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1. RBI releases web publication entitled 'Statistical Tables relating to Banks in India: 2021-22' (Dec. 28, 2022)

Statistical Tables relating to Banks in India: 2021-22'

The Reserve Bank released its web publication entitled '**Statistical Tables relating to Banks in India: 2021-22**' covering the activities of the **Indian banking sector** on 27 December.

Important facts

- The publication presents entity-wise information on major items of liabilities and assets along with their maturity profile, income and expenses, select financial ratios, number of employees, and details of priority sector advances for scheduled commercial banks excluding regional rural banks.
- In addition, capital-to-risk-weighted asset ratios, non-performing assets, exposure to sensitive sectors, contingent liabilities, and unclaimed deposits are included.
- State-wise distribution of consolidated balance sheet of rural cooperative banks are also presented.
- The publication can be accessed on the RBI website through the link 'Time Series Publications' under the Database on Indian Economy.

2. City of Joy' author Dominique Lapierre dies at the age of 91 (Dec. 5, 2022)

Dominique Lapierre dies at the age of 91

The Author of the bestselling books on India like "Freedom at Midnight" and "City of Joy" Dominique Lapierre died on 4 December 2022. He was 91 years old.

The French author Dominique Lapierre in partnership with the American writer Larry Collins wrote six books which have sold more than 50 million copies worldwide.

Books co-authored by Dominique Lapierre and Larry Collins

- **Is Paris Burning?**
- **O Jerusalem,**
- **The Fifth Horseman,**
- **Is New York Burning?**
- **City of Joy and**
- **Freedom at Midnight.**

Or I'll Dress You in Mourning", was authored by Dominique Lapierre only.

City of joy was about the hardships of a rickshaw puller in Kolkata. The book **Freedom at Midnight** was on the Independence movement in India.

3. Dharmendra Pradhan released 'India: The Mother of Democracy' published by ICHR (Nov. 25, 2022)

'India The Mother of Democracy'

Union Education & Skill Development Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** released the book **'India: The Mother of Democracy'** prepared and published by **Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)** in New Delhi on 24 November.

Important facts

- On this occasion, ICHR President Prof. Raghuvendra Tanwar and Member Secretary of ICHR Prof. Umesh Ashok Kadam were also present.
- It is shown in this book that since the dawn of civilization, India has been imbued with democratic ethos.
- It has been told in the book that democracy originated in India in the fourth century itself. The inscriptions of Tanjore are the living evidence of this fact.
- The evidence of social order found during the Kalinga and Licchavi periods also reveals the democratic DNA of India.
- This book will encourage healthy discussion on India's democratic heritage and inspire the next generation to take pride in our eternal democratic values.

4. “Winning the Inner Battle” Book by Shane Watson (Nov. 11, 2022)

“Winning the Inner Battle”

In November 2022, **Shane Watson** wrote a new book titled **"Winning the Inner Battle Bringing the Best Version of You to Cricket"**.

Important Facts

- Shane Watson's new book, Winning the Inner Battle, explores the mental side of the game through his own experiences revitalising his career after contemplating retirement in 2015.
- Shane Watson is one of the finest all-rounders in Australian cricket, having represented his country 298 times.

Shane Robert Watson

- Shane Watson is an Australian former international cricketer. He has been a right-handed batsman and a right-arm medium-fast swing bowler.
- He played international cricket between 2002 and 2016.

- He was the world's No. 1 T20I all-rounder for a record 150 weeks.
- Shane Watson was born on 17 June 1981 in Ipswich, Queensland, Australia. At the age of 21, he made his international debut on 24 March 2002, playing an ODI against South Africa at Centurion.
- In his ODI career, he scored 5757 runs in 190 matches at an average of 40.54 and took 168 wickets.
- Watson played the first Test match of his career on 2 January 2005 against Pakistan in Sydney.
- Watson holds many records in T20I, ODI and T20. According to Forbes, Watson was the highest paid non-Indian cricketer in the world for five consecutive years between 2011 and 2015.
- On 2 November 2020, he announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- In 2017, Watson launched Let's Activate, a sports clinic for children. Watson has his own podcast called Lessons Learned with the Greats.

5. Union Minister Rajiv Chandrashekhar releases two books on PM Modi in Dubai (Nov. 7, 2022)

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Two books on the achievements and legacy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi were released by Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajiv **Chandrashekhar in Dubai** on 6 November, 2022.

Important facts

- The name of the two books are **Modi@20 : Dreams Meet Delivery**" and **"Heartfelt: The Legacy of Faith"**.
- These books were released at an event of **Vishwa Sadbhavna, NID Foundation (Dubai Chapter)** to increase the bonds of brotherhood and solidarity among people in the US, Australia and New Zealand.
- More than 300 veterans and distinguished guests of Indian origin were also present on the occasion.
- Rajiv Chandrashekhar said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the architect of New India and many areas of India have changed under Modi's leadership in the last eight years.

6. 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas', a collection of selected speeches of the Prime Minister, released (Sept. 23, 2022)

A collection of selected speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was released on September 23 at Akashvani Bhawan in New Delhi.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The book titled 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas - Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks' depicts the Prime Minister's vision of a New India.
- The book was released by former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu, Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan and Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -***About the book :***

- The book is a collection of 86 speeches delivered by the Prime Minister from May 2019 to May 2020.
- The speeches are divided into ten thematic areas.
- The thematic areas are - Atmanirbhar Bharat - Economy, People - First Governance, Fight Against COVID-19, Emerging India - Foreign Affairs, Jai Kisan, Tech India - New India, Green India - Resilient India - Clean India, Fit India - Efficient India, Eternal India - Modern India focuses on cultural heritage and 'Mann Ki Baat'.
- The book will be available in both Hindi and English languages.
- It reflects the ideas, determination, and decisiveness of Modi's government.
- The book portrays the Prime Minister's vision of a new India and the leadership shown by him to make India the 5th largest economy in the world.

7. 'She Is-Women in STEAM' book honouring 75 women launched in India (Sept. 22, 2022)

To commemorate India's 75th year of Independence by honouring 75 Indian Women in STEAM (fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) ,a book, 'She Is-Women in STEAM,' authored by ElsaMarie D'Silva and Supreet K Singh was unveiled on September 21, 2022 in New Delhi.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The book was unveiled by Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, **Prof. Ajay Sood**, and the British High Commissioner **Alex Ellis**.
- The Book is a collaborative project of The Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India in partnership with Red Dot Foundation, British High Commission, and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) FLO.

- The aim of the book series is to showcase more women role models for youth, make visible the leadership of women and generate interest in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

8. Nirmala Sitharaman releases N K Singh book “Recalibrate: Changing Paradigm” (Sept. 13, 2022)

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman released the book “Recalibrate: Changing Paradigm” authored by the 15th Finance Commission Chairman N K Singh and Former Agricultural Secretary P K Mishra in New Delhi on 13 September 2022.

The book has been published by Rupa and Co.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Other books authored by NK Singh :

- **The New Bihar: Rekindling Governance and Development**
- **Not By Reason Alone**
- **The Politics of Change : A Ringside View**
- **Portraits Of Power'**

About NK Singh :

- Nand Kishore Singh (NK Singh) is a former Indian Administrative Officer.
- He was the chairman of the 15th Finance Commission

9. Vice President Dhankhar releases the Arabic version of Dara Shikoh (Sept. 9, 2022)

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar released the Arabic Version of “Majma Ul-Bahrain” of Dara Shikoh in New Delhi on 9 September 2022.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The book has been translated into Arabic by **Amar Hasan**, and published by Indian Council for Cultural Relation (ICCR).
- The ‘Majma Ul-Bahrain (Confluence of Two Oceans) was written by Dara Shikoh in **Persian** in 1654-55. In the book he compared Sufi Islam and Vedantic philosophy and concluded that there was more commonalities between the two than difference.
- The Book was translated in **Hindi as ‘Samudra Sangam Grantha.’**

- Dara Shikoh was the eldest son of Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan and was defeated by Aurangzeb in the succession struggle .He was later executed by Aurangzeb in 1659.

10. A new book "Indian Banking in Retrospect - 75 Years of Independence" Launched (Sept. 1, 2022)

A new book titled "**Indian Banking in Retrospect - 75 Years of Independence**" has been authored by **Dr. Ashutosh Rarawikar**, Director, Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR), Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- This book has been published by **Asvad Publications Pvt Ltd.**
- **Bibek Debroy**, chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India, has written the foreword to the book.

Summary Of The Book :

- The book highlights various economic developments like **LPG (Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation)** reforms during 1991, nationalisation of banks for the first time in 1969, licensing of new private sector banks after 1991, setting up of payments banks, and small finance banks .
- It also mentions financial inclusion, impact of **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana** on the banking system in India.