

### NATIONAL

#### 1. 1000 years old Jain pillars

**Why in news** - Two 1000-year-old square pillars with sculptures of Jain Tirthankaras found in Moinabad village (Rangareddy district) Telangana.

##### Key Points –

- Pillar rock - One granite and another black basalt.
- 4 carved Jain Tirthankaras - Adinatha, Neminatha, Parshvanatha and Vardhamana Mahavira.
- Keerthimukhas - guardian of the threshold.
- Pillars has inscriptions in the Telugu-Kannada language.

##### Value Addition –

Jain Tirthankaras	Symbols
Adinatha (1st Tirthankar)	Bull
Neminatha (22nd)	Shankha (Conch)
Parshvanatha (23rd)	Snake
Vardhamana Mahavira (24th)	Lion

#### 2. Underwater tunnel

**Why in news** - Assam's first underwater tunnel to come up under Brahmaputra soon.

##### Key Points –

- To connect Numaligarh and Gohpur.
- Northeast India's first-ever rail-road tunnel under the Brahmaputra river.

### GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

#### 1. "Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2023-24" Scheme

**Why in news** - Centre approved Rs. 56,415 crores to 16 States for giving a timely boost to capital spending by States.

##### Key Points –

- Approved by - Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
- Allocation to Bihar – Rs 9640 crores.

##### Features -

- Announced in the Union Budget 2023-24.
- Special assistance to the State Governments in the form of a 50-year interest-free loan.
- Sanctioned amount – Rs. 1.3 lakh crore (for 2023-24).
- The scheme has 8 parts. (Part-I – largest, allocation - Rs. 1 lakh crore).

#### SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES

State	Amount (in ₹ cr)	State	Amount (in ₹ cr)
Bihar	9640	Chhattisgarh	3195
MP	7850	Telangana	2102
West Bengal	7523	AP	1255
Rajasthan	6026	Haryana	1093
Odisha	4528	HP	826
Tamil Nadu	4079	Mizoram	399
Karnataka	3647	Sikkim	388
Gujarat	3478	Goa	386

Source: Ministry of Finance

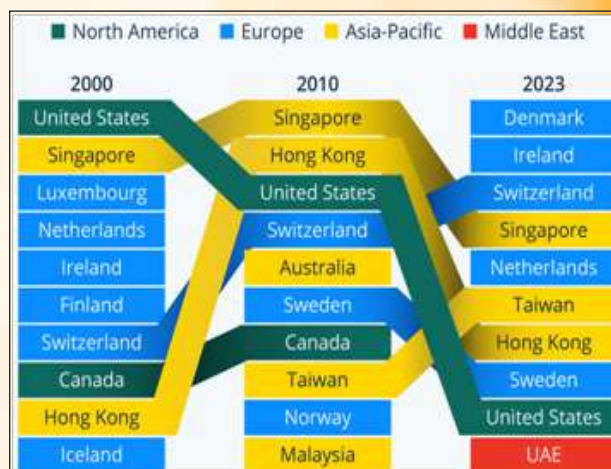
### REPORTS & INDICES

#### 1. 35th Global Competitiveness Index 2023

**Why in news** – The ranking was released by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD).

##### Key Points –

- India's rank – 40 (2022 – 37th, slipped 3 spots).
- Top 3 – Denmark (1st), Ireland (2nd) and Switzerland (3rd).



### Value Addition –

- First published in 1989.
- Examine 4 factors –
  - a) Economic performance
  - b) Government efficiency
  - c) Business efficiency
  - d) Infrastructure

### 2. Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2023 (GSER 2023)

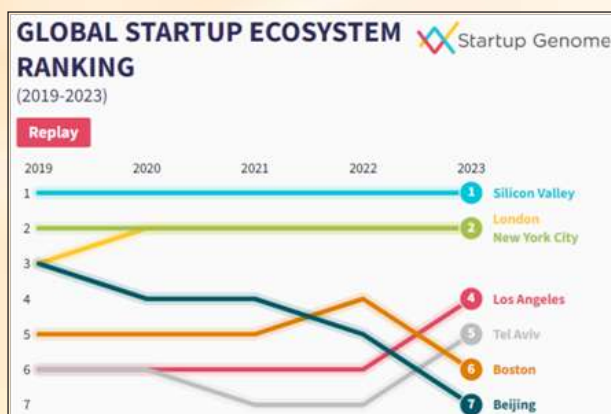
**Why in news** – The report was released by Startup Genome.

### Key Points –

- Top 3 - Silicon Valley (1st), New York City (2nd), and London (3rd).
- From India (rank) – Bengaluru (20th), Delhi (24th) and Mumbai (31st).

### Value Addition -

- Startups - They are companies in their early stages of operation, founded by entrepreneurs aiming to meet demand with innovative products or services.
- India has become the 3rd largest start-up ecosystem in the world after the US and China.



## AWARDS & HONOURS

### 1. IMA Award for Excellence

**Why in news** – Dr. K. Venugopal has been honored with the prestigious IMA (Indian Medical Association) Award.

### Key Points –

- Category - community service.
- He is chief consultant in respiratory medicine at General Hospital, Alappuzha, Kerala.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1. World MSME Day 2023

**Why in news** – It is observed on June 27 every year.

### Key Points –

- Theme of MSME Day 2023 in India - "Future-ready MSMEs for India@100."
- Ministry of MSME celebrated "Udyami Bharat-MSME Day" on June 27, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Initiatives launched –
  - a) CHAMPIONS 2.0 Portal
  - b) Mobile App for Geo-tagging of Cluster Projects and Technology Centers
  - c) MSME Idea Hackathon 2.0
  - d) MSME Idea Hackathon 3.0 for Women Entrepreneurs.
- It was established by the UN General Assembly in 2017.

### Importance of MSMEs –

- As per UNCTAD –
  - a) formal and informal MSMEs make up over 90% of all companies worldwide.
  - b) 70% of total employment
  - c) 50% of GDP.





- As per the MSME Ministry, in India –
  - there are around 63 million MSMEs (2nd highest after China's 140 million MSMEs).
  - 30% of India's GDP.
  - over 40% of its exports
  - created 110 million jobs.

### Value Addition –

- India observes National Small Industry Day annually on August 30.

## SPORTS

### 1. Special Olympics World Games 2023

**Why in news** – India ended its Special Olympics 2023 campaign by winning 202 medals (76 gold, 75 silver and 51 bronze).

### Key Points –

- Indian athletes notched 6 medals from the track events (2 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze).
- Motto - Nothing about us without us having a say.

- 9-day event (17 to 25 June 2023).
- Venue – Berlin, Germany.
- For the first time Germany hosted the event.

### About Special Olympics –

- World's largest inclusive sports event.
- Participants - athletes with intellectual disabilities.

## BIHAR

### 1. Akshay Anand 'Sunny'

**Why in news** – Sahitya Akademi has announced the Bal Sahitya Puraskar for 2023.

### Key Points –

- Maithili language - Akshay Anand Sunny (Work - "Oikatra JholKatra").
- This is the first book written by him which was given Literary Cultural Committee and Maisam Yuva Puraskar in the year 2018.


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## ➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS ◀

- Which has conducted "Ranvijay Exercise" focusing on integrated operations - **Indian Air Force.**
- Who has recently received an honorary doctorate in Britain - **Shankar Mahadevan.**
- Asian Development Bank will give a loan of US \$40 million to which neighboring country – **Bangladesh.**
- Which country has agreed to provide market access to steel and aluminum products of India - **America.**
- Google will set up a 'Global Fintech Operation Center' in which state - **Gujarat.**
- Recently, the International Olympic Committee has organized the first 'Olympic e-Sports Week' in which country – **Singapore.**
- Recently, the central government has announced that all trucks will now need to have air-conditioned driver compartments starting with which year – **2025.**
- Which Indian pair has won the WTT Contender Tournament in Tunis - **Sutirtha Mukherjee and Ayhika Mukherjee.**
- How many years of the Smart City Mission project have been completed recently - **8 years.**
- Who is the author of the book "Finance Minister of India" - **A.K. Bhattacharya.**

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