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# HEADLINES OF THE DAY



## The Hindu: Issues related to poverty and hunger (Page 1)

### India ranks 111 out of 125 countries in Global Hunger Index

Government contests the report again, questions the use of data for child wasting from NFHS 5 instead of Poshan Tracker

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- The Global Hunger Index is a tool for comprehensively measuring and tracking hunger at global, regional, and national levels.
- The scores are based on the values of four component indicators:
  - undernourishment based on caloric intake,
  - child (under age five) stunting based on height,
  - child (under age five) wasting based on weight, and
  - child mortality (before age five).
- Based on the values of the four indicators, a GHI score is calculated on a 100-point scale reflecting the severity of hunger, where 0 is the best possible score (no hunger) and 100 is the worst.
- India has been ranked at 111 out of 125 countries in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2023, further lowering its position to 107 (out of 121 countries) in 2022.
- However, the government has rejected the ranking, saying it is a flawed measure of “hunger” that does not reflect India’s true position.

## The Hindu : Polity and Governance (Page 12)

### The case for caste census in India

Is there a relation between caste, religion, poverty and discrimination? What do the social, economic indicators show? Does this pattern extend to education and employment? Is the informal sector disproportionately populated by Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes?

#### Education & Employment Indicators by Social Group

The table shows the Percentage distribution of persons by general education level, workers in usual status by broad status in employment, and employees in posts and services of the Central government



	ST	SC	OBC	Other Backward Classes	Other
<b>Percentage distribution of persons of age 7 years and above by general education level</b>					
Literacy rate	68.6	73.4	76.8	85.9	
Secondary Education	9.5	13.5	13.5	15.8	Household Social Consumption on Education in India, NSS 75th Round (July 2017 - June 2018), NSO, MoSPI, Govt
Higher Secondary Education	5	7.7	9.4	12.8	
Graduate	3.3	4.1	5.9	12.3	
Post Graduate and above	0.7	0.9	1.3	3.4	
<b>Percentage distribution of workers in usual status (in-ss) by broad status in employment</b>					
Regular wage/Salaried	12.3	19.8	20.1	30.6	Periodic Labour Force Survey 2013-15, NSO, MoSPI, Govt
Casual Labour	38.8	38.2	35	11.2	

- Caste wise enumeration of the population was introduced under the British colonial administration in 1881 and continued till the 1931 census.
- Independent India's governments abandoned full caste enumeration on the apprehension that it would strengthen caste divisions and perpetuate the caste system.

#### Do you know ?

- The Mandal Commission recommended a 27% reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in government services and educational institutions, aiming to maintain the 50% ceiling for reservations set by the Supreme Court.
- The Indra Sawhney case in 1992 upheld the OBC reservation based on criteria other than caste, allowing for OBC reservation in public employment and educational institutions.
- The Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019, provided 10% reservation to economically weaker sections (EWS) in the general category, which challenged the 50% reservation ceiling but was ultimately upheld by the Supreme Court in 2022.

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The Hindu : Miscellaneous (Page 15)

## Tamil writer Sivasankari presented with Saraswati Samman 2022

The award, instituted by the K.K. Birla Foundation, was presented for her book of memoirs *Surya Vamsam*

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- Saraswati Samman instituted by the K.K. Birla Foundation in 1991.
- The Saraswati Samman is one of the most prestigious awards given annually to an outstanding literary work of an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years in any of the languages included in **Schedule VIII of the Indian Constitution**.
  - So far 32 awards have been presented.

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Indian Express : Polity and Governance (Page 6)

## Report on PMAY-G points to 'bribes' in Bihar, 'cut' in Bengal, 'extortion' in MP

The special monitoring exercise was rolled out in three phases: 42 NLM agents visited 85 districts in 10 states (January 2022); another 45 went to 111 districts across 25 states (May 2022); and 43 agents visited 110 districts across 24 states (December 2022).



- The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Pradhan Mantri AwaasYojana- Gramin (PMAY-G) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016 to provide assistance to construct 2.95 crore pucca houses with basic amenities by March, 2024.
  - Telangana & Puducherry are not implementing PMAY-G.
- Under PMAY-G, the beneficiaries have been identified based on the housing deprivation parameters prescribed under Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011.

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Indian Express : Environment (Page 9)

## Large ozone hole detected over Antarctica: Is it a matter of concern?

The ozone hole over Antarctica is one of the biggest on record, roughly three times the size of Brazil. It's a natural phenomenon, but scientists are concerned climate change could begin reopening ozone holes.

By: [Deutsche Welle](#)

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- Ozone is important component of the atmosphere found between 10 and 50 km above the earth's surface
- It acts as a filter and absorbs the ultra-violet rays radiating from the sun and prevents them from reaching the surface of the earth.
- In 1980s atmospheric scientists working in Antarctica reported about depletion of ozone layer commonly known as ozone hole over the South Pole.
- Recently also it was discovered that this ozone layer was getting depleted
  - Human activities effectively punched a hole in it, through the use of gases like chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in spray cans and refrigerants, which break down ozone molecules in the upper atmosphere.

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**PIB : Defence**

DRDO's oceanographic research vessel 'INS Sagardhwani' embarks on Sagar Maitri Mission-4 to establish long-term scientific partnerships with Indian Ocean Rim countries in 'Ocean Research & Development'

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- INS Sagardhwani embarked on a two-month long Sagar Maitri (SM) Mission-4 from Southern Naval Command (SNC), Kochi.

## **Sagar Maitri**

- It is a novel initiative of DRDO that supports the broad objective of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's policy declaration 'Safety and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)' to promote closer cooperation in socio-economic aspects as well as more significant scientific interaction, especially in ocean research among Indian Ocean Rim (IOR) countries.

## **INS Sagardhwani**

- It is a marine acoustic research ship designed and developed by Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) of DRDO, and constructed indigenously by GRSE Ltd.
- It was launched in July 1994

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## PIB : Health

Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 (IMI 5.0) campaign with special focus on improvement of Measles and Rubella vaccination coverage, will conclude all three rounds on 14 October 2023



- Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI 5.0) will conclude all 3 rounds on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
  - It is the flagship routine immunization campaign of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
  - IMI 5.0 ensures that routine immunization services reach the missed-out and dropped out children and pregnant women across the country.
  - This year, for the first time the campaign is being conducted across all the districts in the country and includes children up to 5 years of age (Previous campaigns included children up to 2 years of age).
  - IMI 5.0 campaign aims to enhance immunization coverage for all vaccines provided under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) as per the National Immunization Schedule (NIS). Special focus is on improvement of Measles and Rubella vaccination coverage with the aim of Measles & Rubella elimination by 2023 .



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PIB : Polity and Governance

Executive Committee of National Mission for Clean Ganga Approves Seven projects worth Rs 285 crore.

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- **National Mission for Clean Ganga(NMCG)** was registered as a society on 12th August 2011 under the Societies Registration Act 1860.
  - It acted as implementation arm of National Ganga River Basin Authority(NGRBA) which was constituted under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act (EPA),1986.

## Objectives

- To ensure effective abatement of pollution and rejuvenation of the river Ganga by adopting a river basin approach to promote inter-sectoral co-ordination for comprehensive planning and management and
- To maintain minimum ecological flows in the river Ganga with the aim of ensuring water quality and environmentally sustainable development.

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## PIB : Miscellaneous

NTPC shines as the only Indian PSU to feature in Forbes "World's Best Employers 2023" List

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- India's largest integrated energy conglomerate, NTPC Limited, has been recognized as one of the **"World's Best Employers 2023"** in the **Forbes World's Best Employers list 2023** released on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023.
- **It ranked 261<sup>st</sup> out of top 700 companies in the World ranking and is the only Indian PSU to figure in the list.**
- Every year Forbes publishes the World's Best Employers List through independent market research to identify top 700 companies which offer exciting working and a positive environment, opportunities for training and career advancement, employee benefits, employee centric and workplace diversity.
- Forbes partnered with market research firm Statista to create the seventh annual list of the World's Best Employers this year.

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## News on air : Polity and Governance

NHRC celebrates 30th Foundation Day in New Delhi



- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India was established on 12 October, 1993.
  - The statute under which it is established is the Protection of Human Rights Act (PHRA), 1993 as amended by the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2006.
- It is in conformity with the Paris Principles, adopted at the first international workshop on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights held in Paris in October 1991, and endorsed by the General Assembly of the United Nations by its Regulations 48/134 of 20 December, 1993.