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National News

1. India now has more women than men but sex ratio at birth still low



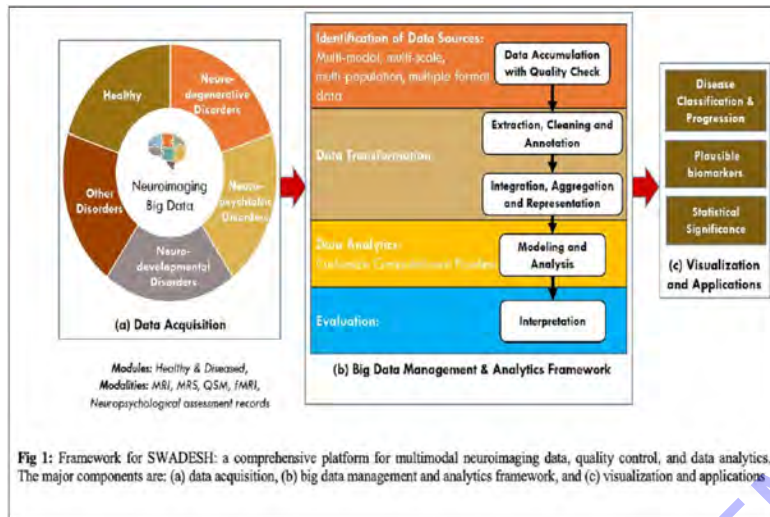
- India's overall sex ratio — women per thousand men — is now at a level seen in developed countries. For every 1,000 men, India has 1,020 women.
- The fifth National Family Health Survey (NFHS), from where this data comes, has also found that the sex ratio is better in rural areas compared to urban centres.
- In a rural versus urban analysis, the sex ratio was found skewed in favour of males in rural areas of 14 states, while 22 states had a sex ratio favouring males in urban areas.
- The union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu had the worst urban sex ratio: 775 women per 1,000 men. And Delhi had the worst rural sex ratio (859) among all states.
- The sex ratio at birth for the country was still 929 females per males — an improvement from 919 in 2015-16, but still lower than the natural standard of 952 female births per 1,000 male births.

2. J&K Tejaswini, Hausla, Shikhar, Shikara Scheme 2021 Launched by FM Nirmala Sitharaman



- Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman has launched two schemes named 'Tejaswini & Hausala schemes'
- Scheme provides Under 18-35 years of age to start their businesses and 'Shikhar & Shikara' schemes of Punjab National Bank (PNB) for development of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- **Tejaswini Scheme** in the course of the credit score its goal is to offer monetary help as much as Rs 5 lakh to younger ladies for establishing gainful self-employment ventures, suited to their expertise, aptitude & native situations.
- **Hausla Scheme** beneath the J&K Trade Promotion Organisation for empowering present ladies entrepreneurs to be role models of their respective sectors. It not solely supplies ability improvement, but additionally, credit score assist, advertising assist & mentorship.
- **Shikhar scheme** focuses on meeting credit requirements up to INR 2 crore for the hotel, tour & tourism industry.
- **'Shikara' which goals** to supply finance for the acquisition of the latest shikara and restore & upkeep of shikara and houseboats by means of collateral-free time period loans
- J&K Lieutenant Governor: Manoj Sinha.

3. DBT-NBRC develop world's first Multimodal Brain Imaging Data and Analytics, SWADESH



- Department of Bio-Technology and National Brain Research Centre (DBT-NBRC) in Haryana has developed the world's first Multimodal Brain Imaging Data and Analytics called SWADESH which is expected to help effectively treat brain ailments in the country.
- DBT-National Brain Research Centre has recently developed project SWADESH, a unique brain initiative focusing on certified neuroimaging, neurochemical, neuropsychological data and analytics that are made accessible to researchers for managing brain disorders, according to a Ministry of Science and Technology
- SWADESH was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh

4. MP to get cyber tehsil, first in the country: Narottam Mishra



- Madhya Pradesh home minister Narottam Mishra said that the Cyber Tehsil will make the mutation process easy and people from anywhere in the state can avail of its benefit.
- The Home Minister of Madhya Pradesh also informed that the Cabinet has decided to launch 'Urja Saksharta Abhiyan' from November 25 to make citizens energy literate. Schools, colleges and the general public will be connected with this campaign.
- Madhya Pradesh Capital: Bhopal
- Madhya Pradesh Governor: Mangubhai C. Patel
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

5. Rampath Yatra Express: IRCTC flags off special train for pilgrimage to Ayodhya



- The Rampath Yatra Express, connecting Maharashtra's Pune to Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, was flagged off on Saturday with an aim to promote pilgrimage tourism after the success of the Ramayana Express.
- The new special train will tour six pilgrim destinations associated with Lord Ram. These include Nandigram, Shringverpur, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Chitrakoot and Ayodhya,
- The train will have AC class as well as sleeper coaches, IRCTC has said. The full package costs ₹14,490, including breakfast, lunch, dinner, stay, transport, and a guide.
- The launch of this train is aimed at promoting pilgrimage tourism, covering pilgrim sites in a tour of seven days and eight nights. It'll run with sleeper class and AC-3 tier,

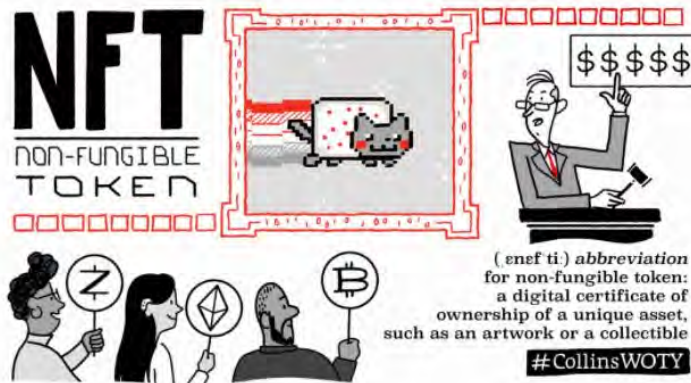
International News

6. WTO postpones first ministerial meeting amid spread of new Covid variant 'Omicron'



- World Trade Organization (WTO) has become the first major diplomatic casualty of the new Coronavirus variant 'Omicron', as it has postponed its first ministerial meeting in four years due to the deteriorating health situation.
- The WTO said that its members have agreed to postpone the ministerial conference after the new variant outbreak led to travel restrictions that would have prevented many ministers from reaching Geneva.
- No new date has been set for a rescheduled meeting.

7. Collins Dictionary names NFT as 2021 word of the year



- Collins Dictionary has named the term 'NFT' as the Word of the Year 2021.
- NFT is the acronym for "non-fungible token."
- As per Collins Dictionary, NFT is defined as "a unique digital certificate, registered in a blockchain, that is used to record the ownership of an asset such as an artwork"
- Collins English Dictionary is published by HarperCollins in Glasgow, Poland.
- 'Vax' has been chosen as the word of the year by the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) in 2021.

Important Days

8. National Organ Donation Day 2021



- National Organ Donation Day is celebrated on November 27 in India every year. The day has been observed for the last 10 years.
- The main objective of the national organ donation day is to spread awareness among people and to recognize the selfless efforts made towards mankind, and reestablish our belief in humanity.
- The first time organ donation day was celebrated in 2010. Under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, it is organised by National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO).
- World Organ Donation Day is observed on August 13 every year to spread awareness about the importance of organ donation
- National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization
Headquarters: New Delhi.

Appointments

9. India's candidate elected to executive committee of Interpol



- Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) special director Praveen Sinha was on Thursday elected the delegate for Asia in the executive committee of the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) following a tough contest involving China.
- In the election, four contestants were China, Singapore, South Korea and Jordan.
- India's National Central Bureau (NCB-India) reached out to its counterparts around the world to campaign for this election.
- The elections were held in Istanbul, Turkey during the ongoing 89 INTERPOL General Assembly.
- Interpol is the world's largest international police organization with a National Central Bureau in all 195 member states.
- It has seven regional bureaus all over the world. It was formed in 1923.
- Its motto is connecting police for a safer world. It is headquartered in Lyon, France.

Defence News

10. 37th India-Indonesia CORPAT exercise held in Indian Ocean



- The 37th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) is being held in the Indian Ocean region from 23-24 November 2021.
- Indigenously built Indian Naval Ship (INS) Khanjar and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft is participating in the CORPAT.
- Indonesian Naval Ship KRI Sultan Thaha Syaifuddin, (376) is participating from Indonesia.
- Samudra Shakti: A bilateral maritime exercise.
- Garuda Shakti: A joint military exercise.

Index and Ranks

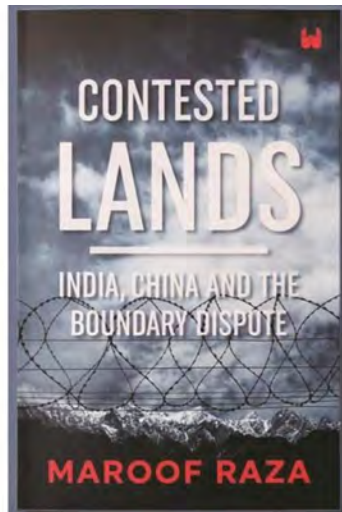
11. List of states and UTs are among India's poorest



- NITI Aayog has published the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report which measured “three equally weighted dimensions” of health, education and standard of living.
- The national MPI measure uses the globally accepted and robust methodology developed by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Here is the list of the poorest states
Bihar: 51.91 per cent, Jharkhand: 42.16 %, Uttar Pradesh: 37.79 %, Madhya Pradesh: 36.65 %, Meghalaya: 32.67%
- States with the lowest poverty rate
Kerala: 0.71%, Goa: 3.76%, Sikkim: 3.82%, Tamil Nadu: 4.89%, Punjab: 5.59%
- Poorest Union territories
Dadra and Nagar Haveli: 27.36%, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh: 12.58%, Daman & Diu: 6.82%, Chandigarh: 5.97%
- Union territories with the lowest poverty rate
Puducherry: 1.72%, Lakshadweep: 1.82%, Andaman & Nicobar Islands: 4.30%, Delhi: 4.79%
- Rajiv Kumar, NITI Aayog’s vice chairperson

Books and Authors

12. “Contested Lands: India, China and the Boundary Dispute” by Maroof Raza



- Former Army Officer Maroof Raza has authored a new book titled “Contested Lands: India, China, and the Boundary Dispute”.
- The book features the history of India’s boundary making with Tibet and China and analyses the current India-China boundary dispute.

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