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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) 13th Petersberg Climate Dialogue

- The 13th Petersberg Climate Dialogue began in Berlin, Germany.
- The two-day informal ministerial meet is being chaired by Germany and Egypt, hosts of this year's annual climate meet (COP-27).
- The informal ministerial meeting proposes to build consensus and provide political direction to resolve divergences aimed at improving the implementation of climate action, the core goal of COP-27.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Draupadi Murmu

- Draupadi Murmu has been elected as the 15th President of India. The 2022 Indian Presidential Election was the 16th presidential election that was held in India on the 18th of July 2022.
- Murmu becomes India's first woman tribal president. She also becomes the second woman to hold the post after Pratibha Patil.
- The counting of votes takes place in room number 63 of the Parliament of India.
- The 64-year-old Droupadi Murmu was born in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district to a family belonging to the Santhal tribe.

### 2) Landlord Major Port of India

- Jawaharlal Nehru Port has become the first 100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India having all berths being operated on the PPP model.
- The PPP model of investment in Indian ports has made remarkable progress in the last 25 years, beginning from the Jawaharlal Nehru Port, resulting in capacity addition and productivity improvement.

### 3) Third edition of NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index

- Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh topped the third edition of NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index, which ranks the states and the union territories on their innovation performance.
- NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery released the India Innovation Index 2021.





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- Karnataka topped in the 'Major States' category and Manipur emerged as a winner in the 'North East and Hill States' category.
- Chandigarh was the top performer in the 'Union Territories and City States' category.

#### 4) Cheetahs reintroduction

- India and Namibia have signed a MoU to reintroduce Cheetahs at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.
- Namibia has the world's largest population of cheetahs.

#### 5) "Mapping and Exchange of Good Practices"

- NITI Aayog and the World Food Programme, India, have launched the 'Mapping and Exchange of Good Practices' initiative for mainstreaming millets in Asia and Africa.
- Millets are coarse grains and a repository of protein, fibre, vitamins and minerals.
- Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has endorsed India's call for declaring 2023 as the "International Year of Millets".

### STATE NEWS

#### 1) Smart City Mission

- Tamil Nadu tops the list of states so far as utilisation of funds under the government's flagship Smart City Mission is concerned.
- While Tamil Nadu has spent over Rs 3932 crore out of the Rs 4333 crore released by the Centre, Uttar Pradesh is in the second position with the utilisation of Rs 2699 cr out of the Central share release of Rs 3142 crore.

### BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

#### 1) 'Pay as you drive'

- Go Digit General Insurance is the first insurer to offer a 'pay as you drive' (PAYD) add-on feature for motor insurance own damage (OD) policies.
- The Insurance has launched an add-on feature for motor insurance Own Damage policies, named 'Pay as you Drive'.

#### 2) NITI Aayog releases report on Digital Banks

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- Recently, NITI Aayog released report on Digital Banks. In its report, has made a case for setting up DBs and mooted for a “full-scale” DB license.
- A Digital Bank would be a bank defined in the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, and shall have its own balance sheet and legal existence.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Ranil Wickremesinghe

- Sri Lankan politician and six-time Prime Minister, Ranil Wickremesinghe has been elected as the 9th President of the Sri Lanka by the Parliament.
- He secured 134 votes in the presidential election by the 225-member parliament. The 73-year-old Wickremesinghe will serve the remaining term of former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, which ends in 2024.
- Wickremesinghe will replace Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List

- Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List, India’s richest person, Gautam Adani has now also become the fourth richest person in the world, leaving behind Microsoft founder Bill Gates.
- Elon Musk is the richest person with a \$230 billion net worth, followed by Bernard Arnault of Louis Vuitton at the second spot and Amazon’s Jeff Bezos at third on the list.
- Mukesh Ambani was placed 10th on the Forbes list.