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The Group of Twenty (G20) was founded in 1999 after the Asian financial crisis as a forum for the finance ministers and Central bank governors to discuss global economic and financial issues. It was upgraded to the level of Heads of State/ Government in the wake of the global financial crisis of 2007, and, in 2009, was designated the 'premier forum for international economic cooperation'. It consists of 19 countries, the European Union and the African Union; the latter was made a permanent member of the group in the G20 Heads of State/ Government summit held in New Delhi on September 9-10, 2023. The G20 members represent around 85 per cent of the global GDP, over 75 per cent of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.

The G20 Summit is held annually, under the leadership of a rotating Presidency. India assumed the presidency of the G20 for the first time for the period 2023 (from December 2022 to November 2023) taking over from Indonesia, marking a milestone in its global diplomatic engagement. India's presidency of the G20 is marked by its commitment to fostering cooperation among member countries to address pressing global challenges and promote sustainable development for all.

During India's presidency of the G20, several issues and challenges faced at global level were discussed. In order to have comprehensive and inclusive grasp, the themes needed to be explored at greater length. Working in groups or teams of 4-5, the Lok Sabha Research Associates chose several of these themes for in-depth probe.

To encourage the budding researchers, it was decided to publish the work produced by the Research Associates in the present edition of the journal. Work generated on five of the themes, viz., Digitalisation, Energy Transition, Cultural Tourism, Startup, Millets (*Shree Anna*) has been included in this edition. While the theme *Digitalisation* has been dealt with in two separate articles, there is an article each dedicated to the remaining four themes. The themes have been worked on by Abhijeet Kumar Mall, Akanasha Mishra, Anand Singh Prakash, Anand Mishra, Atul Kumar Pandey, Dhirendra Kumar Sahu, Radhika Agarwal, Subham Jaiswal, Yogesh Manoj Biyani.

First atricle studies the e-Governance aspect of the Digital India programme and narrates how e-Governance has significantly reduced governmentcitizen distance and enabled transparent, corruption-free service delivery to the beneficiaries. Second article has analysed the implications of various initiatives undertaken under the Digital India programme in four sectors of economy, viz, infrastructure, telecommunication, health and agriculture. Third article discusses the adverse impact of non-renewable resources of energy on environment and elaborates how India is strategically planning to meet future demands of energy through alternative sources of energy. Fourth article explains the importance of startups in economic development of a country and discusses the government policy, initiatives and incentives towards developing an effective startup ecosystem. Fifth article highlights the importance of millets in the present world scenario in general and for India in particular, while explaining its threefold benefit. Sixth article discusses the profound influence of cultural tourism on economies, societies, and the environment.

It is believed that the information presented in this edition will not only enhance readers' understanding of the themes included but also contribute to the ongoing discourse on global governance and cooperation.

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All articles are authored by Research Associates of Lok Sabha Secretariat. For details kindly refer Editor's Note.

## DIGITAL INDIA: POWER TO EMPOWER e-Governance and e-Parliament

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#### Abstract

Launched in 2015, Digital India programme aims to transform the country into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy, ensuring digital access, inclusion and empowerment. Thus the programme has implications for the economy, society, government and administration, justice delivery system, etc. The present article studies the e-Governance aspect of the Digital India programme. After discussing the nine pillars of Digital India programme, the article explains the concept of e-Governance, the benefits accruing therefrom as also the various facets of e-Governance and narrates how e-Governance has significantly reduced government-citizen distance and enabled transparent, corruption-free service delivery to the beneficiaries. Various important government initiatives for e-Governance are also elaborated. Highlighting the requirements of paperless and smart parliament system, the Digital Parliament project has been discussed and the features of e-Office as adopted in Parliament are elucidated. The ambitious National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) software designed to cater to the requirements not only of Parliament but also of legislative assemblies of the states/ UTs has been explained at length.

Keywords: Digital India, e-Governance, DigiLocker, MyGov, SMART Parliament, GeM, UPI, e-Office, Digital Parliament, NeVA.

## DIGITAL INDIA: POWER TO EMPOWER Study of Select Sectors

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#### Abstract

The present article discusses the 'Digital India' programme launched in 2015 by the government, which aims to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. The article discusses how the programme has been transforming the lives of the citizens, has implications for crosssections of the society, and has been revolutionising India's future. The article has analysed the implications of various initiatives undertaken under the Digital India programme for four sectors of economy, viz., infrastructure, telecommunication, health and agriculture.

Keywords: Digitalisation, Infrastructure, Health, Agriculture, Telecommunication, Telemedicine.

## ENERGY TRANSITION IN INDIA: Promoting New Paradigm

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#### Abstract

The article claborates how India has fulfilled the rapid increase in the demand of energy in various sectors over the years and how India is strategically planning to meet future demands. Article also delves on how, taking consideration of environmental impact of non-renewable resources of energy, India is focusing on shifting from non-renewable sources to renewable sources of energy specially wind and solar energy. Also, the prospects of green hydrogen as a potential energy source at a large scale have also been analysed. The government initiative of shifting towards electric vehicles has also been analysed and the FAME India scheme has been elaborated.

Keywords: Renewable Sources of Energy, Wind Energy, Solar Energy, Green Hydrogen, FAME India Scheme.

## STARTUP INDIA: New Era of Idea, Investment and Innovation

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#### Abstract

The article discusses the importance of startup in economic development of a country and discusses the government policy, initiatives and incentives towards developing an effective startup ecosystem. Government efforts to collaborate with other countries for providing assistance, exposure and opportunities to the startups in India are also highlighted. The status of startups in different states of the country has been discussed and the four preferred destinations of startups in the country along with the policies pursued by the respective governments are also elaborated. Article also discusses prominent unicoms and the: contribution, the social and economic impacts of startups in India and the challenges faced by them.

Keywords: Startup, Startup Ecosystem, Unicorn, Incubator, Seed Fund, Fund of Funds, Telemedicine, Collaboration.

## POPULARISING MILLETS (SHREE ANNA): A Medium of Holistic Development and Global Well-Being

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#### Abstract

This article highlights the importance of millets in the present world scenario in general and for India in particular. While explaining the threefold benefits of millets – for farmers as drought resistance crop, consumers as nutritional diet, and the planet as a whole – the article points out why the millets are being called nutri-cereals. How millets can play a big role in nutritional security of India is also explained in the article. Describing the proactive role of Government of India to mainstream millets, initiatives taken up by India to do so and events organised, in India and outside, to popularise millets during the celebration of National Year of Millets 2018 and International Year of Millets (IYGM) 2023 are highlighted in detail in the article. Some of the inspiring stories of the common men, who have worked exceptionally to popularise and highlight the importance of millets, as case studies are covered to inspire others world over in the article. At the end, some of challenges which need to be considered while working on the task to make millets as part of daily diet of common men are also narrated.

Keywords: Millets, *Shree Anna*, Nutrition, Agriculture, Millet Man, International Year of Millets (IYoM).

## PROMOTING CULTURAL TOURISM: Unique Opportunity for India

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#### Abstract

India, with its rich cultural heritage, is strategically positioned to leverage cultural tourism for economic and social development. As it assumes the 620 presidency from December 2022 to November 2023, India has a unique opportunity to showcase its cultural treasures globally. Cultural tourism, now on the G20 agenda, is recognised for its profound influence on economies, societies, and the environment.

India's cultural diversity, ancient traditions, and vibrant heritage have made it a prominent global tourist destination. Events like *Kumbh Mela*, *Pushkar Mela*, and Goa Carnival attract both domestic and interational tourists. Policies and initiatives such as Visit India, *Swadesh Darshan*, and E-Visa programmes have played a pivotal role in promoting cultural tourism.

Cultural tourism not only fosters economic growth but also empowers communities, particularly women, and aids in preserving cultural assets while contributing to the fight against climate change. Case studies, like the transformation of a village in West Bengal into a cultural tourism destination, highlight the potential for sustainable development through cultural tourism.

To hamess its potential in cultural tourism, India should emphasise sustainable tourism practices, ecotourism, and comprehensive training for those involved in the tourism sector. This approach will align with global priorities and foster inclusive development.

Keywords: Cultural Diversity, Ancient Traditions, and Vibrant Heritage, Cultural Tourism, Sustainable Development. .

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