XIII. INDEXES

June

1. 16th Global Retail Development Index (GRDI) 2017 - *The Age of Focus* -
   - India has been ranked at top among 30 developing countries on ease of doing business in retail sector.
   - China has been ranked at 2nd place.

2. 2017 Social Progress Index report by Social progress Imperative (SPI) -
   - India has ranked 93rd among 128 countries (Lower Middle Social Progress).
   - Top 5 - Denmark (1), Finland (2), Iceland (3, Norway (4), Switzerland (5)
   - Bottom 5 - Niger (124), Angola (125), Chad (126), Afghanistan (127), Central African Republic (128)
   - BRICS - Brazil (43), Russia (67), India (93), China (83), South Africa (66)

3. World population Prospectus (The Revision) report by United Nations -
   - India will become most populous nations by 2024, surpassing China. India's current population is 1.3 Billion and China is at approx 1.4 Billion.
   - World's total population will hit 9.8 billion by 2050 and 11.2 Billion in 2020. Annually, 82 Million people are being added.
   - Nigeria, which is currently at the seventh place is expected to become third most populous country by 2050 replacing USA.

4. According to London based coverage mapping firm OpenSignal -
   - India has been ranked 74th (even below Pakistan and Sri Lanka) in terms of internet data speed with Average 4G download speed at 5.1Mbps.
   - It is less than a third of global 4G average and marginally higher than global 3G speed of 4.4 Mbps. Average 3G download speed across India is less than 1 Mbps.
   - Singapore scored highest in 4G speed while South Korea scored highest in 4G availability. Global average 4G download speed is 16.2 Mbps.

5. Global Innovation Index 2017 by Cornell University, INSEAD and World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) -
   1. Most Innovative countries - Switzerland (1), Sweden (2), Netherlands (3), US (4), UK (5). Switzerland leads for 7th consecutive year.
   2. BRICS - Brazil (69), Russia (45), China (22), India (60), South Africa (57). India is top-ranked economy in Central and South Asia.

6. International Management for Development's (IMD) released World Competitiveness Index 2017. This year's list comprises 63 countries with Cyprus and Saudi Arabia making their first appearance.
   - Top 5 - Hong Kong (1), Switzerland (2), Singapore (3), USA (4), Netherlands (5).
   - India - 45th (down from 41st in 2016 List)
   - Bottom 5 - Venezuela (63), Mongolia (62), Brazil (61), Ukraine (60), Croatia (59)

7. Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2018 of 959 Top Universities -
   1. This year, 20 Indian Universities in complete list and 3 Indian universities are among top 200 universities.
   2. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (179th), Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (172nd) and Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru (190th) are top 3 Indian Universities. IIISC has been placed at 6th position among 959 universities for 'Citations per Faculty' in 2018 rankings. For the first time, the Delhi University (DU) has entered the top 500 group.
   3. Top 3 -
      1. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA) (6TH Consecutive year at top for MIT)
      2. Stanford University (USA)
      3. Harvard University (USA)

8. Sydney-based think tank *Institute for Economics and Peace's Global Peace Index 2017 (163 Nations)* -
   1. Top 105 Peaceful - Iceland (1), New Zealand (2), Portugal (3), Austria (4), Denmark (5).
   2. Top 10 Least Peaceful - Syria (163), Afghanistan (162), Iraq (161), South Sudan (160), Yemen (159).
   3. BRICS - Brazil (108), Russia (151), India (137), China (116), South Africa (123)
   4. Neighbours - Nepal (93), Pakistan (152), Sri Lanka (80), Bangladesh (84)

July

1. 2017 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Index by Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and Bertelsmann Stiftung -
   1. India - Ranked 116 out of 157 nations.
   2. Top 5 -Sweden (1st), Denmark (2nd), Finland (3rd), Norway (4th), Czech Republic (5th).
   3. Bottom 5 - Madagascar (153), Liberia (154), Congo (155), Chad (156), Central African Republic (157)
   4. BRICS - Brazil (56), Russia (62), India (116), China (71), South Africa (108)
   5. Neighbours -Bangladesh (120), Nepal (105), Pakistan (112), Sri Lanka (81)

2. World's Top 15 Cities list by Noted magazine Travel + Leisure (T+L). India’s Udaipur (Rajasthan) has been featured in the list. Top 5 are -
   1. San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
   2. Charleston, South Carolina, USA
   3. Chiang Mai, Thailand
   4. Kyoto, Japan
   5. Florence, Italy

3. First Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index released by international NGO Oxfam International -
   1. India is ranked 132nd out of 152 countries.
   2. Top 5 - Sweden (1st), Belgium (2nd), Denmark (3rd), Norway (4th) and Germany (5th).
   3. Bottom 5 - Nigeria (152), Bahrain (151), Myanmar (150), Albania (149), Panama (148).
   4. Neighbours - Pakistan (146), Bangladesh (148), Nepal (81), Sri Lanka (138)

4. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Government at a Glance 2017 report -
   1. India topped The List, indicating that PM Narendra Modi led NDA coalition Government has gained highest trust in world among its people, with score of 73.3%.
   2. Top 5 - India (73 %), Canada (62%), Turkey (58%), Russia (58 %) and Germany (55%). US government secured only 30% of peoples’ confidence.
   3. Greece has been placed at bottom of list with score of 13%.
   4. Number of government jobs as share of total employment remained 18.1% in 2015, compared to 17.9% in 2007. Highest (30%) Government employment is in Denmark.

5. Second Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) by UN telecommunications agency International Telecommunication Union (ITU) -
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This Report measures commitment of nations to cyber security.
1. India has been ranked well at 23rd position out of 165 nations.
2. Top 5 - Singapore (1st), USA (2nd), Malaysia (3rd), Oman (4th), Estonia (5th).
6. Women Entrepreneur (WE) Cities Index 2017 study released by Dell -
6. India's Bengaluru ranked 40th out of 50 cities and Delhi ranked 49th.
7. Top 5 - New York (USA), Bay Area (US), London (UK), Boston (US) and Stockholm (Sweden).

August

1. 2017 Global Liveability Report compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) -
   1. 10 most liveable cities - Melbourne (1st), Vienna (2nd), Vancouver (3rd), Toronto (4th), Calgary (5th), Adelaide (6th), Perth (7th), Auckland (8th), Helsinki (9th) and Hamburg (10th). Melbourne has topped the list for seventh consecutive year
   2. No Indian City named in top 10 Cities’ List.
   3. Least Liveable Cities - Damascus (Syria), Lagos (Nigeria), Tripoli (Libya)
2. 2017 Global Retirement Index (GRI) by French asset management company Natixis Global -
   4. India has been ranked Last (43rd) among 43 Countries in List.
   5. Top 3 - Norway, Switzerland, and Iceland.
3. Scimago Institutions ranking World Report 2017 -
   1. India’s Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is ranked 9th best government organisation in world and overall ranked 75th institution globally.
   2. Ranking of Government Institutions was topped by Chinese Academy of Sciences, followed by Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France) and Helmholtz Gemeinschaft (Germany).
   3. Overall global ranking was topped by Chinese Academy of Sciences, followed by Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France) and Harvard University (USA).

September

1. Global Financial Centres Index 2017 by Z/Yen Partners and the China Development Institute (CDI). It is released twice a year, in March and September, and ranks 92 financial centres. Top 10 -
   London New York Hong Kong Singapore Tokyo Shanghai Toronto Sydney Zurich Beijing
2. Global Human Capital Report 2017 by World Economic Forum (130 Nations) -
   1. Top 5 - Norway (1), Finland (2), Switzerland (3), United States (4), Denmark (5)
   2. Bottom 5 - Mali (126), Ethiopia (127), Senegal (128), Mauritania (129), Yemen (130)
   3. Neighbours - Bangladesh (111), Pakistan (125), Nepal (98), Sri Lanka (70)
   4. BRICS - Brazil (77), Russia (16), India (103), China (34), South Africa (87)
3. Global ranking for least and most stressful cities, by Zipjet (150 Cities) -
   5. Top 5 - Stuttgart (Germany), Luxembourg (Luxembourg), Hannover (Germany), Bern (Switzerland), Munich (Germany)
   6. Bottom 5 - Cairo (Egypt), Dakar (Senegal), Lagos (Nigeria), Kabul (Afghanistan), Baghdad (Iraq) (150th)
   7. India - New Delhi (142), Mumbai (138), Kolkata (131), Bangalore (130)
4. Henley & Partners – Kochenov Quality of Nationality Index (QNI) Report -
   1. Top 3 - Germany (1st), France and Denmark (Joint 2nd), Iceland (3rd)
   2. Afghanistan is ranked at bottom of index
   3. India is ranked 101 among 159 countries