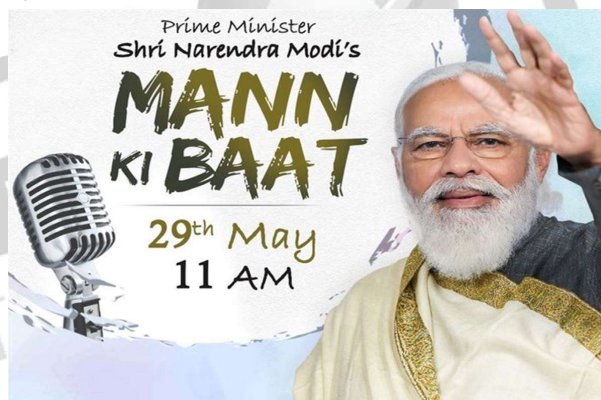


## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 30, 2022

### NATIONAL

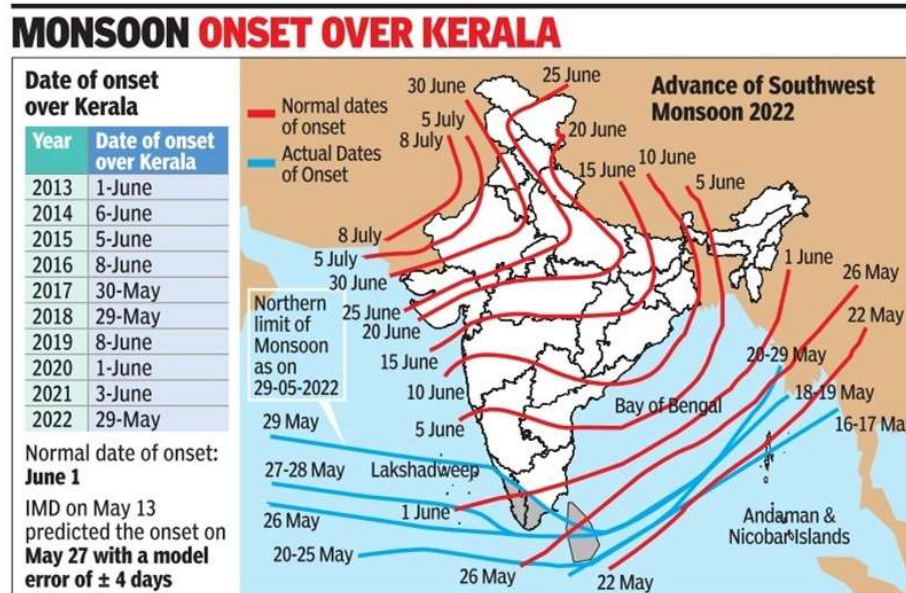
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** - addressed the nation in the 89th episode of his monthly radio programme, **Mann Ki Baat**, on **May 29**
- ✓ This radio address comes at a time when the Prime Minister completed eight years in office on May 26.



- ✓ During his address, the PM raised concerns over dumping of garbage by devotees in Kedarnath amid the ongoing Char Dham yatra and urged people to maintain the dignity of pilgrimage sites
- ✓ PM Modi lauded the efforts of Manoj Bainjwal, hailing from Rudra Prayag, who for the last 25 years runs the campaign for cleanliness and engaged in making holy places plastic-free
- ✓ PM Modi also mentioned Champa Devi from village Devar, who has been teaching waste management to women of the village
- ✓ Highlighting the contribution of the start-up ecosystem, the PM said that on the fifth of this month the number of unicorns in India reached the 100-mark.
- ✓ The total valuation of these unicorns is more than \$330 billion, which is more than Rs. 25 lakh crore, said the PM
- ✓ Highlighting the importance of Indian languages once again, PM Modi cited the example of Kalpana from Joshimath in Uttarakhand who passed the 10th exam

with 92% marks in the Kannada language after learning the language in barely three months.

- ✓ The PM further mentioned that the country will mark Yoga Day on June 21 with the theme 'Yoga for humanity'
  - ✓ He urged the 'Mann Ki Baat' audience to find out about the Women Self Help Groups working in their area, gather information about the products made by them and use these products as much as possible.
  - ✓ He also shared an inspiring story about Thanjavur dolls made by women of SHGs from Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.
  - ✓ The PM also mentioned about two Japanese, who have been staging Mahabharat and Ramayana in Asian countries
  - ✓ One of them is Hiroshi Koike, an art director, who directed the 'Mahabharat Project' and the other being the team of Atsushi Matsuo and Kenji Yoshi, who are associated with the Japanese Animation Film based on Ramayana that was released in 1993
  - ✓ In the 88th episode, the Prime Minister had recalled the contributions of former PMs of the country while mentioning the recently inaugurated "Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya" in the national capital.
  - ✓ 'Mann ki Baat' is a radio programme, aired on the last Sunday of every month, in which PM Modi interacts with the listeners
  - ✓ 'Mann Ki Baat' will be broadcast on the entire network of All India Radio and Doordarshan, AIR News website and newsonair mobile app
  - ✓ The first episode of Mann Ki Baat was broadcast on October 3, 2014
- **The southwest (summer) Monsoon - arrived in Kerala on May 29, three days ahead of its normal date of onset (June 1)**
- ✓ This begins the four-month rainy season in the country, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD)



- ✓ The IMD has already predicted 'normal' and well distributed rainfall during the season.
  - ✓ This is only the third occasion in the past 10 years when the summer monsoon recorded early onset — before June 1.
  - ✓ The IMD had earlier this month predicted the monsoon onset over Kerala on May 27 with a model error of  $\pm 4$  days.
  - ✓ It claimed that its operational forecasts of the date of monsoon onset over the state during the past 18 years (2005-22) were proved to be correct except in 2015.
  - ✓ Even though it has been raining in coastal Kerala during the last few days, the IMD waited for all the conditions to be met before its formal announcement for the monsoon onset.
  - ✓ According to IMD, out of 14 rainfall monitoring stations for declaring onset of monsoon over Kerala, 10 stations have received rainfall of 2.5 mm or more during the past 24 hours.
  - ✓ The other conditions include depth of westerly winds extending up to 4.5 km above mean sea level, strength of the westerly winds and cloudiness over southeast Arabian Sea.
- **The Department of Posts - has delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in Gujarat's Kutch district**
- ✓ The mail was sent by the drone from Habay village in Bhuj taluka to Ner village in Bhachau taluka of Kutch district by the postal department under the guidance of the Union ministry of communications
  - ✓ This is for the first time in the country's postal history that the Indian Postal Department has successfully tested a pilot project to deliver mail with the help of drone technology



- ✓ As per the release, it took 25 minutes for the parcel to reach the destination located 46km from the originating point.
- **State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) - has recently become the first gas producer to trade domestic gas on the Indian Gas Exchange**





- ✓ The first online trade was made on May 23, 2022 by ONGC Director (Onshore) & In-charge Marketing Anurag Sharma on India's first automated national level Gas Exchange, IGX
- ✓ The unspecified volume of gas traded is from ONGC Krishna Godavari 98/2 block
- ✓ The quantity sold by ONGC through the Gas Exchange will be enhanced slowly.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

- **Iraq - is witnessing an outbreak of nose-bleed fever that causes people to bleed to death**
- ✓ The disease called the Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) has claimed 19 deaths among 111 cases this year, according to the World Health Organization.
- ✓ The virus causes severe bleeding both internally and externally and especially from the nose.
- ✓ The surge in cases this year has exceeded recorded cases in the 43 years since the virus was first documented in Iraq in 1979.
- ✓ The disease was first found in Crimea in 1944 and given the name Crimean hemorrhagic fever.
- ✓ It was then later recognized in 1969 as the cause of illness in the Congo, thus resulting in the current name of the disease.
- ✓ According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CCHF is caused by infection with a tick-borne virus
- ✓ It is endemic in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and the Balkans
- ✓ The CCHF virus is transmitted to people either by tick bites or through contact with infected animal blood or tissues during and immediately after slaughter
- ✓ The virus has no vaccine and its onset can be swift, while the fatality rate is between 10% and 40%.

## **INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - recently proposed to celebrate 'Japan Week' to highlight Japan's contribution to India's development journey.**

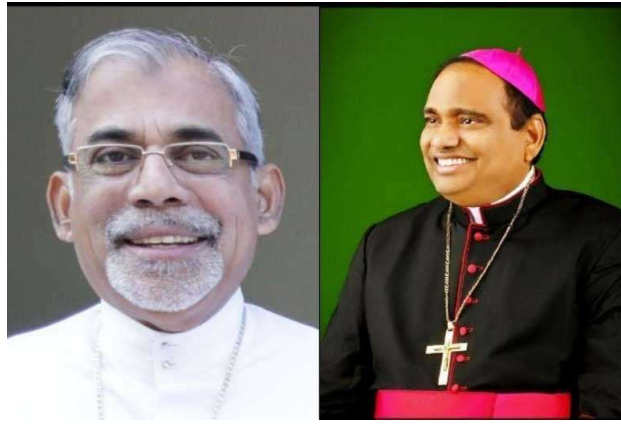
- ✓ PM Modi chaired a roundtable with Japanese business leaders in Tokyo in which top executives and CEOs of 34 Japanese companies participated.



- ✓ The companies represented diverse sectors, including automobiles, electronics, semiconductors, steel, technology, trading and banking and finance
- ✓ The Prime Minister recalled that during the visit of Japanese Prime Minister Kishida to India in March 2022, both countries had set an ambitious target of investment of Japanese Yen 5 trillion over the next five years.
- ✓ Top executives of companies like Honda Motor Co, Toyota Motor Corporation, Suzuki Motor Corporation, Sumitomo Chemical Co, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Fujitsu, Nippon Steel Corporation, and Mitsubishi Corporation, attended the meeting
- ✓ Key business bodies and organisations from India and Japan such as Keidanren, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Japan-India Business Consultative Committee (JIBCC) and Invest India also participated in the event
- ✓ Prime Minister Modi was in Japan on a two-day visit recently to attend a summit of the Quad leaders at the invitation of his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida

## PERSONALITIES

- **Two Indian Bishops - are among 21 who will be elevated by Pope Francis to the rank of cardinal in a ceremony at the Vatican in August, 2022**
- ✓ The two Cardinals from India are Archbishop of Goa and Daman, Filipe Neri Ferrao and Archbishop of Hyderabad, Anthony Poola
- ✓ The pope made the announcement in the Vatican City on May 29
- ✓ Pope Francis will hold a Consistory on August 27 for the creation of new cardinals
- ✓ This is the ninth set of cardinals that Pope Francis has chosen.
- ✓ Eight of the newly named Cardinals are from Europe, six from Asia, two from Africa, one from North America, and four from Central and Latin America
- ✓ The other prelates on the Pope's new list are from France, Brazil, the Philippines, Mongolia, Paraguay, Nigeria, Timor Oriental and Italy



- ✓ Cardinals rank second only to the Pope in the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church and serve as his closest advisors at home and around the world
- ✓ These high-ranking officials elect the next Pope from among themselves after Francis' death or resignation
- ✓ The College of Cardinals currently consists of 208 cardinals, of whom 117 are electors and 91 are non-electors
- ✓ At present, the Catholic Church has four serving cardinals in India — Cleemis Catholicos (Trivandrum), Telesphore Toppo (Ranchi), Oswald Gracias (Mumbai) and George Alencherry (Ernakulam).
- ✓ Archbishop Ferrao, born in Goa, was installed as archbishop-patriarch of Goa and Daman on March 21, 2004
- ✓ He is also president of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India.
- ✓ Ferrao is the first-ever Archbishop of Goa to be elevated to the cardinalate, and only the sixth person of Goan origin to attain that rank
- ✓ Anthony Poola, born in Andhra Pradesh, was appointed as Archbishop of Hyderabad in November 2020
- ✓ He is presently the chairman of the youth commission of the Andhra Pradesh Bishops' Conference.
- ✓ This is the first time in history that a Telugu Archbishop has been made a cardinal

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

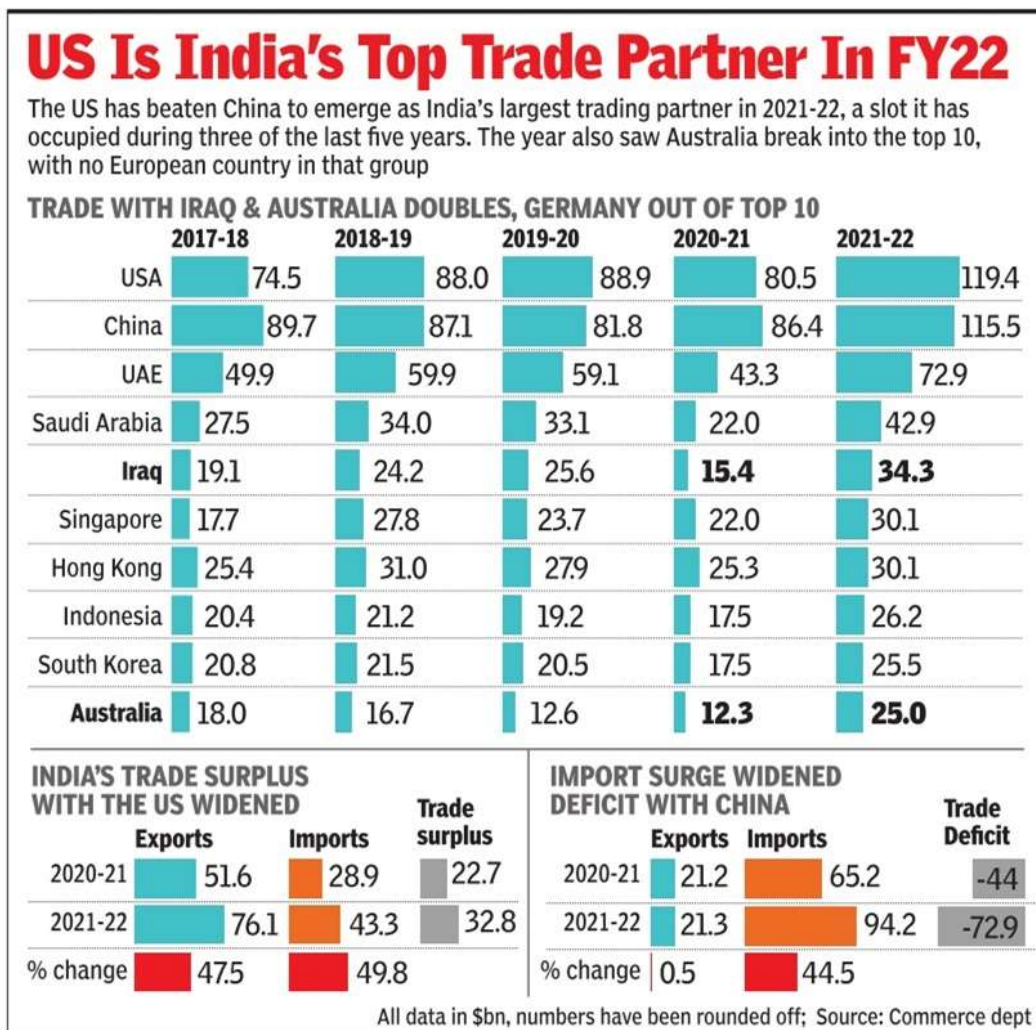
- **Chinese scientists - have proposed a space project by the name 'Closeby Habitable Exoplanet Survey' (CHES) to find out habitable exoplanets for possible colonisation of space.**
- ✓ Under the project, the Chinese space agency will survey the sky with a space-borne telescope to find a planet which may be habitable for humans.
- ✓ If China becomes successful in carrying out the project, it would be the very first space mission, designed in the search for habitable Earth-like planets outside the solar system, about 32 light-years from Earth
- ✓ Till now, more than 5,000 exoplanets have been discovered and confirmed, including about 50 Earth-like planets in the habitable zone, but most of them are hundreds of light-years away from Earth



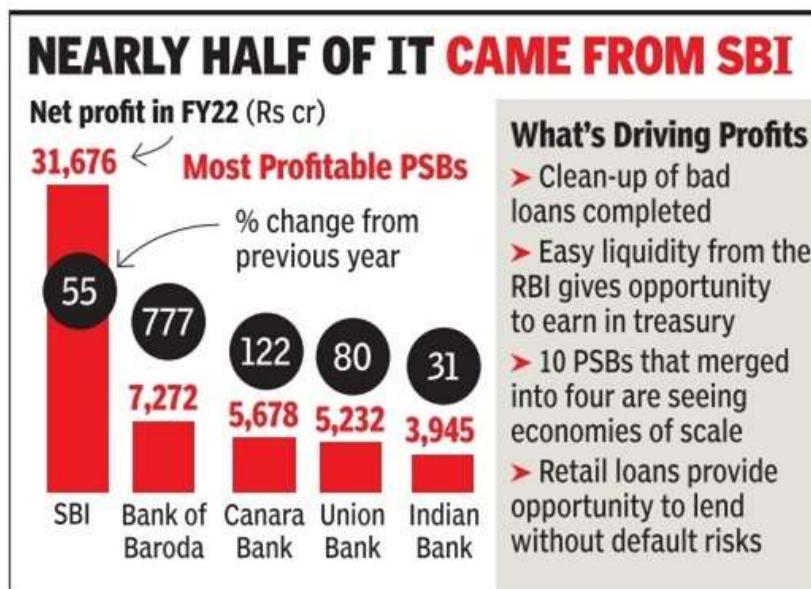
- ✓ The CHES will conduct an extensive survey on the number, true planetary masses and three-dimensional orbits of those habitable planets

## ECONOMY

- The US - surpassed China to become India's top trading partner in 2021-22



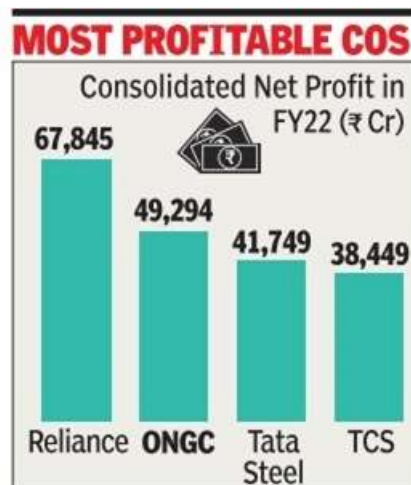
- ✓ According to commerce ministry data, in 2021-22, the trade between the US and India stood at \$119.42 billion as against \$80.51 billion in 2020-21.
- ✓ The exports to the US rose to \$76.11 billion in 2021-22 from \$51.62 billion in previous fiscal, while imports rose to \$43.31 billion as compared to \$29 billion in 2020-21.
- ✓ During 2021-22, India's two-way commerce with China aggregated at \$115 billion as compared to \$86 billion in '20-21, as per the data.
- **Public sector banks (PSBs) in the country - have doubled their net profit during financial year 2021-22.**
- ✓ The collective profit of 12 state-owned banks during 2021-22 worked out to Rs 66,539 crore, an increase of 110% over Rs 31,816 crore in FY21.



- ✓ The profitability has improved on the back of completion of clean-up of bad loans and economies of scale after amalgamation of 10 state-owned banks.
- ✓ Easy liquidity provided by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and growth segments like retail loans are some other reasons.
- ✓ All 12 state-owned banks reported a net profit for the first time in several years.
- ✓ It was also a sharp turnaround from FY18, when only two out of 21 PSBs reported a profit.
- ✓ In FY21, only two PSBs reported losses — Central Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank — which dragged down the collective net profit.
- ✓ Despite the record performance, PSBs continue to lag behind their private peers, which reported a net profit of over Rs 91,000 crore, 29% higher than previous year's Rs 70,435 crore.
- ✓ SBI's net profit was the highest at Rs 31,675 crore — an increase of 55% over the previous year.
- ✓ The country's largest bank accounted for 47% of the total profits of the PSBs.
- ✓ After SBI, Bank of Baroda, with a net profit of Rs 7,272 crore, generated 10% of PSBs' profits, followed by Canara Bank, which at Rs 5,678 crore was at 8%.
- ✓ Besides the two banks that turned around during the year, the highest revenue growth was reported by Bank of Baroda, followed by UCO Bank.
- ✓ Private banks were led by HDFC Bank (Rs 36,961 crore), ICICI Bank (Rs 23,339 crore), Axis Bank (Rs 13,025 crore), Kotak Mahindra Bank (Rs 8,572 crore), IndusInd Bank (Rs 4,611 crore) and Federal Bank (Rs 1889 crore).
- ✓ Bank of Maharashtra has shown the highest improvement in deposits & advances and is the only PSB to have net non-performing assets (NPAs) below 1%.
- ✓ It has also recorded the highest growth in advances of 25%, driven by retail segment, which grew 23%.



- **India's flagship explorer ONGC – becomes the country's second most profitable company after Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries**



- ✓ The standalone net profit of ONGC increased 258% to Rs 40,306 crore in 2021-22 from Rs 11,246 crore a year ago.
- ✓ ONGC's consolidated net profit, after including those earned by its subsidiaries — HPCL, MRPL and ONGC Videsh — soared to Rs 49,294 crore in 2021-22 as compared to Rs 21,360 crore in 2020-21.
- ✓ Earlier, on May 6, Reliance had reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 67,845 crore on a revenue of Rs 7,92,756 crore.
- ✓ The state-run behemoth's realisation per barrel stood at \$76. 62 against \$42. 78 in 2020-21.
- ✓ The realisation from natural gas stood at \$2. 35 per unit (million British thermal unit) against \$2. 09 in the previous fiscal.
- ✓ The surge in global crude prices, which hit 14-year high of \$139 per barrel after the Ukraine conflict in February, benefitted ONGC.
- ✓ It helped the company post its highest-ever profit in spite of a 3. 7% drop in oil production and a 5% fall in gas production.

## SPORTS

- **Debutants Gujarat Titans - won the IPL 2022 after defeating Rajasthan Royals by seven wickets in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on May 29**
- ✓ Gujarat captain and Player of the finals, Hardik Pandya produced a brilliant all-round performance as he picked up three wickets and scored 34 runs as well.
  - ✓ They finished on top of the points table after winning 10 of their 14 matches and then defeated Rajasthan Royals in Qualifier 1 to book a spot in the final.
  - ✓ Yuzvendra Chahal receives the purple cap, and Jos Buttler gets the orange cap, while Umran Malik wins Emerging Player of the Season award
  - ✓ Jos Buttler finished the season with 863, 4 hundreds and 4 fifties from 17 matches.



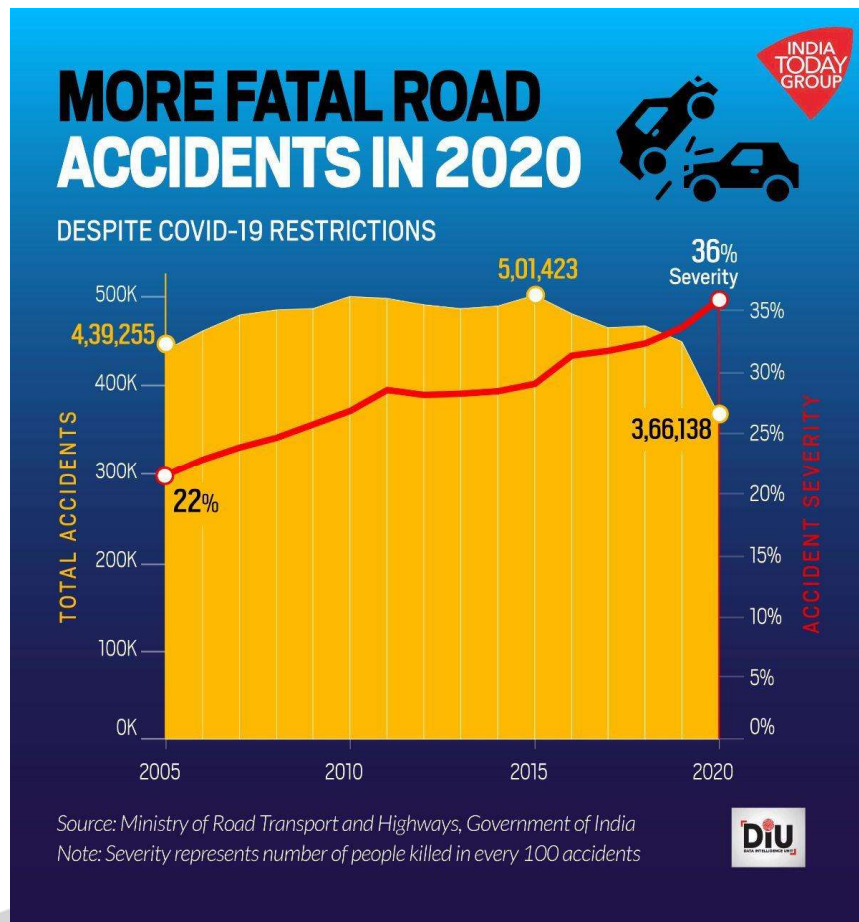
- ✓ He is now second on the list of batters with most runs in a single IPL season behind Virat Kohli, who hit 973 runs in 2016.
- ✓ During the course of a dream innings, Buttler also equalled Virat Kohli's record for most hundreds in the same edition of the Indian Premier League
- ✓ The IPL also entered the Guinness Book of World Records for the biggest cricket jersey in the world, measuring 66 X 44 meters.



- ✓ The jersey had number 15 imprinted on it, representing the 15th edition of the Indian Premier League.
- ✓ It also had the logo of the 10 teams that competed in the competition from March 26 to May 29.
- ✓ The Narendra Modi Stadium is the largest cricket stadium in the world, with a seating capacity of 132,000 spectators.

## REPORT

- **The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) – has released a new report titled 'Road accidents in India- 2020'**
- ✓ As per the report, a total of 1,20,806 fatal accidents were reported during the calendar year 2020



- ✓ Out of this, 43,412 (35.9%) accidents happened on National Highways, 30,171 (25%) on State Highways and 47,223 (39.1%) on other roads
- ✓ According to the report, compared to the previous year's average, total road accidents decreased by 18.46%, the number of deaths due to road accidents decreased by 12.84% and the number of injuries also decreased by 22.84%
- ✓ While the young adults in the age group of 18-45 years accounted for 69% of victims during 2020, it said people in the working age group of 18-60 years share 87.4% of total road accident fatalities.
- ✓ in 2020, 68% of road accidents deaths took place in rural areas, whereas urban areas accounted for 32% of total deaths in the country
- ✓ in terms of road user categories, the share of two-wheeler riders in total fatality has been the highest (43.5%) during 2020, followed by the pedestrian road-users with 17.8% of persons killed in road accidents
- ✓ On the state front, Tamil Nadu recorded the highest number of road accidents on National Highways in 2020, but the number of persons killed in road accidents has been highest in Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The top 10 states that recorded the highest number of accidents in 2020 were Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Bihar



- ✓ The top 5 states that recorded the highest number of fatalities due to road accidents in 2020 were Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Rajasthan
- ✓ On the other hand, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh have shown accident severity rates higher than the national average
- ✓ Major States that achieved significant reduction in road accident in 2020 are Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka
- ✓ And the major States that achieved significant reduction in road accident fatalities in 2020 are Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ The present volume of 'Road accidents in India — 2020' provides information on various facets of road accidents in the country during the calendar year 2020.
- ✓ It has ten sections and covers information relating to road accidents in the context of road length and vehicular population

