

# Daily Current Affairs

## 19 October 2023

### India's First Regional Rail, RAPIDX

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate India's **first Regional Rail, RAPIDX** from Sahibabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- The **first phase** will cover a distance of 17 kilometers which includes a total of five stations - Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Guldhar, Duhai, and Duhai Depot.
- The trains will run at a speed of **160 kilometers per hour** at an interval of 15 minutes.
- The RapidX, also known as the **Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)**, is a semi-high-speed regional rail system operated by the **National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)** in India's National Capital Region (NCR).
- The goal of the RapidX is to provide a dedicated rail transit network between Delhi and the other cities of the NCR.



## Arindam Bagchi India's Ambassador To UN In Geneva

- **Arindam Bagchi** has been appointed as India's next Ambassador/Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva.
- Arindam Bagchi, presently holding the position of **Additional Secretary** in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- This notable decision signifies a significant shift in India's diplomatic presence in Geneva.
- Bagchi will be taking over from the current Indian representative to the UN in Geneva, **Indra Mani Pandey**, who assumed the position in July 2020. Following a three-year term, Pandey is set to return to New Delhi, clearing the path for Bagchi to assume leadership.



## Kempegowda International Airport

- **Kempegowda International Airport (KIA)** in Bengaluru, also known as the Bengaluru International Airport, has earned a remarkable distinction.
- According to a recent report from **aviation analytics company Cirium**, the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru, also known as the Bengaluru International Airport, has achieved a notable feat. It has been honored as the "**World's most punctual airport**" for the last three consecutive months.
- This recognition highlights the airport's unwavering dedication to timely departures and an exceptional travel experience for its passengers.

- Cirium's report, titled '**The On-Time Performance Monthly Report**,' specifically praised KIA for consistently delivering outstanding on-time departure performance.
- Managed by Bangalore International Airport Limited, the airport attained punctuality rates of 87.51% in July, 89.66% in August, and 88.51% in September.



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## DOLR Signs MOU With NRSC

- The **Department of Land Resources, DOLR** and **National Remote Sensing Centre, NRSC** signed an MoU for monitoring of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - **Watershed Development Component, WDC 2.0**.
- It aims to **restore the ecological balance** by harnessing, conserving, and developing degraded natural resources such as soil and water.
- The MoU was signed in the presence of Secretary, Department of Land Resources Ajay Tirkey and Secretary, Department of Space Somanath in New Delhi.



## Bhopal Mahila Thana Achieves ISO Certification

- The **Bhopal Mahila Thana**, located in the city of Bhopal, has achieved a significant milestone by securing ISO certification.
- This transformation has led it to become the **second ISO-certified** police station in the city, with the **Misrod police station being the first** to achieve this recognition.
- ISO, an **independent organization** representing approximately 160 countries, evaluates and issues certificates to businesses based on the quality, safety, and efficiency of their products or services.
- The ISO certification is valid for a period of three years.



## Green Energy Corridor Phase-II ISTC

- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs**, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi approved the project on **Green Energy Corridor (GEC) Phase-II – Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) for 13 GW Renewable Energy Project in Ladakh**.
- The project is targeted to be set up by FY 2029-30 with total estimated cost of Rs.20,773.70 crore and Central Financial Assistance (CFA) @ 40 percent of the project cost i.e. Rs.8,309.48 crore.
- Keeping in view the complex terrain, adverse climatic conditions and defence sensitivities of Ladakh region, **Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID)** will be the Implementing Agency for this project.
- State of the art Voltage Source Converter (VSC) based High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) system and Extra High Voltage Alternating Current (EHVAC) systems will be deployed.

- The project will contribute to achieving the target of **500 GW** of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuels by year 2030. The project will also help in developing long term energy security of the country and promote ecologically sustainable growth by reducing carbon footprint.
- This project is in addition to Intra-State Transmission System Green Energy Corridor Phase-II (InSTS GEC-II), which is already under implementation in the States of Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh for grid integration and power evacuation of approx.

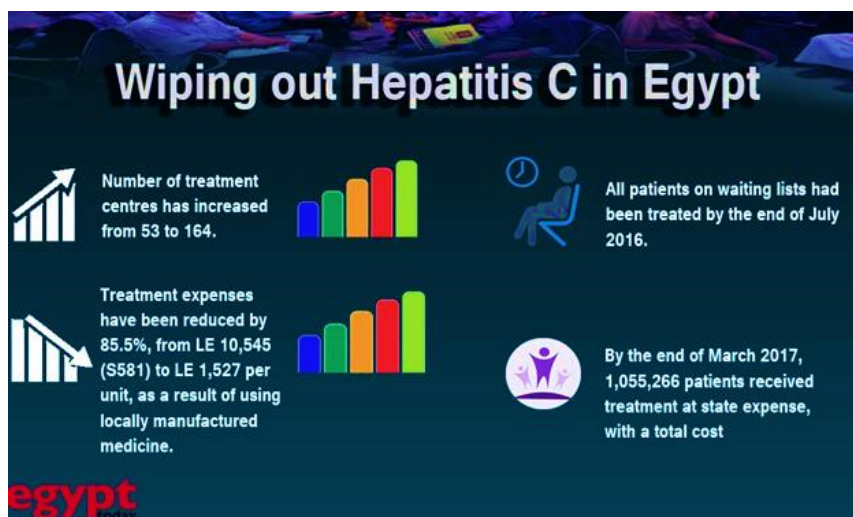


## Egypt 1<sup>st</sup> Country To Achieve Gold Tier Status-Hepatitis C

- The Arab Republic of Egypt has become the **first country to achieve** the "gold tier" status on the path to elimination of hepatitis C as per WHO criteria.
- This means that Egypt has fulfilled WHO's programmatic coverage targets that will set the country up to achieve the reduced incidence and mortality targets of **full elimination before 2030**.
- The gold tier status to reach the stated goal of eliminating hepatitis C includes meeting specific criteria.

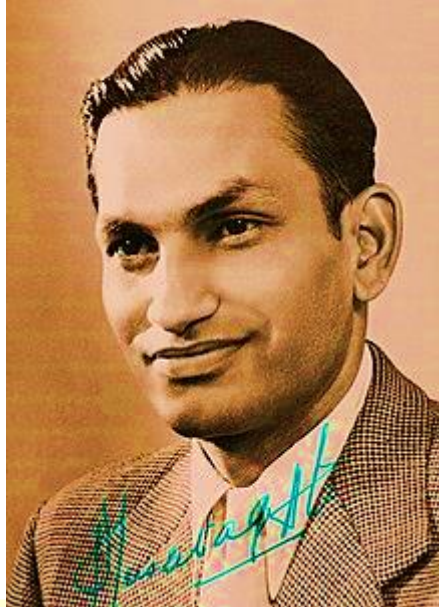


- Ensuring 100% blood and injection safety, maintaining minimum of 150 needles syringes per year for people who injected drugs, diagnosis of over 80% of people living with chronic hepatitis C virus treating of over 70% of individuals diagnosed with hcv the establishing of a sentinel surveillance program for hepatitis including liver cancer
- WHO notes with appreciation the ongoing commitment of the Ministry of Health and Population to sustain robust screening, care and treatment services for people with HCV. Since Egypt launched its nationwide campaign, – known as the **“100 million seha” campaign** – which means a 100 million healthy lives – it has resulted in testing over 60 million people and treating more than 4 million people.
- And by doing so, Egypt reduced the incidence of new infections from 300 per 100 000 in 2014 to 9 per 100 000 in 2022. This is very close to the ultimate goal of hepatitis C elimination of less than 5 per 100 000 new cases per year and similar levels for viral hepatitis deaths.



## Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2023

- The 2023–24 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy will be the **sixteenth edition** of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, a **Twenty20 cricket competition** that will be held in India.



- The tournament will form part of the 2023–24 **Indian domestic cricket season**, announced by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in April 2023.
- **Syed Mushtaq Ali** was an Indian cricketer, a right-handed opening batsman who holds the distinction of scoring the **first overseas Test century by an Indian player**.
- He received the **C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award** in 1995, the highest honour bestowed by BCCI on a former player.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Who Is Appointed As India's Next Ambassador To UN In Geneva**

- A. Arindam Bagchi
- B. Indra Mani Pandey
- C. Mohinder Sahay
- D. Ajay Tirkey

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Which Airport Recognized As World's Most Punctual Airport**

- A. Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- B. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
- C. Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
- D. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Purpose Of MOU Signed Between Department Of Land Resources & National Remote Sensing Centre**

- A. Agricultural development
- B. Industrial development
- C. Watershed development
- D. Urban development

**ANSWER: C**

**4. 1<sup>st</sup> Police Station To Get ISO Certification In Madhya Pradesh**

- A. Misrod Police Station
- B. Mahila Police Station
- C. Habibganj Police Station
- D. TT Nagar Police Station

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Implementing Agency For Green Energy Corridor Phase-II ISTS Project Ladakh**

- A. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- B. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
- C. National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- D. Ministry of Power

**ANSWER: B**



**6. How Many GW Of Installed Electricity Capacity From Non-fossil Fuels Does India Aim To Achieve By The Year 2030**

- A. 200 GW
- B. 400 GW
- C. 500 GW
- D. 700 GW

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Which Country's Supreme Court Declined An Appeal To Legalize Same Sex Marriages**

- A. India
- B. China
- C. United States
- D. United Kingdom

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Which Country Did India Hold Its First-ever 2+2 Foreign Affairs And Defence Dialogue Within New Delhi**

- A. Japan
- B. Australia
- C. United States
- D. United Kingdom

**ANSWER: D**

**9. Which Country's Opposition Won Recent Parliamentary Elections Ending 8 Years Of Populist Rule**

- A. Hungary
- B. Czech Republic
- C. Slovakia
- D. Poland

**ANSWER: D**

**10. Where Was 19-foot Tall Statue Of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Unveiled Outside India**

- A. New York
- B. Washington
- C. Florida
- D. California

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Which Organization Has Partnered With ISRO For The "Space On Wheels" Exhibition**

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- B. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- C. Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA)
- D. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

**ANSWER: C**

**12. When Is World Anaesthesia Day Celebrated**

- A. October 15
- B. October 16
- C. October 17
- D. October 18

**ANSWER: B**

**13. Which Institution Has Initiated A Pilot Programme For Wholesale Digital Rupee In Call Money Market**

- A. SEBI
- B. RBI
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. NPCI

**ANSWER: B**

**14. Which Country Host 8th BRICS International Competition Conference 2023**

- A. Brazil
- B. India
- C. China
- D. South Africa

**ANSWER: B**

**15.MMDR Act, Seen In The News, Is Associated With Which Sector**

- A. Medicines and Medications
- B. Mines and Minerals
- C. Machines and Machineries
- D. Movies and Magazines

**ANSWER: B**

**16.R21/Matrix-M Recently Approved, Is Vaccine Against Which Disease**

- A. COVID-19
- B. Malaria
- C. Tuberculosis
- D. Influenza

**ANSWER: B**

**17.Which Is The Second State After Bihar To Conduct A Caste Survey**

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

**ANSWER: A**

**18.16<sup>th</sup> Edition Of International Cyber Security & Policing Conference, cOCon  
Hosted By**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Telangana

**ANSWER: B**

**19.Project Kuiper To Provide Fast, Affordable Broadband Internet Service Belongs  
To Which Company**

- A. SpaceX
- B. Amazon
- C. Jio
- D. Google

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Which Country Hosted Pacific Asia Travel Association Travel Mart 2023**

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bangladesh
- C. India
- D. Australia

**ANSWER: C**