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THE HINDU

Technology is a tool for inclusion not exclusion, says Modi at UN Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In India, technology is a tool for inclusion and not exclusion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the inaugural function of the second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWIGIC) in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

"Geospatial technology has been driving inclusion and progress. Take our SWAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas) scheme. We are using drones to map properties in villages. For the first time in decades, people in rural areas have clear evidence of ownership," he told delegates from several countries.

India's steps at building infrastructure was on the backbone of geospatial technology, Mr. Modi said adding that the South Asia satellite was facilitating connection and communication in India's neighbourhood.

India is celebrating 75



Narendra Modi

years of its freedom from colonial rule and also the freedom to innovate. The country's geospatial sector is open for its young, bright minds, he said.

Data collected over 200 years have been made open and accessible to all. India has given a major boost to its drone sector and opened its space sector to private entities; 5G technology, too, was taking off, the Prime Minister added.

"[The principle of] no one should be left behind applies across. The COVID-19 pandemic should have been a wake-up call to everyone in the world in

taking everyone along. Millions in the developing world needed diagnostics, medicines and vaccine, yet they were left to their own fate. There is a need for an institutional approach to help each other during a crisis. Global organisations such as the United Nations (UN) can lead the way in taking resources to the last person," Mr. Modi remarked.

Ahead of the congress, Union Science Minister Jitendra Singh said that India's geospatial economy was expected to cross ₹63,100 crore by 2025 at a growth rate of 12.8%.

He said geospatial technology had become one of the key enablers in socio-economic development by enhancing productivity, ensuring sustainable infrastructure planning, effective administration, and aiding the farm sector.

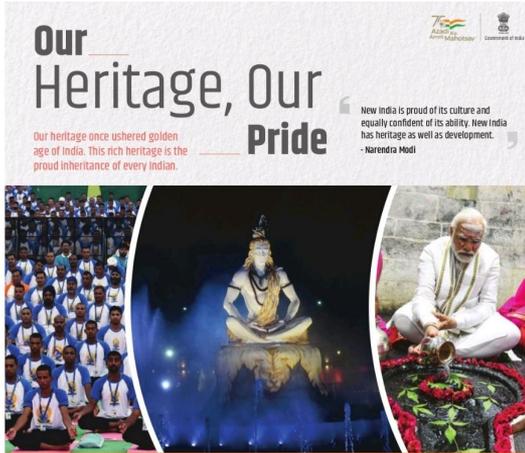
The conference will be attended by over 2,000 delegates, including at least 700 international delegates and participants from about 120 countries.

GS-2 Technology for inclusion

Context

A nation achieves glory when it takes pride in its heritage, says PM in Ujjain

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Our Heritage, Our Pride

Our heritage once ushered golden age of India. This rich heritage is the proud inheritance of every Indian.

New India is proud of its culture and equally confident of its ability. New India has heritage as well as development.
- Narendra Modi

Strengthening citizens' faith

- Reconstruction of various places associated with **Kedarnath temple complex**; grand renovation of **Baba Vishwanath Dham**
- A glorious and splendid temple dedicated to Lord Ram is being built at **Ayodhya**
- Rejuvenation of **Somnath temple complex**; development of facilities for pilgrims in **Shaktipeeth Ambaji Irithidiham**; renovation of **Kalka Mata temple** at **Prayagrah**
- Development of **Baba Baldevanath Dham** at **Deoghar**; inauguration of **Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Shikha Mandir**, Dehu, Pune

Yoga and Ayush – India's invaluable offerings to the world

- International Yoga Day** takes Yoga global. Yoga being embraced world over for healthy lifestyle
- An unprecedented effort to preserve our traditional medicinal knowledge associated with **AYUSH**. **Global Ayush Summit** to promote global investment and innovation
- WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine** in **Jamnagar**

Remembering and honouring the heroes of the freedom movement

- Decision to celebrate **Bhagwan Bica Munda's Jayanti** as the **Jaijagadguru Gaurav Din**; 70 new museums are being set up for **global heroes of the freedom movement**
- Five prominent sites associated with **Dr. B. R. Ambedkar** redeveloped as the **PanchaKertri**
- Nehru Subhash Chandra Bose's** birthday being celebrated as **Pracheen Din**; establishment of **Biplobi Bhawan Gallery** at **Kolkata's Victoria Memorial** is a new museum at the **Red Fort**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to dedicate **Shri Mahakal Lok** to the nation
Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 11th October 2022, 6:00 PM onwards

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the first phase of the ₹856-crore Mahakal Lok corridor in Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain

The government has made its efforts at renovating and reviving several Hindu temples across the country as well as improving access to Sikh pilgrimage sites.

Mr. Modi said that in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav period, India had given a “call for freedom from the mentality of slavery and taking pride in its heritage”.

He unveiled a shivling to dedicate the Mahakal corridor.

The corridor that is a little over 900 metres long traverses the old Rudrasagar lake, which has been revived as part of the redevelopment project around the Mahakaleshwar Temple, one of the 12 'jyotirlingas'. The corridor is dotted with 108 ornate sandstone columns in a row with trishul design on top and mudras of Lord Shiva. It also has fountains surrounded by sculptures and murals on the deity.

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GS-2

Beti Padhao scheme

THE HINDU

Non-traditional livelihoods skilling of girls included in Beti Padhao scheme

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Expanding the mandate of the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme, the Central government on Tuesday announced the inclusion of skilling of girls in non-traditional livelihood (NTL) options in its flagship programme.

The scheme will now also focus on increasing the enrolment of girls in secondary education, particularly in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) subjects. Women have been historically under-represented areas such as technology.

Announcing the new inclusion in the scheme, Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani emphasised the im-



Smriti Irani at an event in New Delhi on International Girl Child Day. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

portance of convergence between various departments for providing quality education to empower girls. "Government has always encouraged and empowered girls to pursue vocation of their choice irrespective of gender stereotypes," Ms. Irani said. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed

between the Ministries of Women and Child Development, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and Minority Affairs. It emphasises convergence between Ministries and Departments to ensure adolescents complete their education, build skills, and enter the workforce in a diverse range of professions, including in STEM fields.

An operations manual to implement the scheme in districts was also launched at the event. A national committee headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development will be the apex committee to review the implementation of the scheme at regular intervals with State governments and Union Territory administrations, it said.

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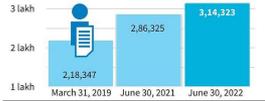
Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

A good 17 years after India got the Right to Information (RTI) Act, the transparency regime in the country remains a mirage with nearly 3.15 lakh complaints and appeals pending with 26 information commissions across India.

According to a report by Satark Nagrik Sangathan, backlog of appeals or complaints is increasing in commissions every year. The number of appeals and complaints pending in 2019, from data obtained from 26 information commissions was 2,18,347. In 2020, the number climbed up to 2,33,384 with data obtained from 23 informa-

Rising backlogs

Data gathered by the Satark Nagrik Sangathan show that appeals and complaints pending with information commissions have steadily increased over the years



tion commissions, in 2021 the number was 2,86,325 with data from 26 commissions and in 2022, it was 3,14,323.

The highest number of pending cases was in Maharashtra at 99,722, followed by Uttar Pradesh at 44,482, Karnataka at

30,358, the Central Information Commission at 26,724 and Bihar at 21,346.

Commissions in trouble
The report says two information commissions—Jharkhand and Tripura—out of 29 across the country have been completely

defunct for 29 months and 15 months respectively. Manipur, Telangana, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh are without chiefs at the moment. Only 5% of the all positions in commissions are being occupied by women. Also, several information commissions, including the Central Information Commission, are working at reduced capacity with less than the stipulated number of members being in office.

Under RTI law, information commissions are the final appellate authority and are mandated to safeguard and facilitate people's right to information.

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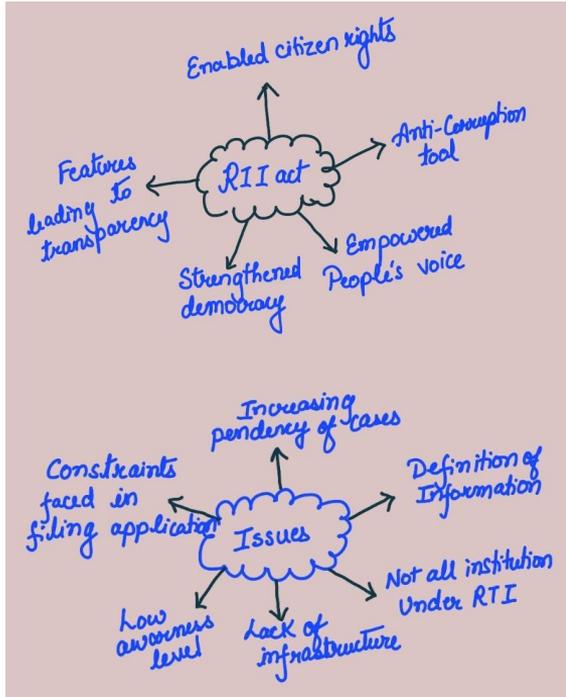
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The right to information is a fundamental right under Article 19 (1) of the Indian Constitution.

In 1976, in the Raj Narain vs the State of Uttar Pradesh case, the Supreme Court ruled that Right to information will be treated as a fundamental right under article 19.

The government enacted the Right to Information act in 2005 which provides machinery for exercising this fundamental right.

The RTI Act, 2005 empowers the citizen to question the secrecy and abuse of power practised in governance.

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GS-2 Russia labels Meta terrorist group

THE **Economist** | **HINDU**

Russia labels Meta 'terrorist' group

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

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(Rosfinmonitoring). Russia in late March banned Facebook and Instagram for "carrying out extremist activities" after authorities accused Meta of tolerating "Russophobia" during Russia's military campaign in neighbouring Ukraine.

Meta had announced on March 10 that the plat-

forms would allow statements like "death to Russian invaders" but not credible threats against civilians, before saying the change only applied to users posting from Ukraine.

Facebook and Instagram have been inaccessible in Russia since March, but many Russians resorted to VPN to keep using the

social media network.

Prominent human rights lawyer Pavel Chikov said the latest move "in itself, did not really change anything" but was a reminder of the risks associated with using Meta apps "considering prosecutors are being proactive".

The ban does not apply to WhatsApp.

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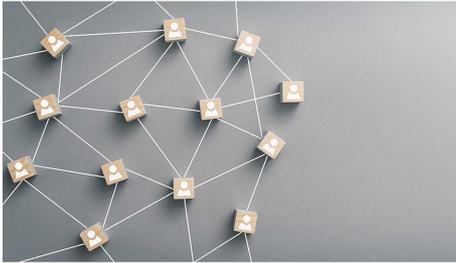
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Solutions by the people, for the people

12/10/2022



Economic science has dominated public policy since the 20th century. Debates have raged between “Keynesian” economists and “Friedman” economists: between “welfarists” who see the need for a government hand in the economy and “monetarists” who want governments out of the way to let private entrepreneurs loose and let an “invisible hand” produce good outcomes for all. Both sides agree that growth in GDP — the size of the economy measured in money terms — is essential.

Need for a shift

Far-sighted systems thinkers in the Club of Rome gave a wake-up call in 1972. They showed that pursuit of GDP growth was destroying the earth’s capacity to renew itself and provide resources for unbridled economic growth. They introduced the health of the planet into calculations of profit and growth. Meanwhile, economists continue to treat the natural environment as external to the economy. Pleas by communities to protect it are dismissed as impediments to “ease of doing business” and GDP growth.

By the millennium’s end, advocates of unbridled private enterprise had prevailed. Needs of citizens who earn their livelihoods by work, not investments of money, were relegated in national economic policies wherever the “Thatcher-Reagan-Chicago” model of neo-liberal economics prevailed. The 2008 global financial crisis revealed the fragility of insufficiently regulated markets. Governments of the G7 (later G20) collaborated to stabilise the financial system. They bailed out the “too large to fail” institutions while millions of common citizens, who lost homes and livelihoods, were barely compensated. In fact, some solutions to stabilise the global financial system, such as the austerity package imposed on Greece, harmed common citizens even further.

While the ideology of “minimum government”, with balanced budgets and low inflation has continued, way of protest have erupted around the world. Citizens complain that the global financial system is unfair. It protects the interests of large corporations and the wealthiest people while common citizens fall further behind. Demands to include the needs of ‘People’ in economic policy are becoming louder. The “3P” slogan — People, Planet, and Profit — demands a paradigm shift in economics.

Editorial

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The five tracks for their solutions are: ending poverty; addressing gross inequality; empowering women; making food systems healthy for people and ecosystems; and transitioning to clean energy.

People are not just numbers, nor merely resources for the economy. Policymaking must become more inclusive and less dominated by the powerful and the wealthy on the top.



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A paradigm shift is required in the process of problem solving at global and national levels. From a vertical process of experts at the top trying to understand complex systems through numbers and then imposing solutions on the people, to a lateral process of problem solving by deliberations amongst diverse disciplines and dialogue amongst experts and citizens.

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1. Consider the following pairs:

Reservoirs States

1. Ghataprabha — Telangana
2. Gandhi Sagar — Madhya Pradesh
3. Indira Sagar — Andhra Pradesh
4. Maithon — Chhattisgarh

How many pairs given above are not correctly matched?

- (a) Only one pair
- (b) Only two pairs
- (c) Only three pairs
- (d) ' All four pairs

2. What are the advantages of fertigation in agriculture?

1. Controlling the alkalinity of irrigation water is possible.
2. Efficient application of Rock Phosphate and all other phosphatic fertilizers is possible.
3. Increased availability of nutrients to plants is possible.
4. Reduction in the leaching of chemical nutrients is possible.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1, 2 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 2, 3 and 4 only



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3. With reference to chemical fertilizers in India, consider the following statements:

1. At present, the retail price of chemical fertilizers is market-driven and not administered by the Government.
2. Ammonia, which is an input of urea, is produced from natural gas.
3. Sulphur, which is a raw material for phosphoric acid fertilizer, is a by-product of oil refineries.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2 only
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

4. In the context of India, which of the following is/are considered to be practice(s) of eco-friendly agriculture?

1. Crop diversification
2. Legume intensification
3. Tensiometer use
4. Vertical farming

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4



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5. Consider the following pairs:

River Flows into

1. Mekong - Andaman Sea
2. Thames - Irish Sea
3. Volga - Caspian Sea
4. Zambezi - Indian Ocean

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 4 only

1. Mention the global occurrence of volcanic eruptions in 2021 and their impact on regional environment.



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Answer keys for 11-10-22 PYQs are:

1-a

2-c

3-c

4-c

5-b



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