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JNU tops the rankings

- The Jawaharlal Nehru University of Delhi has been ranked first in India and 20th globally in the ranking of academic institutions based on subject-wise by Quacquarelli Symonds, known as QS.
- London-based Higher Education Research Institute Quacquarelli Symonds, the company annually Surveys and ranks educational institutions worldwide under various categories. Now the department has published the world ranking list based on universities.
- Accordingly, Delhi Jawaharlal Nehru University has been ranked 20th worldwide and first in India in Development Education, a branch of social sciences.
- IIM, Ahmedabad is ranked among the top 25 globally for management courses. IIM, Bangalore. IIM, Kolkata has made it to the top 50.
- Likewise, Savita Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences in Chennai has been ranked 24th globally in dental studies.
- Also, according to information published by QS, India is one of the fastest growing research centers in the world.
- 2017 to 2022. India's research paper publications have increased by 54 percent.

Not enough pressure!

- Six months have passed since the start of Israel's war on Gaza Strip in response to the infiltration of Palestine's Hamas organization into Israel.
- The first attack by Hamas on October 7 last year was unprecedented in Israel's history. More than 1,200 Israelis were killed in a surprise attack by Hamas by land, sea and air.
- 200 people, including foreigners staying in Israel, were taken hostage.
- In response to this, more than 30,000 people have been killed so far in Israel's attack on the Gaza Strip.
- It is impossible to describe in words the cruelty of innocent civilians and children who lost their lives in the attack by Israel, regardless of whether it was an educational institution or hospitals.
- Later, when Israel-Hamas agreed to a temporary ceasefire and released Palestinian prisoners, instead, the release of hostages held by Hamas brought some hope, but the UN has been urged by various countries to call for a ceasefire to allow aid to arrive.
- Most notably, 2 Britons and 2 Australians were killed in last week's Israeli military drone attack on the World Central Kitchen (WCK) charity vehicles in Gaza. A Canadian citizen, a US-Canadian dual citizen, and a Palestinian were killed.

- This caused an international uproar. The foundation was involved in shipping 200 tons of food items from Cyprus by sea and distributing them in Gaza.
- US President Joe Biden strongly condemned the attack and contacted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over the phone. He warned that policy on Israel may need to be re-examined. Israel also insisted on an immediate ceasefire considering humanitarian aid. He also urged Israel to immediately cease hostilities in consideration of humanitarian aid. America's ally, Britain, has also put forward a similar view.
- Although international pressure has mounted on a cease-fire, Israel has not taken it for granted. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced a few days ago that the date has been marked as the last refuge for Palestinians displaced by the war. It shows Israel's stubbornness.
- US President Biden's pressure on Israel has drawn mixed reviews. It is widely believed that if the US had done this a month earlier, the famine in northern Gaza could have been avoided.
- If America really wants to avoid human catastrophe in Gaza. It is necessary to impose clear conditions on the continuation of arms supplies to Israel.
- Within months of the start of the Hamas-Israeli war, a permanent solution to the issue. The US stated that it was to establish a separate state called Palestine.
- Countries including India and Britain also agreed with this view.
- The US has said it supports a temporary ceasefire until the hostages held by Hamas in Gaza are freed.
- But, insisting on a cease-fire in Gaza, countries including Algeria appealed to the UN. The United States has used its veto power to overturn Security Council resolutions several times.
- Israel is determined not to stop fighting until all hostages are freed and Hamas is completely eliminated. While Hamas is believed to still be holding more than a hundred hostages, Hamas claims that it does not have all hostages and that other Palestinian armed groups may have Israeli hostages, creating confusion.
- The danger of the Gaza war turning into a regional conflict is increasing day by day. Continued US moderation on this issue is not good for Gaza and the country and the world.

Q.S. World University Rankings

- In this, Anna and Madras universities have seen a remarkable improvement over the previous year in the World University Rankings.
- Anna University is ranked 427 with 26.5 points under overall university ranking list. The university was ranked between 551 and 560 in the previous year.

Top 5 in the world:

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA (100 points)
- University of Cambridge, UK (99.2)
- University of Oxford, UK (98.9)
- Harvard University, USA (98.3)
- Stanford University, USA (98.1)