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## 18 June 2022

### International Day For Countering Hate Speech

- In July 2021, the UN General Assembly highlighted global concerns over “the exponential spread and proliferation of hate speech” around the world and adopted a resolution on “promoting inter-religious and intercultural dialogue and tolerance in countering hate speech”.
- The resolution recognizes the need to counter discrimination, xenophobia and hate speech and calls on all relevant actors, including States, to increase their efforts to address this phenomenon, in line with international human rights law.
- The resolution proclaimed 18 June as the International Day for Countering Hate Speech, which will be marked for the first time in 2022.
- To observe the Day, the United Nations invites governments, international organizations, civil society groups, and individuals to hold events and initiatives promoting strategies to identify, address and counter hate speech. The President of the General Assembly convened an informal High-level Meeting to mark the commemoration of the first International Day to take place Monday, 20 June 2022, at 10 a.m. EDT at the General Assembly Hall in New York City.
- Whether as Member States the private sector, the media and internet corporations, faith leaders, educators, actors of civil society, those affected by hate speech, youth, or simply as an individual, we all have the moral duty of speaking out firmly against instances of hate speech and play a crucial role to in countering this scourge.



## Sustainable Gastronomy Day

- June 18: The day was commemorated after the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution on December 21, 2016, and designated June 18 as Sustainable Gastronomy Day. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) work to ensure that the day is celebrated properly across the world. They work in collaboration with international and regional bodies, member states, and UN organizations.
- Sustainable gastronomy is linked with sustainable development because it promotes food security, agricultural development, sustainable food production, nutrition, and conservation of biodiversity.
- One of the many things that sustainable gastronomy promotes is the consumption of sustainably produced local foods. This way, the farmers can be supported, and the seasonal culinary recipes are also more likely to live longer. Another important aspect of this is to reduce food wastage, avoid processed and packaged food and ensure a healthy diet so that the health of people at large gets better.



## Bharat Gaurav Scheme

- India's first private train, under the Bharat Gaurav scheme, has been flagged off from Coimbatore.
- The train will cover several historical destinations on the route while giving the passengers an insight into the cultural heritage of the country.
- It Launched in November 2021, under the scheme, trains now have a third segment for tourism. Till now, the Railways had passenger segments and goods segments.

- These trains are not regular trains that will run as per a timetable but will be more on the lines of the Ramayana Express being run by the IRCTC.
- It was announced under the theme-based tourist circuit trains. These trains will be run by both private players and IRCTC, in theme-based circuits.
- By theme-based tourism (circuits), the railways mean trains like Guru Kripa that go to all places related to Guru Nanak or a Ramayana-themed train to touch upon places related to Lord Ram.



## Union Minister Nitin Gadkari Proposes “Innovation Bank”

- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has proposed setting up of Innovation Bank for new ideas, research findings and technologies to focus on quality in infrastructure development.
- Addressing the inaugural function of the 222nd Mid-Term Council Meeting of the Indian Roads Congress through virtual mode in New Delhi today, he said, innovation should be the focus area for all engineers.
- He said IRC should develop a world-class state-of-the-art laboratory with the help of IITs and global institutions across the world to deal with the challenges of infrastructural development.
- Highlighting the achievements of his Ministry in road development, Mr Gadkari said, in the last eight years, the length of National Highways has gone up by more than 50 per cent from 91 thousand kilometres in 2014 to about one lakh 47 thousand kilometres now.
- He said, government is dedicatedly working towards expanding the National Highway network to two lakh kilometres by 2025.



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एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय  
MINISTRY OF  
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AND HIGHWAYS**

## Preparations For International Coastal Clean-Up Day

- Seventy five sea beaches of the country to be cleaned up to commemorate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The coastal clean-up drive will be carried out in the country for 75 days from 3rd of July to 17th of September of this year. The drive is aimed at removing one thousand 500 tonnes of garbage from the seacoasts.
- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today chaired a meeting to preview preparations for International Coastal Clean-up Day-2022 in New Delhi. Speaking about this unique drive, Dr. Singh said, it will be the first-of-its-kind and longest running coastal clean-up campaign with highest number of people participating in it. He said, the participation of people is essential to convey the message of 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' for the prosperity of the country.



## China Again Politicizes The Issue Of Counter-terrorism

- China has once again ended up defending terrorists without any logic or explanation as it has put a hold on US-India joint proposal to list Pakistan-based terrorist Abdul Rehman Makki as a global terrorist under UNSC sanctions.
- Experts said, China has again politicized such an important issue of countering terrorism and it's negative agenda against India stands exposed again as seen in past in case of listing of Masood Azhar as a global terrorist when China

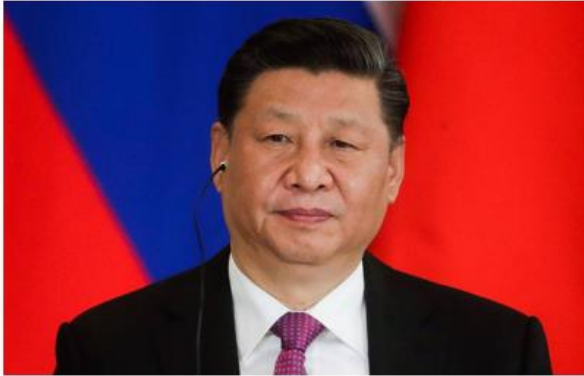
repeatedly put technical holds on UN resolutions. This comes a week before China would virtually host 14th BRICS summit on 23rd June.

- Chinese Foreign ministry said, BRICS countries, as a cooperation mechanism is an important one for emerging markets and developing countries as well as an important platform for South-South cooperation.
- Abdul Rehman Makki is a known Pakistan-based terrorist and is the deputy head of UN proscribed Pakistan based terrorist entity Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and who has been involved in a number of terror attacks in India, including the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, killing hundreds of innocent civilians.



## 14<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit To Be Held In Beijing On June 23

- Chinese President Xi Jinping will host the 14th BRICS Summit in Beijing on 23rd of June. The summit will be held in virtual format under the theme of 'Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development'. Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying announced it.
- The announcement posted on Chinese Foreign Ministry website said, President Xi Jinping will attend the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum in virtual format on 22nd of June and deliver a keynote speech.
- China is the chair of the 14th BRICS Summit happening this year which assumes importance as this will be the first BRICS Summit after Russia-Ukraine war began and Russia is currently under severe economic sanction by the west led by the US.
- President Xi Jinping will also host the High-level Dialogue on Global Development in Beijing on 24th of June. The Dialogue will be held in virtual format under the theme of 'Foster a Global Development Partnership for the New Era to Jointly Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'.



## Tamil Nadu Insists For Frequent Inter-State Council Meet

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin insisted that the Inter-State Council meetings should be held at least thrice in a year. In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday, he said the Council serves as a platform for all States and the Centre to discuss subjects having common interests.
- He termed the Council as a key tool to strengthen cooperation and federal relations among the States and with the Centre.
- Referring to the Presidential Order in May 1990, Mr. Stalin said it is mandatory to hold the Council meeting thrice a year, though it was conducted only once in the last six years in July 2016 in New Delhi.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. State Reorganization Commission Was Established In**

- A. 1949
- B. 1951
- C. 1953
- D. 1956

**ANSWER: C**

**2. State Reorganization Act Was Passed In**

- A. 1949
- B. 1951
- C. 1953
- D. 1956

**ANSWER: D**

**3. Chairmen Of State Reorganization Commission**

- A. H N Kunzru
- B. Fazal Ali
- C. K M Panikkar
- D. H B Aiyengar

**ANSWER: B**

**4. 1<sup>st</sup> State To Be Formed On The Basis Of Language**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

**ANSWER: B**

**5. \_\_\_\_\_ Died Due To Hunger Strike For Sperate Telugu State**

- A. Tanguturi Prakasam
- B. Potti Sreeramulu
- C. K Veeresalingam
- D. Alluri Sitaram Raju

**ANSWER: B**



**6. Bombay Reorganization Act Was Passed In**

- A. 1958
- B. 1960
- C. 1962
- D. 1964

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Inter-state Council Was Established By**

- A. Article 253
- B. Article 263
- C. Article 273
- D. Article 283

**ANSWER: B**

**8. Inter-state Council Was Recommended By**

- A. SRA 1956
- B. Sarkaria Commission
- C. Anandpur Sahib Resolution
- D. Rajamannar Committee

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Chairmen Of Inter-state Council**

- A. Home Minister
- B. Prime Minister
- C. President Of India
- D. Finance Minister

**ANSWER: B**

**10. How Many Zonal Councils Are There In India At Present?**

- A. 5
- B. 4
- C. 7
- D. 6

**ANSWER: D**

**11. \_\_\_\_\_ Were Graves Encircled By Large Pieces Of Stone**

- A. Crypt
- B. Cavern
- C. Megalith
- D. Shaman

**ANSWER: C**

**12.The Word 'Secularism' Was Inserted Into The Preamble By**

- A. 7<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act
- B. 42<sup>nd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act
- C. 44<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act
- D. 86<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act

**ANSWER: B**

**13.NOT A Part Of The Preamble Of The Indian Constitution**

- A. Socialism
- B. Democratic
- C. Secularism
- D. Federalism

**ANSWER: D**

**14."Heart And Soul Of The Constitution" - B R Ambedkar**

- A. Right To Constitutional Remedies
- B. Fundamental Rights
- C. Preamble
- D. Fundamental Duties

**ANSWER: A**

**15.Types Of Fundamental Rights Available For Indian Citizens**

- A. 9
- B. 8
- C. 7
- D. 6

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Equality Before Law And Equal Protection Of Laws**

- A. Article 14
- B. Article 15
- C. Article 16
- D. Article 17

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Articles Containing The Cultural And Educational Rights**

- A. 18 - 31
- B. 23 - 24
- C. 29 - 30
- D. 19 - 22

**ANSWER: C**

**18. Articles Containing The Right To Religious Freedom**

- A. 25 - 28
- B. 23 - 24
- C. 32 - 35
- D. 19 - 22

**ANSWER: A**

**19. International Day For Countering Hate Speech**

- A. June 17
- B. June 18
- C. June 19
- D. June 20

**ANSWER: B**

**20. UNGA Adopted Sustainable Gastronomy Day In**

- A. 2015
- B. 2016
- C. 2017
- D. 2018

**ANSWER: B**

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