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BRICS Virtual Summit

- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar will represent India at the **BRICS virtual summit hosted by South Africa**, where the leaders of Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa, will discuss the **situation of West Asia**, including the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas.



- The **“Extraordinary Joint Meeting on the Middle East Situation in Gaza”** will be hosted by South African President **Cyril Ramaphosa** to draw up a common response and adopt a joint statement on the more than six-week long conflict.
- UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, who’s been calling for an immediate ceasefire, will also join the meeting.
- This will be the first BRICS meet since the Summit in August that resulted in expansion of the group. Leaders from Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates - who are all due to join the BRICS group in January 2024 - will also attend the meeting.



National Tribal Youth Exchange

- The 15th National Tribal Youth exchange program will be held from tomorrow to the 28th of this month at Chennai.
- State Governor R.N.Ravi will inaugurate the program at the State Youth Hostel at Chennai.
- Two hundred youth have been selected from various districts of Jharkhand, Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.



- The training will be given by **CRPF, BSF and NYKS officials**. In the program, cultural events, classical and folk arts, educational sessions will be conducted in the seven day exchange program.
- The camps will be conducted in 25 state capitals and more than 5000 youth from the socially backward districts and tribal areas will attend the program.

Rapid Innovation And Startup Expansion

- The **Atal Innovation Mission** under **NITI Aayog** launched a new accelerator program called **Rapid Innovation and Startup Expansion (RISE)** in New Delhi.

INDIA + AUSTRALIA
RISE
ACCELERATOR

Rapid Innovation
Startup Expansion

- The program will **support startups and small to mid-sized enterprises (SMEs)** working on circular economy technologies and solutions **in India and Australia**.
- Participating startups may also be eligible for non-equity grants up to 40 Lakh Rupees.
- The **India-Australia RISE Accelerator** is delivered in **partnership** between the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia's national science agency, and Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), the Government of India's flagship initiative.

Bengal Global Business Summit

- The stage is set for the **7th edition of the two-day Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS)** In Kolkata kicks off with business leaders from more than 25 countries, a host of prominent figures of corporate India as well as political dignitaries expected to attend the event.



- The **participating countries** include the US, UK, Japan, Poland, France, Australia, Germany, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Fiji to name a few.
- Reliance Industries Chairman and MD Mukesh Ambani, MD of Hiranandani Group Niranjan Hiranandani, and other top industrialists such as Sanjiv Goenka, Sanjeev Puri, Purnendu Chattopadhyay, Harshvardhan Neotia and Sajjan Jindal are expected to be present, according to the State Government sources.
- **Alex Ellis, British High Commissioner to India**, is leading a 55-strong delegation of senior figures from a wide range of businesses institutions which will be the biggest ever UK delegation in the summit.
- Agri and allied industries including Blue Economy, Transport, Power, Urban Infrastructure and Planning, Creative Economy, Higher Education, School Education, Technical Education, Tourism, Health, IT & ITeS, International Trade and Logistics, Manufacturing and Industries that includes MSME and Textiles and Engineering, Plastics, & Chemicals are the focus sectors of this edition's BGS.

UN Forum 2023 On Humanitarian Law

- The **United Service Institution of India (USI)**, founded in 1870 as the country's premier **think-tank for national security and military affairs**, is hosting the **Annual UN Forum 2023 in New Delhi**.



- In collaboration with the **International Committee of the Red Cross** and the Centre for UN Peacekeeping Operations, the forum will focus on the pressing theme of 'International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Peacekeeping.'
- This timely discussion addresses the **challenges posed by contemporary conflicts** and the imperative to uphold IHL principles in UN peace operations.

- The forum **aims to foster an interactive**, multi-stakeholder discussion on the applicability and limitations of implementing IHL frameworks in UN peace operations.
- It will delve into contemporary issues such as the protection of civilians, accountability for crimes against peacekeepers, the role of women in peacekeeping operations, and the integration of technology for more effective operations.

Best State In Inland Fisheries

- **Uttar Pradesh**, under the leadership of the **Yogi Adityanath government**, has secured a notable '**Best State**' award for **inland fisheries** (plain areas).
- The state is set to receive this prestigious accolade at the two-day **Global Fisheries Conference-2023** in Delhi on November 21 and 22.



- Cabinet Minister for Fisheries, **Sanjay Nishad**, announced this achievement, attributing it to the relentless efforts of the government to promote fisheries and elevate the income of fishermen.
- The success in fisheries is further underscored by the **implementation of 31 projects under the Pradhan Mantri Sampada Yojna** in Uttar Pradesh. A substantial sum of **Rs.15,282.5 has been disbursed** to beneficiaries as part of these initiatives.
- This financial support aims to empower individuals involved in the fisheries sector and contribute to the overall growth of the industry.

Deepti Babuta

- **Deepti Babuta** has etched her name in literary history by becoming the **first woman to clinch the prestigious Dhahan Prize**, the largest international literary award for fiction in the Punjabi language.
- Her outstanding achievement is attributed to her compelling short story collection, **'Bhukh Eon Sah Laindi Hai'** ('Hunger Breathes Like This').



- Babuta was honored with a cash award of \$25,000 CAD and a trophy during an awards ceremony held at the Northview Golf and Country Club in Surrey, **British Columbia, Canada**.
- This recognition marks a significant milestone as it is the **first time in the prize's 10-year history** that the top honor has been bestowed upon a woman.
- **Dhahan Prize Established in 2013** by the Canada India Education Society (CIES) and the University of British Columbia (UBC), the Dhahan Prize serves as a platform to elevate both aspiring and established writers, providing them the opportunity to reach a broader, multilingual audience.



THE DHAHAN PRIZE

For Punjabi Literature

Sari Walkathon

- **Ministry of Textiles** launched an e-registration portal for the **Sari Walkathon** in New Delhi.
- Union Minister of State for Textile Darshana Jardosh launched the portal which aimed to promote the handloom sari culture of India.
- The **walkathon will be organized at the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority** on the 10th of December this year.



- According to the Ministry of Textiles, women from across the various states of the country are being invited to showcase their ways of draping saris and thereby, presenting India as a country having Unity in Diversity.
- Participants can enroll for the sari walkathon with this e-portal in which registration will be OTP-based.

- The Ministry said that nearly ten thousand women are expected to join this celebration of **cultural diversity and empowerment with their distinctive traditional attire**.
- The gathering promises to be a vibrant tapestry, featuring not only enthusiastic participants but also notable figures from various fields, including celebrities, influential personalities and committed Anganwadi workers.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. National Tribal Youth Exchange 2023 Will Be Held In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Gandhinagar

ANSWER: B

2. Rapid Innovation And Startup Expansion Is Launched By

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. Niti Aayog
- D. Ministry Of Skill Development

ANSWER: C

3. Bengal Global Business Summit Will Be Held In

- A. Kolkata
- B. Darjeeling
- C. Durgapur
- D. Malda

ANSWER: A

4. Which State Is Emerged As Best State In Inland Fisheries 2023

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

ANSWER: C

5. Who Won Dhahan Prize 2023

- A. Prisha Agarwal
- B. Deepti Babuta
- C. Smriti Kapoor
- D. Neha Bhatia

ANSWER: B

6. Sari Walkathon e - Portal Is Launched By

- A. Ministry Of Textiles
- B. Ministry Of Commerce & Industry
- C. Ministry Of Women & Child Development
- D. Minister For Skill Development And Entrepreneurship

ANSWER: A

7. Which NE Institution Received A 5G Laboratory From The Government Of India

- A. NIT Mizoram
- B. North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology
- C. North East Institute of Management & Technology
- D. NIT Sikkim

ANSWER: A

8. ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter Mission Is Associated With Which Space Agency

- A. NASA
- B. ESA
- C. ISRO
- D. JAXA

ANSWER: B

9. Which State Organises The 'Unboxing BLR Habba (UBH)' Festival

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

ANSWER: B

10. ACKO Partners With _____ As Voice Of Their Customer

- A. R Madhavan
- B. Shah Rukh Khan
- C. Pankaj Tripathi
- D. Vicky Kaushal

ANSWER: A

11. According To IDF, Which Group Hijacked Cargo Ship "Galaxy Leader" En Route From Turkey To India In Red Sea

- A. Yemen's Houthi rebels
- B. Somali pirates
- C. Iranian Revolutionary Guard
- D. Libyan insurgents

ANSWER: A

12. Which Indian City Has Been Featured In Conde Nast Traveller's List Of The Best Places To Visit In Asia In 2024

- A. Mumbai
- B. Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: D

13. What Was The Profession Of B. N. Goswamy, Who Recently Passed Away

- A. Economist
- B. Art Historian
- C. Astrophysicist
- D. Psychologist

ANSWER: B

14. How Many New Distinguished Fellows Did NITI Aayog Recently Appoint For One Year

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four

ANSWER: D

15.A.S. Byatt, Seen In News Relates To Which Profession

- A. Scientist
- B. Musician
- C. Novelist
- D. Artist

ANSWER: D

16.AT Fund Manager Survey By Bank Of America Countries Emerged As Most Favoured Markets In Asia Pacific Region

- A. China and Australia
- B. Thailand and Japan
- C. India and Thailand
- D. Japan and India

ANSWER: D

17.On Which Date Was International Men's Day Observed In 2023

- A. 20th November
- B. 19th November
- C. 21st November
- D. 18th November

ANSWER: B

18.In Global Unicorn Rankings, What Is India's Position

- A. Third
- B. First
- C. Second
- D. Fourth

ANSWER: A

19.Who Is The Director General Of The Directorate General Of Foreign Trade

- A. Rajesh Verma
- B. Santosh Kumar Sarangi
- C. Anjali Sharma
- D. Rakesh Kapoor

ANSWER: B

20. Which Country's Representative Was Crowned 72nd Miss Universe 2023

- A. Nicaragua
- B. El Salvador
- C. Honduras
- D. Guatemala

ANSWER: A