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1. Uttar Pradesh becomes the second state after Maharashtra to register maximum number of new companies post covid-19 (Nov. 17, 2022)

Uttar Pradesh second state after Maharashtra to register the most number of companies

Uttar Pradesh has become the **second state** after Maharashtra to register the most number of companies since the outbreak of covid -19. Quoting the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) data, the Economic Times report says that Uttar Pradesh has left behind the traditional industrial hub states of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu in adding the number of new companies since the outbreak of covid -19 .

Main Highlights of the report

Uttar Pradesh is the **third ranked state in terms of number of active companies** behind Maharashtra and Delhi.

Uttar Pradesh is home to 1.08 lakh active companies as of September end while Maharashtra and Delhi have 3 lakh and 2.2 lakh active companies respectively.

Karnataka and Tamil Nadu are at fourth and fifth with 1.04 lakh and 99,038 active companies respectively.

Uttar Pradesh added 30,000 companies in the past three years.

Maharashtra on the other hand added 60,000 new companies in the past three years and continues to be on the top.

Maharashtra's dominance comes largely from the fact that its capital, Mumbai is the financial capital of India and serves as a hub for several mid-size and big companies.

2. 3-day International Tourism Mart begin in Mizoram (Nov. 17, 2022)

3-day International Tourism

The three-day **International Tourism Mart (ITM)** began in **Mizoram** on November 17, 2022.

Important facts

- It is the **10th edition** of the International Tourism Mart, jointly organised by the **Ministry of Tourism, GOI and the state tourism department.**
- State Commerce and Industries minister **Dr. R Lalthangliana** inaugurated the event.
- The event will focus on "**G20 Priorities for Tourism Track**", as India will assume the upcoming G20 Presidency for one year starting from 1st December 2022.
- The Mart was inaugurated at **R Dengthuama Indoor Stadium in Mualpui, Aizawl** in the presence of Minister for Tourism, Culture and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) G Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of State for Tourism Ajay Bhatt and Chief Minister Zoramthanga.

- On the occasion, a mega exhibition and food court pavilion was inaugurated at the Assam Rifles Ground in Aizawl by State Commerce and Industry Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana.
- The exhibition has hundreds of stalls set up on local food processing, cuisine, handloom and handicrafts and tourism.
- It will have business-to-business sessions and panel discussions between buyers, sellers, government agencies and other stakeholders.

About International Tourism Marts

- International Tourism Marts are organised on **rotation basis** in the North-Eastern States.
- **Mizoram** is hosting this Mart for the **first time**.
- The earlier editions of this mart have been held in **Guwahati, Tawang, Shillong, Gangtok, Agartala, Imphal and Kohima**.
- The objective of the event is to showcase the tourism potential of the North-Eastern Region in the domestic and international markets.

3. Month-long Kashi Tamil Sangam begins in Varanasi (Nov. 17, 2022)

Month-long Kashi Tamil Sangam

The month-long **Kashi Tamil Sangam** began on 17 November 2022 in **Varanasi**.

Important facts

- The Sangam is being organised by the Government of India as a part of the '**Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**' and to uphold the spirit of '**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**'.
- This Sangam will bring together people from two different regions at the level of language.
- Delegations from Tamil Nadu will visit Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Ayodhya Temple and the famous Ganga Aarti of Varanasi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally inaugurate the event.
- It aims to bring the two knowledge and cultural traditions closer, build upon and understand our shared heritage and deepen people-to-people bonds between the regions.
- **BHU and IIT-Madras** are the knowledge partners for the event, and the Ministries of Culture, Tourism, Railways, Textiles and Food Processing have been included as stakeholders, apart from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Varanasi Administration.
- Sangamam was proposed by academician **Chamu Krishna Shastri**, chairman of the Indian Language Committee under the Ministry of Education.

History of ties between Kashi and Tamil Nadu

- The connection between Kashi and the Tamil region is deep and old.
- **King Adhiveer Rama Pandian**, after returning from a pilgrimage to Kashi, built a Shiva temple at **Tenkasi** in the 19th century.
- **Saint Kumara Gurupara** of Thoothukudi district had negotiated with the princely state of Kashi to get a place for the installation of Kedarghat and Vishveswaralingam in Varanasi.
- He also composed **Kashi Kalambagam**, a collection of grammar poems on Kashi.

4. UP government to build Ramayana, Mahabharata, Buddhist circuits under the New Tourism Policy (Nov. 16, 2022)

UP government to build circuits

The Uttar Pradesh cabinet in a meeting held on 16 November 2022 and chaired by the Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** approved the New Tourism policy for the state on 16 November 2022. The government will focus on developing the Ramayana ,Krishna, Buddhist and Mahabharata circuit to promote religious tourism in the state .

Under the **Ramayana circuit** the places associated with Lord Rama will be developed . It will include **Ayodhya, Chitrakoot, Bithoor** and other places of significance during the Ramayana period.

Under the **Krishna Circuit** the places associated with Lord Krishna will be developed. **Mathura, Vrindavan, Gokul, Govardhan, Barsana, Nandgaon**, and **Baldev** will be included in the Krishna circuit.

Under the **Buddhist circuit Kapilvastu, Sarnath, Kushinagar, Kaushambi, Shravasti, Ramgram** and other places associated with lord Buddha will be developed .

The Mahabharata circuit will include **Hastinapur, Kampilya, Echhatra, Barnawa, Mathura, Kaushambi, Gonda, Lakshagriha**.

Under the **Shaktipeeth circuit** Vindhyavasini Devi, Ashtabhuja to Devipatan, Naimisharanya, Maa Lalita Devi, Maa Jwala Devi, Shakumbhari Devi from Saharanpur to Shivani Devi, Chitrakoot and Sheetla Mata, Mau will be developed.

To boost **spiritual tourism** in the state, Gorakhpur, Balrampur, Mathura, Sant Ravidas Sthal, Maa Parameshwari Devi, Azamgarh, Bighu Ashram of Ballia, Bateshwar of Agra, Hanuman Dham Shahjahanpur have been included.

To boost wildlife and ecotourism,the government will focus on developing sanctuary and forest reserves.

Under the new tourism policy the government will develop places associated with the **freedom struggle** like Meerut, Shahjahanpur, Kakori and Chaurichaura will be developed as a tourist place .

To boost tourism in the **Bundelkhand area** the government will focus on districts like Charkhari, Chitrakoot, Kalinjar, Jhansi, Deogarh, Lalitpur, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, and Jalaun.

Jaiveer Singh is the Minister of Tourism & Culture in the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

5. Assam government launches millet mission to double the income of state farmers (Nov. 16, 2022)

Assam Millet Mission

The Assam Chief Minister **Himanta Biswa Sarma** on 16 November 2022 launched the "Assam Millet Mission" aimed at increasing agricultural productivity and doubling the farmer's income. The mission also aims at encouraging the farmers to diversify their crops. .

Along with the Millet mission the Chief Minister also launched six soil testing and quality control laboratories Bongaigaon, morigaon, Golaghat, Udalgiri, Karimganj and Darrang.

Initially the millet mission will cover 25,000 hectares of land and later it will be extended to 50,000 hectares.

Millets or coarse cereals or nutri cereals

- Millet is one of the oldest known foods to humans. However its consumption in the world has declined due to the emphasis given to wheat and rice by the governments.
- It is also called coarse cereals or nutri cereals due to its high nutritive value.
- **Nutri-cereals refers to a group** of crops comprising sorghum (Jowar), pearl millet (Bajra), finger millet (Ragi/Mandua), and small millets like little millet (Kutki), kodo millet (Kodo), barnyard millet (Sawa/Jhangora), foxtail millet (Kangni/Kakun), and proso millet (Cheena).
- They are called a superfood as they are rich in nutrients such as copper, magnesium, phosphorus, and manganese. They are low on glycemic index.

Millets and India

- According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) , **India is the largest producer of millet in the world** followed by Niger and China .
- The total production of millets in India in 2020-21 was 17.96 million tonnes which was nearly 41% of the world production.
- **Rajasthan** was the largest millet producing state in India.
- Millets are grown in about 21 states in the country including Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Haryana.
- India was **the 5th largest exporter of millet** in the world in 2020 according to the Union ministry of Commerce data.

International Year of Millets 2023

- To highlight the importance of millets, India proposed in the United Nations to declare 2023 as the International Year of the Millets.
- The proposal was accepted and passed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2021 and **2023 was declared as the International Year of Millets.**

6. Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act implemented in Madhya Pradesh to protect the rights of tribals (Nov. 16, 2022)

(PESA) Act

The **Madhya Pradesh government** implemented the **Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act** in the state on 15 November.

Important facts

- It was formally announced by **President Draupadi Murmu** at a function organised by the state government in Shahdol district on the occasion of the birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda.
- On this occasion, Madhya Pradesh Governor **Mangu Bhai Patel**, Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** and several tribal ministers from the state and the center were present.
- It aims to protect the tribal population from exploitation with the active participation of Gram Sabhas.

Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas Act, 1996

- The Parliament enacted a special law called the **Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas Act (PESA) in 1996** and came into force on **24 December 1996**.
- The Act is currently in force in areas included in the **Fifth Schedule** of the Constitution, which deals with the administration of districts dominated by tribal communities, and is applicable to 10 states in the country.
- These **10 states are** Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Telangana.
- The Objective of the Act is to ensure self-governance through Gram Sabhas for people living in the Scheduled Areas.

7. Marwari horses exported for first time, to serve in Bangladesh President entourage (Nov. 16, 2022)

Marwari horses exported

Six Marwari horses have been exported from **Jodhpur to Bangladesh** where they will be used for carrying the cart of Bangladesh's President.

Important facts

- This is the **first time** that this native breed of horse has been exported from the desert.

- These horses have been brought by the Bangladesh Police for the horse carriage of the President of Bangladesh.
- All six horses are registered as '**Marwari Horses**' of **Bal Samand Lake Palace**, governed by Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur.
- The Animal Husbandry Department of the Central Government gave No Objection Certificate for the export of these horses, in which the export licence was granted by the Director General of Foreign Trade.
- This will pave the way for more exports for Marwari breed as its demand is increasing in **Germany, USA, UAE** and other countries.

About Marwari horse

- The Marwari horse breed originated in the **Marwar region of Rajasthan**, where hot dry desert conditions present a unique ecosystem.
- These are one of the **finest horse breeds** and are considered to be the most graceful and enduring of all horse breeds.
- These horses are known for their grandeur, beauty, gait and other characteristics that many have said to be incomparable with any other horse breed on earth.
- In 2009, **Spanish businessman Mario Calcagno** fell in love with the breed and tried hard to take them to Spain but failed.

8. Odisha Govt announces Rs 200 crores relief for drought hit distressed farmers (Nov. 15, 2022)

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Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** on 15 November 2022 announced an input Assistance of **Rs 200 crores** for the distressed farmers of the drought-affected areas of the state. The entire expenditure would be borne by the State Government.

About 2,63560 hectares of cropland in 12 districts have suffered crop loss of 33 percent and above due to the drought in the state . According to the Odisha government many affected farmers have not yet received their Crop Insurance dues from the Insurance companies.

To help the farmers of the state the Chief Minister has decided to provide assistance out of the state's own resources.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

- The Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in **2016** to provide a comprehensive insurance cover against the failure of the crops.
- The scheme has replaced the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme and Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme.
- The scheme is being administered by the **Union Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare**.
- The insurance facilities to the farmers are provided by approved Insurance companies .

- The scheme has been made optional to the farmers since the 2020 Kharif season.

Premium to be paid for crop insurance by the farmers

Government has fixed the premium which has to be paid by the farmers. They are as follows:

- For the **Kharif crops** (all food grains and oil seeds) the farmer has to pay **2% of the premium.**
- For the **Rabi crops** (all food grains and oil seeds) the farmers will pay **1.5% of the premium.**
- For the annual (Rabi and Kharif) **horticulture** and **commercial crops** the farmers will pay **5% of the premium.**
- The rest of the premium amount is shared by the Central government and the concerned state government.

9. "In our LiFEtime" Campaign launched by India at COP 27 (Nov. 15, 2022)

"In our LiFEtime" Campaign launched by India at COP 27

The **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** and the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, jointly launched the **"In Our LiFEtime"** campaign at an event of the [COP 27](#) in Egypt on 14th November 2022.

Important facts

- The campaign aims to encourage youth between the **age group of 18 to 23 years** to become the messengers of sustainable lifestyles.
- The concept of **LiFE** was introduced by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi at COP 26 in Glasgow** on 1 November 2021.
- The campaign seeks to recognize young people around the world leading climate action initiatives that resonate with the concept of LiFE.
- Under this campaign youth will be encouraged to submit their climate actions which contribute lifestyle for the environment within their capacity.
- Youth are able to popularise new habits, adopt different technologies and are in a better position to contribute to the fight against climate change.
- Young people need to make low-carbon career choices and adopt such lifestyles as a part of their daily lives.

10. Wangala festival in Meghalaya (Nov. 14, 2022)

Wangala festival in Meghalaya

In **Meghalaya** the three-day **Wangala festival** celebration concluded on 12 November, 2022. This 3 day festival started on 10th November and ended on 12th November.

About Wangala festival

- It is also known as the festival of '**100 drums**', is a harvest festival celebrated by the '**Garo Tribes**' in Meghalaya every year.
- It is celebrated with a variety of dances to the tune of folk songs played on drums and primitive flutes made of buffalo horns.
- This festival is celebrated in worship of the **Sun God** and marks the end of the long harvest season.
- The festival also marks the end of long working days in the field for the Garo tribe before the arrival of winter.
- The festival is a way to preserve and promote the cultural identity of the Garo tribe of Meghalaya and showcase their tradition.

About Garo Tribes

- The Garos are Meghalaya's **second largest tribe**. **Khasi and Jaintia tribes** are the other two major tribes of Meghalaya.
- The Garos are believed to have originated in **Tibet**.
- However, **Christianity** has had a significant impact on the culture of the modern Garo community.
- The Garos have many dialects and cultural groups. Each of them originally settled in a particular area of the Garo Hills.