

## **Testwale Current Affairs PDF**

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### **1. Indian IT sector to grow to \$227 billion in 2022: NASSCOM ( Feb. 16, 2022 )**

National Association of Software and Services Companies(NASSCOM) expects the Indian Information Technology(IT) sector to cross \$ 200 billion revenue for the first time and is expected to touch \$227 billion in 2021-22.

- **The expected growth rate of 15.5% in 2021-22** will be the highest growth rate since 2011 in the revenue of the IT sector .
- **It has set a target of \$ 350 billion revenue by 2026.**
- The IT sector in India created 4.5 lakh new jobs in 2021-22 of which about 44% were women employees. Around 18 lakh women work in the sector .
- **Exports from India grew by 17.2% and it was \$178 billion which is over 51 % of India's total service sector exports.**
- Ecommerce recorded a growth of 39 per cent to reach \$79 billion in 2021-22.
- The new age digital service sector saw a 25% growth in revenue to reach \$13 billion and now contributes to around 32 per cent of the total IT sector revenue .
- India has emerged as a global hub for digital talent with over five million tech workers.
- Around one out of three employees already digitally skilled, the digital tech talent pool is at 16 lakhs.

### **NASSCOM**

- The National Association of Software and Services Companies(NASSCOM) was set up in 1988
- It is a non profit organisation of IT sector companies in India
- It is a lobby group which works for the promotion of the IT sector and its companies in India and abroad.

**Chairman of NASSCOM :** U.B.Pravin Rao

**President :** Debjani Ghosh

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### **FULL FORM**

**NASSCOM :** The National Association of Software and Services Companies

### **2. Emergency declared in Canada ( Feb. 16, 2022 )**

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on 14 February 2022, declared an emergency in the country in an effort to end protests that have shut important trade routes with the United States and paralyzed parts of the capital, Ottawa.

- Protest started in Canada when a new rule was introduced last month that all truckers must be vaccinated to cross the US-Canada border.
- The truckers started protesting against that and started a convoy of trucks, cars and other vehicles to block the key **Ambassador Bridge**.
- It is a vital trade route between Canada and the United States. It carries around 25% of the total merchandise trade between the two countries.
- The protest became popular as **“Freedom Convoy”**. It soon drew people who were opposed to Trudeau's policies on everything from pandemic restrictions to a carbon tax. Similar protests also emerged in New Zealand, Australia, Israel and France.
- The protest was broken up by the police on 13 February after the United States government expressed concern at the blockade which was affecting the auto industry in Detroit, US.
- The Canadian government accused the protesters of getting foreign funding and the protest was detrimental to the economy and public safety of Canada. Under the Emergency act the Canadian police and law enforcement agencies will have power to block foreign funding of the protesters.

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Ambassador Bridge

The Ambassador Bridge is an international suspension bridge on the river Detroit. It connects the Detroit city of Michigan, United States with the Windsor city of Ontario, Canada.

**It is the largest suspension bridge in the world.**

**Detroit**

It is known as the **automobile capital** of the world. It is also called **Motor City**.

- It is the home of the automobile giants of the United States , General Motors, Ford and Chrysler.
- It is the birthplace of the modern automobile industry. For the first time an assembly line production technique was used by Henry Ford to mass produce cars for the people. It was the famous T model.

**India's Detroit : Chennai is considered to be India's Detroit.**

**Fact Files Canada**

- It is the second largest country in the world area wise after Russia.
- It shares 8,890-km ,the longest land boundary in the world with the United States.
- The British monarch is the head of the State of Canada.

- Prime Minister of Canada : **Justin Trudeau**
- **Capital** “ Ottawa
- **Currency** : Canadian Dollar .

### **3. S.Jaishankar visit to Philippines ( Feb. 15, 2022 )**

Indian external affairs minister, S. Jaishankar visited the Philippines from February 13 to 15 2022. It was his first visit to the Philippines after becoming the External Affairs Minister.

- He met his counterpart, **Teddy Locsin Jr ,Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines (Foreign Minister of Philippines).**
- Philippines became the first country in the world to buy India -Russia developed Brahmos missiles from India.
- The \$375 million deal was signed between the two countries on January 28, 2022. The Philippines Navy will receive the first of these missiles by the end of 2022.

### **Fact File**

#### **Philippines**

It is an archipelago consisting of more than 7000 islands . It is a part of South East Asia in the Western Pacific Ocean.

**Capital** : Manila

**Currency** : Philippine Peso

**President:** Rodrigo Duterte

**Asian Development Bank has its headquarter at Manila**

### **4. First Global Summit on Reimagining Museums in India ( Feb. 15, 2022 )**

Minister of Culture, Tourism and Development of Northeastern Region (DoNER), Govt. of India **Mr G. Kishan Reddy** ,inaugurated the two day Global Summit on **‘Reimagining Museums in India’** in **Hyderabad** on 15 Janaury 2022.

- The summit will be held on 15 and 16 February 2022.
- **The global summit is being organised by the Union Ministry of Culture**
- The summit is being attended by the delegates of India, Australia, France, Italy, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom online .

### **5. India improves its rank on Democracy Index 2021 ( Feb. 14, 2022 )**

India has improved its ranks by 7 places to move to 46 rank in the Democracy Index 2021 released by the Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) on 10 February 2022. It was ranked 53rd in the Democracy Index 2020.

India was categorised as a **flawed democracy** along with the U.S.

### **Highlights of the Index 2021**

- The Democracy Index 2021 ranks 167 countries and territories of the world.
- The EIU democracy Index ranks the country on the rating of 0 to 10. Country which scores 10 is a perfect democracy and a country scoring 0 is an Authoritarian country.
- The top ranked country was Norway with a score of 9.75 and Afghanistan was ranked at the bottom, 167th with a score of 0.32.
- India is ranked 46 on the global index with an **overall score of 6.91**. It has the lowest score of 5 on political culture and the highest score of 8.67 on electoral process and pluralism. It scores 6.18 on civil liberties, 7.22 on political participation.
- Economic Intelligence Unit has divided the world into four types; Full democracy, Flawed democracies, Hybrid regimes, Authoritarian regimes.
- The top ranked Democratic countries were (rank wise); Norway, New Zealand, Finland, Sweden, Iceland.
- The bottom ranked countries: 167 ranked Afghanistan, 166th Myanmar, 165th ranked North Korea, 164 ranked Congo and 163 ranked Central African Republic.

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### **EIU : Economic Intelligence Unit**

### **6. Germany's President Steinmeier re-elected for second five-year term ( Feb. 14, 2022 )**

Frank-Walter Steinmeier was elected to a second term as Germany's president on Sunday after a special assembly vote on 13 February 2022.

- He has been elected for a five year term.
- The President in Germany has little power and the real power is with the Chancellor of Germany.
- Currently the German Chancellor is [\*\*Olaf Scholz\*\*](#)
- The German president is elected by members of the German parliament **Bundestag** and the members of the Parliament of the 16 states of Germany

### **7. President unveils the Statue of Swarna Ramanujacharya ( Feb. 14, 2022 )**

President Ramnath Kovind visited **Srirama Nagaram** in Muchintal, Hyderabad, Telangana on 13 February 2022. He inaugurated the 120-kg statue of Sri Ramanujacharya made of gold as part of the Sriramanuja Sahastrabdi Samaroh, marking the 1,000 years of the birth of the saint poet at Muchintal in Telangana.

- Srirama Nagaram is a place in Muchintal, Hyderabad where 108 Vaishnavite shrines have been set up along with the Statue of Equality.
- Statue of Equality was Inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 5 February 2022. **(For Statue of Equality kindly see 5 February 2022 post)**

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#### **Place :**

**Srirama Nagaram:** It is a temple complex in Muchintal, Hyderabad.

### **8. ISRO launches first satellite of the 2022 ( Feb. 14, 2022 )**

The Indian Space Research Organisation- (ISRO) successfully launched a **Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle -C52(PSLV-C52)** on 14 February 2022 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

The PSLV-C52 rocket carried three satellites EOS-04, INSPIRE Esat-1 and INS-2TD)

#### **Satellites carried by PSLV-C52**

##### **EOS-04 Satellite**

- It is a Radar Imaging Satellite designed to provide high quality images under all weather conditions for applications such as Agriculture, Forestry and Plantations, Soil Moisture and Hydrology and Flood mapping.
- It is a 1,710 kg satellite which was built at the UR Rao Satellite Centre in Bengaluru.
- It will be deployed into a sun synchronous polar orbit of 529 km.

##### **INSPIREsat-1**

It is a micro satellite made by students of Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala in association with Laboratory of Atmospheric and Space Physics at University of Colorado, Boulder, Nanyang Technology University (NTU), Singapore and National Central University (NCU), Taiwan.

##### **INS-2TD**

It is a technology demonstrator satellite which is a forerunner to the India-Bhutan satellite INS 2-B

#### **Fact about ISRO PSLV Mission**

- Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle is a four stage rocket of ISRO which was launched on 30 September 1993 for the first time .

- This was the 80th launch vehicle mission from SDSC SHAR, Sriharikota;
- It was the 54th flight of PSLV;
- It was the 23rd flight of PSLV in the XL configuration (6 strap-on motors).

**Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**

- ISRO was set up on 15 August 1969
- Chairman of ISRO: S Somnath
- Headquarters of ISRO : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Space Station from where ISRO launches rockets
- Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

**Full form for Exam**

- **ISRO**: Indian Space Research Organisation
- **PSLV** : Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle
- **EOS** : Earth Observation Satellite
- **SDSC**: Satish Dhawan Space Centre
- **SHAR** :Sriharikota Range

**9. Government of India launches SMILE scheme ( Feb. 13, 2022 )**

Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment **Dr. Virendra Kumar** launched the Government of India scheme “**SMILE: Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise**” on 12 February 2022 in New Delhi .

The scheme aims to provide welfare and rehabilitation facility to the Transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging.

The SMILE scheme includes two sub schemes :

- ‘Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons’ and
- Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of engaged in the act of Begging’

**‘Central Sector Scheme for Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons**

The main features of the scheme are :

- It provides Scholarships for Transgender students studying in IX and till post-graduation to enable them to complete their education.
- It has provisions for Skill Development and Livelihood under the PM-DAKSH(Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi) scheme.
- Through Composite Medical Health it provides a comprehensive package in convergence with Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana ( PM-JAY) supporting Gender-Reaffirmation surgeries through selected hospitals.
- The Housing facility in the form of '**Garima Greh**' ensures food, clothing, recreational facilities, skill development opportunities, recreational activities and medical support etc. to the Transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging.
- The Provision of Transgender Protection Cell in each state will monitor cases of offences and to ensure timely registration, investigation and prosecution of offences.
- The National Portal & Helpline will provide necessary information and solutions to the Transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging when needed.

### **'Comprehensive Rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of Begging'**

It will focus on survey and identification, mobilisation, rescue/ shelter home and comprehensive resettlement of the persons engaged in the act of begging .

The Government of India has launched pilot projects on Comprehensive Rehabilitation in ten cities namely Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Indore, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna and Ahmedabad.

### **Full form for exam**

**SMILE** : Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise;

**PMJAY** : Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana;

**PM DAKSH** : Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi;

## **10. Freedom Convey in France to protes Covid Restrictions ( Feb. 13, 2022 )**

Inspired by the truckers that shut down the Canadian capital Ottawa, thousands of demonstrators from across France made their way to Paris in a "freedom convoy" of cars, trucks and vans.

This is a latest protest which rocked many countries where people are protesting the covid related restriction.

People have protested in the Australian capital of **Canberra** and New Zealand capital **Wellington** against the government rules of compulsory vaccination against covid.

### **Important for exams**

#### **France**

It is a North Western European country

Capital : **Paris**

Currency: **Euro**

President: **Emmanuel Macron**

**India has bought Rafale fighter aircraft from France for its Air Force .**

### **Australia**

It is the smallest continent by area on Earth after Asia, Africa, North America , South America, Antarctica ,Europe and Australia.

It is the 6th largest country in the world after Russia, Canada, China, United States, and Brazil.

Its Capital : **Canberra**

Currency : **Australian Dollar**

Prime Minister : **Scott Morrison**

### **New Zealand**

It is an island country in the South Pacific Ocean .

Capital : **Wellington**

Currency : **New Zealand Dollar**

Prime Minister : **Miss Jacinda Ardern**