

27 Mar 2023: PIB Summary for UPSC

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1. 23rd INDIASOFT

Syllabus - GS3, Indian Economy: Growth & Development.

Prelims - 23rd edition of INDIASOFT.

Context - 23rd INDIASOFT inaugurated at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Details -

- Ms Anupriya Patel, the Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry inaugurated the 23rd edition of INDIASOFT at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- It is a three-day event with over 650 delegates from 80 countries participating in it. More than 1500 Indian exhibitors are showcasing their products and solutions at the event, together with other collocated events.
- Held consecutively since 2001, INDIASOFT has emerged as the favourite meeting ground for Indian tech developers and global consumers. With a large number of international delegates, the event provides multiple opportunities to forge business alliances, spread first-hand information about the latest innovations and helps build a vibrant and dynamic tech world.
- ESC (Electronic and Computer Software Export Promotion Council), India's apex trade promotion organisation is organising INDIASOFT.
 - ESC was established with the support of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in 1989.
- India's exports (merchandise & services) would be at US\$ 750 billion by 2022-23 as against over US\$ 650 billion in 2021-22. Services export contribution would help immensely in reaching India's export targets.
- By 2027 India would become a US\$ 5 trillion economy, becoming the third largest in the world. By 2047 India would become a developed country with a GDP of USD 32 trillion, this scale of growth would be possible mainly due to the strides India is making in the ICT sector.

2. A committee constituted to monitor 'Tur Dal' stocks

Syllabus - GS3, Issues of Buffer Stocks and Food Security.

Prelims - Food Security

Context - A Committee has been constituted to monitor the stock of 'Tur dal'.

Details -

- In August 2022, GoI had issued an advisory to States/UTs to enforce stock disclosure in respect of 'Tur dal' under the [Essential Commodities Act \(ECA\)](#), 1955.
- Also, in order to facilitate seamless and smooth import, the GoI removed the 10% duty applicable for Tur imports from non-LDC countries as the duty creates procedural hurdles even for zero-duty imports from the LDCs (least developed countries).
- The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) has constituted a committee to monitor the stock of 'Tur' held by entities like stockists, traders, importers, millers, etc. There are reports that market players are not releasing stocks despite the regular arrival of imports in good quantities.
- The government has taken this step with the intention to deal with hoarders and unscrupulous elements in the market and also to keep the prices of 'Tur' under control in the coming months.

Also read - [Food Security in India](#)

3. Great Indian Bustards

Syllabus - GS3, Wildlife Conservation

Prelims - Great Indian Bustard

Context - Conservation plan for Great Indian Bustards (*Ardeotis nigriceps*).

Details -

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has taken several measures for the protection and conservation of the [Great Indian Bustard](#) (the state bird of Rajasthan).

- Protection Status - Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: Schedule 1.

- For their better protection, important habitats of Great Indian Bustards are designated as National Parks/sanctuaries.
- It is kept under the 'Species Recovery Programme' under the Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- Conservation breeding of the Great Indian Bustard has been undertaken with the aim to build a captive population of the species for release in the wild and promote in-situ conservation of the species.
- A satellite conservation breeding facility has been set up at Sam, Rajasthan and Jaisalmer.
- Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme: 'Development of Wildlife Habitats for Conservation of Wildlife', financial assistance is being provided by the MoEFCC for the conservation of Great Indian Bustards as well.

