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India's CERT and Israel's INCD inked MoU to expand cooperation in cyber security



i. Due to a rapid increase in digitization during the last 5 months of global lockdown, India and Israel have signed an agreement to further expand their collaboration in dealing with cyber threats.

ii. The Memorandum of

Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), a unit of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, and Israel's National Cyber Directorate (INCD).

iii. It was signed by the Director-General (DG) of INCD, Yigal Unna, and India's Ambassador to Israel, Sanjeev Singla.

India Ranked 3rd in 2020 Global Manufacturing Risk Index; China Tops: Cushman & Wakefield



In accordance with the "Cushman & Wakefield's 2020 Global Manufacturing Risk Index (MRI)" India ranks third in the list of most-suitable locations for global manufacturing among 48 countries in terms of cost competitiveness and operating conditions.

- The index has been topped by China and followed by the United States (US) at 2nd rank.

In **cost scenario**, India is at **3rd** position after China and Vietnam. The MRI cost scenario places greater emphasis on cost reduction to give a higher score to countries where operating costs, including labour, are lower.

- In the **risk scenario**, India ranks **30th** which has been topped by Canada. Countries that present lower levels of political and economic risks are ranked higher.

Global Skills Index 2020 Report: India Surges ahead the Peers in Business and Technology Skills

Discover the state of skills around the world



The report of **Global Skills Index 2020**, an in depth view at the state of the skills across the world prepared by “Coursera”, World’s largest online learning platform shows that India Surges ahead of the peers in the business and technology skill

sets because of the growing young population.

India’s rank in the Global Skills Index 2020:

- In the **Data Science** Domain India secured the global rank **51(lagging)** and secured 12th rank in the Asia Pacific region.
- In the **Business** Domain India secured the global rank **34 (emerging)** and secured 8th rank in the Asia Pacific region.
- In the **Technology** Domain India secured the global rank **40 (emerging)** and secured 10th rank in the Asia Pacific region.

Global Skills Index 2020:

i. The global skills index report benchmarks the skill proficiency for 60 countries, 10 industries and 11 fields of study in the domain of Data Science, Business and Technology.

ii. The report is made through looking across the 65 million users on the platform and drawing on the rich performance data of the users in the past 12 months.

Oscar Winner Kate Winslet will Receive 2020 TIFF Tribute Actor Award on 45th Edition of TIFF



The Toronto International Film Festival(TIFF), announced that Kate Winslet will be receiving the 2020 TIFF Tribute Actor Award at the virtual event of the 45th edition of TIFF.

Kate will receive the honour in the virtual gala on 15th September 2020, following her film, Francis Lee's Ammonite in which she played a fossil hunter Mary Anning.

45th edition of TIFF:

- i. The festival will commence on 10th September 2020 run till 19th September 2020.
- ii. For the first time in TIFF history, TIFF will launch a digital platform for the 45th edition this year to connect the audience amid the global pandemic situation.
- iii. The festival plans to screen around 50 films in the first 5 days in theaters thorough social distanced screening.

Gabon Appointed its First Woman Prime Minister: Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda

Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of Gabon appointed Rose Christiane Ossouka



Raponda(56), as the First Women Prime Minister of Gabon succeeding Julien Nkoghe Bekale, On 16 July 2020. She is the sixth Prime Minister under Bongo's Presidency since 2009.

About Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda:

- Raponda is an economist in public finance from Gabonese Institute of Economy and Finance.
- Raponda has served as Budget Minister since 2012.
- She was elected as First Woman Mayor of Libreville (Capital of Gabon), from Bongo's

Gabonese Democratic Party in 2014.

- She has served as the defence minister of Gabon since 2019.

Maharashtra's First Woman SEC Neela Satyanarayanan Dies



Neela Satyanarayanan (72), first woman Election Commissioner of Maharashtra and a praised Marathi author died of COVID-19 on July 15, 2020. She died at Seven Hills Hospital at Marol in Andheri (East), Mumbai where she was undergoing treatment for COVID-19.

About Neela Satyanarayan

- Neela Satyanarayanan was born on 5 February 1948 in Mumbai.
- She is a 1972- batch IAS officer from Maharashtra.
- She worked as the chief secretary (Revenue) and retired in 2009.
- She was appointed as the First women election commissioner by Congress-NCP government in 2009 and she served till 2014.