

## India as G20 President

- The moment of India's ascent to the G20 presidency coincides with the country's 75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence. Together, the G20 members represent over 80% of the world's GDP, 75% of international trade, and 60% of the population putting pressure on the World Bank and IMF.
- India should use the G20 to roll out the India Stack on the global stage increase in IMF and World Bank show your cultural diversity and bring together the power of the diaspora and the power of Indian culture on a single platform.



### THE HINDU

#### SEBI to control rumors

- The proposed measures are directed toward preventing any false market sentiment or impact on the securities of a company

- Recognizing the “growing influence” of print, television, and digital news media, it argues that companies need to keep pace and ensure that any rumors are verified or refuted. It proposes companies disclose all information whose expected impact in terms of value exceeds 2% of either its turnover or net-worth as per the last audited financial statement, or 5% of the three-year average of the absolute value of profit/loss after tax. In order to avoid information asymmetry, SEBI has proposed that the listed entities need to also disseminate any communication with regards to the company made by its Directors, promoters, key managerial personnel or senior management
- Individually and not through the company companies also need to disclose any actions initiated by a regulatory, statutory, enforcement, or judicial. Authority against any of its directors,

#### Key managerial personnel

- It proposes that entities inform the
- The exchange about resignation(s) within seven days. Along similar lines, companies must. Also, disclose if the MD/CEO is not available to discharge their duties for greater than a month.

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### EL NINO LA NINA and weather pattern

- ENSO's scale is significant enough to influence the global climate. According to the study, published in the Nature Communications journal, increased SST variability from ENSO in the eastern. Equatorial Pacific (EP) will emerge around 2030 (error margin of +/- 6 Years), more than a decade earlier than that the central Pacific (CP) ENSO.
- SST variability from ENSO will occur almost four decades earlier than previously suggested. Changes in the equatorial Pacific will be visible first due to a stronger increase in the EPENSO rainfall response, leading to increased SST variability.
- El Niño causes weak rainfall and more heat, while La Niña intensifies rainfall across South Asia, particularly in India's northwest and Bangladesh during the monsoon. At present, India, like the rest of the globe, is witnessing an extended 'triple dip' La Niña.

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### Malnutrition

- GLOBAL Hunger ranking-107/121. India's National Family

Health Survey (NFHS5) from 201921 reported that in children below the age of five years, 35.5% were stunted, 19.3% showed wasting, and 32.1% were underweight.

### Steps

- The Saksham Anganwadi and Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition
- (POSHAN) 2.0 scheme (which now includes the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme), which seeks to work with adolescent girls, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children below three.

### What is not done?

- Per capita costs of the Supplementary Nutrition Programme (one of the largest Components of this scheme) have not increased since 2017 and remain grossly underfunded. 50% Child Development. Project Officer (CDPO) posts were vacant in Jharkhand, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, and
- In Rajasthan, cash transfer alone is not the Solution.
- Cash transfer is helpful where Purchasing power is low. Food rations through PDS and special supplements for the target group of

pregnant and lactating mothers, and infants and young children, are essential. Involvement of local government. A comprehensive programme targeting adolescent girls is required. If the intergenerational nature of Malnutrition is to be tackled and local community groups in the design and delivery of tailored nutrition interventions.

- Bureaucrats reject RTIs with glee with no fear of facing penal provisions outlined in Section 20 of the RTI Act.

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#### **Information Commission**

- Until the 2019 amendment to the RTI Act, Information Commissioners (ICs)
- Appointed to the CI were in status to the Chief Election Commissioner and that of a Supreme Court judge. They had a five-year fixed term and terms of service. After the amendments of 2019, the Centre gave itself powers to change and decide these terms. Seeking disclosure of documents relating to the making of the Unlawful.

#### **Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019,**

- The commission has resorted to keeping the
- Matter pending for final order.