerala won the Best Marine State award in World Fisheries Day in 2024 for its tremendous role in the growth of fisheries and aquaculture sector in India.
- ❖ India hosted the 6th Annual Summit of the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) in partnership with Sweden in Baku, Azerbaijan. The event was conducted during COP 29, the United Nations Climate Summit from November 11 to November 22, 2024.



Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which of the following organizations prepared the 'Jobs at Your Doorstep: A Jobs Diagnostics for Young People' Report?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) United Nation
- (c) Asian Development Bank
- (d) Reserve Bank of India

Answer -A

2. Who among the following received the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Global Peace Award for Minority Upliftment'?

- (a) Draupadi Murmu
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Joe Biden
- (d) Amit Shah

Answer -B

