

Civil Service Notes (Week 15)

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI)

In accordance with the “World Investment Report 2020” by United Nation’s (UN) trade body, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India has become the 9th largest recipient of foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2019 after receiving \$51 billion last year.

| Rank | Country | Amount |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1 | United States (US) | 246 bn |
| 2 | China | 141 bn |
| 3 | Singapore | 92 bn |
| 9 | India | 51 bn |

MAHATMA GANDHI NATIONAL RURAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE SCHEME (MGNREGS)

In accordance with the official government data, on June 15, 2020, Uttar Pradesh (UP) has provided employment to 57,12,975 workers in 56,981 village panchayats of the state under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), making it the top Indian state to provide highest employment under MGNREGS. This employment is 18% of the total work generated under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the country.

RAJA PARBA

Raja Parba of Odisha is a three-day festival during the mid-June (preferably starts from 14th June and ends on 16th June) marking the beginning of monsoon. On this day people celebrate menstruation and womanhood, based on the belief that mother earth menstruates for three days which is considered as a sign of fertility.

UNITED NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC)

India was elected unopposed for an 8th term as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for two years (2021-22) starting January 2021 by gaining 184 votes in the 193-member General Assembly. Along with India, Mexico, Ireland and Norway were also elected. India was the only candidate for the lone seat from the Asia-Pacific category. India's overall objective during this tenure in the UN Security Council will be the achievement of N.O.R.M.S: New Orientation for a Reformed Multilateral System.

WORLD JUSTICE PROJECT (WJP)

The Supreme Court asked the government to treat a writ petition, for setting up expert panels to improve India's performance in the Rule of Law Index, as a "representation" and to decide further action within 6 months' time. India was Ranked 69th in the WJP Rule of Law Index 2020 India has never been ranked even among top 50 in the Index.

| Country | Overall Score | Global Rank |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| India | 0.51 | 69 |
| Denmark | 0.9 | 1 |
| Norway | 0.89 | 2 |
| Finland | 0.87 | 3 |