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1st Australia India Education And Skill Council Meeting

- The First Australia India Education and Skill Council meeting will be held at IIT **Gandhinagar** in Gujarat on Monday. Education Ministry said, this is for the first time that education and skilling is being brought under the same institutional forum.
- This is expected to foster collaboration, participation and synergy in critical areas of mutual interest in the education and the skill domain.
- Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister for Education, Government of Australia Jason Clare will co-chair the meeting. The meeting will provide a platform for **academic and skill experts** to discuss a wide range of mutually agreed priorities, with the aim of shaping the future of **education and skilling** in both the nations.
- The meeting will be attended by senior government officials from India and Australia along with heads of Higher Education Institutions and skill sectors from both the countries.



Philippines Announces Exit From China's BRI

- The **Philippines has announced to exit from China's Belt and Road Initiatives**. The full termination of major infrastructure projects under the Belt and Road Initiative has been announced by the Philippine Department of Transportation in favour of competitors from the West and Japan.
- As per the Philippine Senate, doubt now shrouds nearly all of China's crucial investment initiatives in the Philippines, owing to economic and political factors.
- This has led to a new **low point in Philippine-China relations**, marking a drastic reversal from the six years of warm engagement during the pro-Beijing Rodrigo Duterte presidency.
- The Belt and Road Initiative, known within China as the One Belt One Road is a global infrastructure development strategy adopted by the Chinese government in 2013 to invest in more than 150 countries and international organizations.



State Food Safety Index

- The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** recently released the State **Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2022-2023**, which assesses the performance of Indian states and union territories in **ensuring food safety**.
- This annual evaluation employs a dynamic benchmarking model to objectively measure food safety across all regions.



- The latest index introduced a new parameter, 'Improvement in SFSI Rank,' altering the weights of existing parameters and shedding light on states' progress over the previous year.
- **Tamil Nadu** emerged as the leading state in **consumer empowering initiatives**, followed by Kerala and Madhya Pradesh.
- **Gujarat and Kerala** were the top performers in **Food testing category**, while Andhra Pradesh performed the worst.

National Basketball Association And Bhaane

- The **National Basketball Association (NBA)** and **Bhaane**, a leading contemporary clothing brand, have joined forces in a groundbreaking multi-year partnership to introduce **NBAStore.in**.

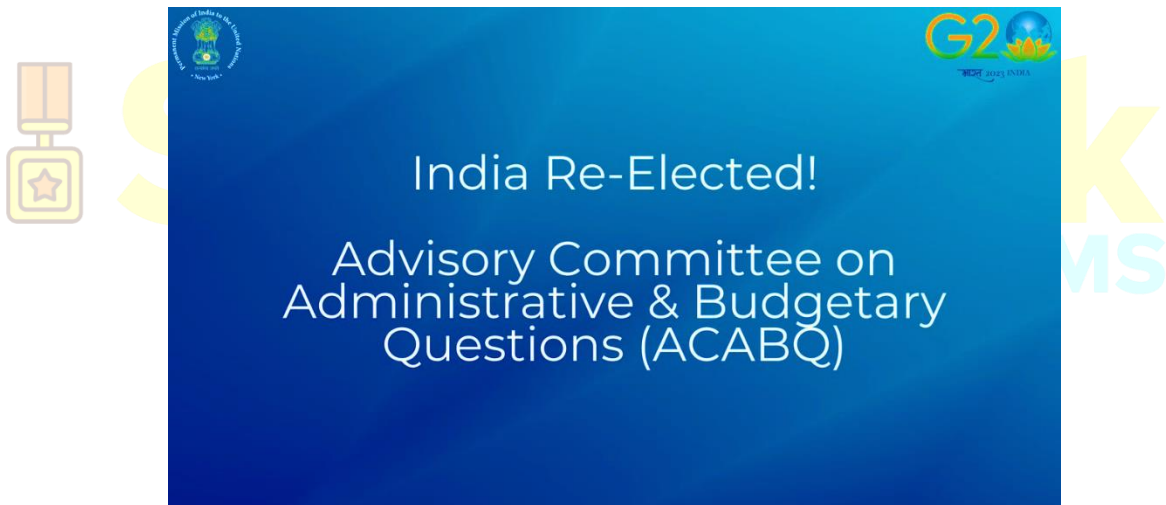


- This online store caters to the burgeoning demand for official NBA merchandise in India, featuring an extensive array of items including jerseys, apparel, headwear, footwear, basketballs, and accessories from renowned brands like Nike, New Era, Mitchell & Ness, Wilson, and NBA Fanwear by Suditi.

- Anand Ahuja, founder & CEO of Bhaane, expressed excitement about partnering with the NBA, emphasizing the global significance of the league.
- This collaboration signifies a significant step in bringing official NBA products closer to fans in India, establishing a seamless shopping experience.

Surendra Adhana,

- Senior Indian diplomat, **Surendra Adhana**, has been re-elected to serve on the **Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)** at the **United Nations for the term 2024-26**.
- This re-election underscores his expertise and the confidence placed in him by the international community.
- Counsellor Surendra Adhana, representing India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, has been re-elected to the ACABQ by acclamation.



- This re-election reflects his standing as a seasoned diplomat and his demonstrated capabilities in addressing complex budgetary and administrative matters at the United Nations.
- The ACABQ is an expert committee comprising **21 members** elected by the General Assembly. Members serve in a personal capacity and not as representatives of member states.
- The committee is elected for a **three-year term** and is carefully structured to ensure broad geographical representation.
- The **functions and responsibilities** of the Advisory Committee, as well as its composition, are governed by the provisions of Assembly resolutions 14 (I) of 13

February 1946 and 32/103 of 14 December 1977 and rules 155 to 157 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. UN Observe International Day For Preventing Exploitation Of Environment In War & Armed Conflict On

- A. November 5th
- B. November 6th
- C. November 7th
- D. November 8th

ANSWER: B

2. Where Will 1st Australia India Education & Skill Council Meeting Be Held

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Gandhinagar
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. IIT Madras

ANSWER: B

3. Which Country Recently Exited From China's Belt & Road Initiative

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. Philippines
- D. Indonesia

ANSWER: C

4. In Which Year Will Bangladesh Host 24th Asian Archery Championship

- A. 2024
- B. 2025
- C. 2026
- D. 2027

ANSWER: B

5. Koraput Kalajeera Rice Got GI Status, Is Cultivated In Which State

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: B

6. Which Entertainment Channel Collaborated With Ministry Of WCD To Support Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Initiative

- A. Zee TV
- B. Sony TV
- C. COLORS
- D. Star Plus

ANSWER: C

7. According To State Food Safety Index 2022-2023, Which State Emerged As Leading State In Consumer Empowering Initiatives

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

ANSWER: A

8. Who Has Been Re-elected To Advisory Committee On Administrative & Budgetary Questions

- A. Anand Ahuja
- B. Sneha Dubey
- C. Surendra Adhana
- D. Ruchira Kamboj

ANSWER: C

9. Which Clothing Brand Collaborated With National Basketball Association To Introduce NBAstore.in In India

- A. Adidas
- B. Bhaane
- C. Reebok
- D. Puma

ANSWER: B

10. India Signed A Mou With Which Gulf Country To Strengthen Education Ties

- A. Oman
- B. Bahrain
- C. UAE
- D. Saudi Arabia

ANSWER: C

11. 'Rashtriya Gokul Mission' Is Associated With Which Union Ministry

- A. Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of MSME
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

ANSWER: D

12. Japanese Scientists Succeeded In Cultivating Embryos Of Which Species Aboard In International Space Station

- A. Lizard
- B. Mouse
- C. Rabbit
- D. Snake

ANSWER: B

13. Mayurakshi River Flows Through Which Indian State

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Assam
- C. Karnataka
- D. Madhya Pradesh

ANSWER: A

14. Which Country Is Associated With The 'Shenzhou-16' Mission

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. South Korea
- D. Israel

ANSWER: B

15.Meendum Manjappai Is A Scheme Launched By Which Indian State, To Curb Plastic Usage

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

ANSWER: B

16.Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project Aims To Connect Kolkata Seaport With Which Country

- A. Thailand
- B. Myanmar
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Cambodia

ANSWER: B

17.E Which Country Is Associated With 'Integral Field Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Experiment (INFUSE)'

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. China
- D. Germany

ANSWER: A

18.'Agartala-Akhaura Cross-border Rail Link Project' Connects India With Which Country

- A. Nepal
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Myanmar
- D. Thailand

ANSWER: C

19. 'Block Proving By Axle Counter System' Associated With Which Institution

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Railways
- C. Election Commission of India
- D. Indian Air Force

ANSWER: A

20. Which Country Dispatched Scientific Expedition Team To Build Its 5th Research Station In Antarctica

- A. India
- B. USA
- C. China
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

