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G2G Agreement Have Gone To Israel

- External Affairs Ministry said the first batch of people under the **G2G agreement** have gone to Israel.
- Briefing media in New Delhi this afternoon, Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stressed that **India is conscious of their safety** and has urged the Israeli authorities to ensure their safety and wellbeing.



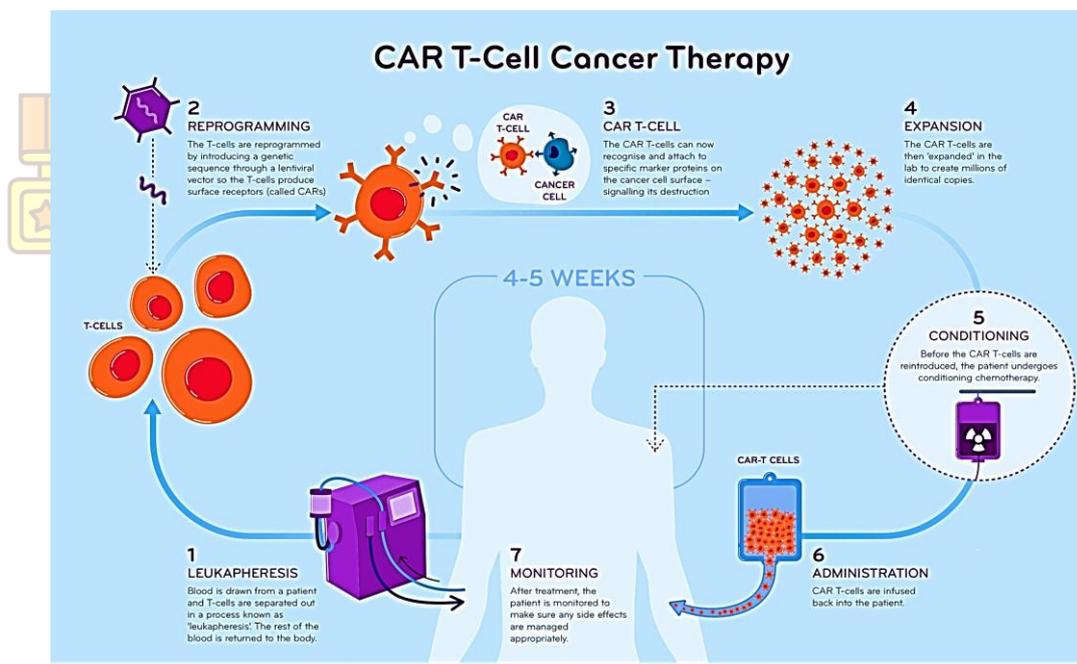
- The workers have gone to Israel as part of a Mobility Agreement that India signed with Israel. The agreement predates the ongoing conflict in the region.
- Replying to another query, the spokesperson said India has noted with concern the **Israeli attack on Iranian diplomatic premises** in Syria on the first of April.
- He said India is distressed at the escalating tensions in West Asia and their potential to fuel further **violence and instability**.



- India has urged all parties to avoid actions that go against commonly accepted principles and norms of international law.
- Replying to a question on **China claiming Arunachal Pradesh**, the spokesperson said that Arunachal Pradesh is an inalienable part of India and will remain so.
- On India-Bangladesh ties, Mr Jaiswal said bilateral relations are very strong. He said both nations have a very comprehensive partnership that spans across sectors.

CAR-T Cell Therapy To Nation

- **President Droupadi Murmu** will visit Mumbai, where she will dedicate **CAR-T Cell Therapy** to the nation at IIT Bombay.
- The **CAR-T Cell Therapy** (used to treat cancer patients) has been developed in India by IIT Bombay-incubated Company Immunoadoptive Cell Therapy (ImmunoACT).



- The CAR-T Cell Therapy product has been developed as a collaborative effort between IIT Bombay and Tata Memorial Centre (TMC).
- **Designed and developed at IIT Bombay**, the therapy has undergone integrative process development and manufacturing at ImmunoACT.
- Clinical investigations and translational studies were conducted by teams at TMH. The CAR-T Cell Therapy product is expected to save many lives at much lower cost compared to the cost of such products available outside India.

Agni Prime Missile

- **Agni-Prime Missile** has been successfully flight-tested in Odisha yesterday. The flight-test was conducted by Strategic Forces Command (SFC), along with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.



- According to the Defence Ministry, New Generation Ballistic Missile Agni-Prime met all the trial objectives validating its reliable performance.
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh has **congratulated DRDO, SFC** and the Armed Forces for the successful test.
- He said that the successful development and induction of the missile will be an excellent force multiplier for the Armed Forces.

Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi

- **Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi** was sworn in for his third term as President.
- Sisi had won the **Presidential election** with 89.6 percent of the vote in December last year. He is set to remain president until 2030.



- In a statement, Sisi vowed to remain faithful to the interest of the people of the country. As **Egypt has battled a deep economic crisis** with the help of billions in overseas loans and investments, he pledged to build a modern and democratic state.

National Fame Awards 2024

- **Dr. Karthik Kommuri** is renowned for his exceptional patient care and commitment to contemporary practice in orthodontics and dentistry.
- He is known for his unwavering dedication to patient well-being, pursuit of excellence, and creating brighter smiles.

DR. KARTHIK KOMMURI
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- In recognition of his efforts, Dr. Kommuri was felicitated with the Distinguished Overseas **Dental Specialist** (Orthodontics and Orofacial Pain) title at the National Fame Awards 2024, held at The Club in Mumbai.
- The National Fame Awards, an initiative by Brands Impact, **aim to recognize exceptional individuals** and organizations that have achieved fame and nationwide popularity.
- The awards celebrate inspiring achievements and positive impact in various fields.
- He is a fervent advocate for **health promotion and actively participates** in community outreach programs, educating individuals about the importance of oral hygiene and preventive care.

SCO Security Council Meeting

- The **19th annual meeting** of the secretaries of the security councils of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** member states was held in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- The Indian delegation was led by the **National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval**. He also met Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, the current Chairman of SCO.



- **President Tokayev** advocated adopting a Cooperation Programme to counter terrorism, separatism, and extremism for 2025-2027 and the **SCO Anti-Drug Strategy** for 2024-2029.
- He mentioned that countering **“three evil forces”** – terrorism, separatism and extremism – along with transnational organised crime, drug trafficking and cybersecurity challenges remain priorities during Kazakhstan’s chairmanship in the SCO.
- **NSA Ajit Doval** strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Moscow, Russia, and highlighted the threat of terrorism in the region. He suggested various ways to improve the security situation of the nations.
- On Afghanistan, Doval said **India has legitimate security and economic interests**. He expressed deep concern over the security situation and called upon the SCO to provide humanitarian assistance, combat terrorism, and ensure the formation of an inclusive and representative government.
- Doval mentioned **India’s humanitarian steps**, including investing \$3 Billion, supplying 50,000 MT of wheat, 250 Tons of medical aid, and 40,000 litres of

Malathion pesticide to fight the locust menace in Afghanistan. However, India does not recognize the present Taliban government in Afghanistan.

- About the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) : **Established on June 15, 2001**, replacing the Shanghai Five organisation.
- **Founding members:** China, Kazakhstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.
- 9 permanent members: China, Russia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, India (joined in 2017), Pakistan (joined in 2017), and Iran (joined in 2023).
- 3 observer members: Afghanistan, Belarus, and Mongolia.
- Headquarters: Beijing, China
- Current Chairman: Kazakhstan

WTT Feeder Varazdin 2024 Event

- In Table Tennis, the **WTT Feeder Varazdin 2024** event is set to begin in Croatia.
- The competition will **feature prominent Indian players** such as Sathiyam Gnanasekaran and Manika Batra, among others.



- Along with Sathiyam, Payas Jain, Harmeet Desai and Snehit Suravajjula will compete in the round of 64 of the Men's singles event, while in women's singles, Reeth Tennison and Yashaswini Ghorpade will represent India in the round of 64.
- In Mixed Doubles, star duo of Manika Batra and Sathiyam Gnanasekaran will mark their presence in the Pre-quarters, while in Men's Doubles, the pair of Payas Jain and Harmeet Desai will participate in the round of 16.

NATO Celebrates 75 Years Of Collective Defense

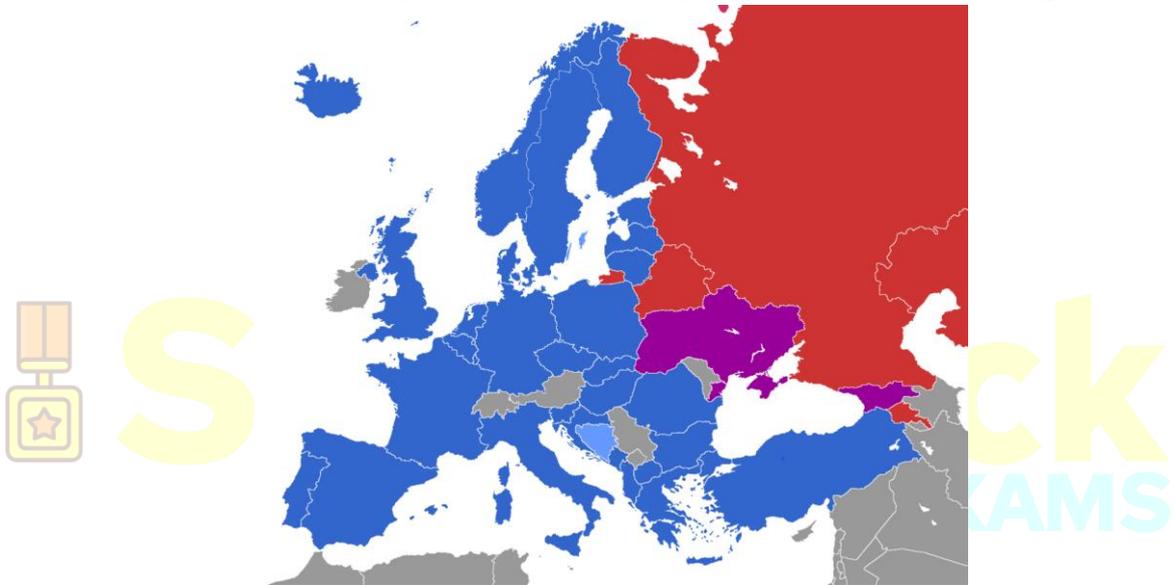
- **NATO is celebrating 75 years of collective** defense across Europe and North America today. At a cake-cutting ceremony in Brussels, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and his counterparts will mark the moment the alliance's founding treaty was signed on April 4, 1949, in Washington.
- A bigger celebration is planned when **NATO leaders meet in Washington** from July 9 to 11.



- The alliance's ranks have almost tripled over more than seven decades from its **12 founding members**.
- That promise – **Article 5 of the Washington Treaty**, which has been shipped to Brussels for the ceremony – stipulates that an attack on any one of their number must be met with a united response.



- It's only ever been used once, after the **Al-Qaeda attacks on U.S. soil in 2001**.
- NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said on the eve of the anniversary that the NATO was founded on a single, solemn promise: An attack on one ally is an attack on all.
- Blinken described **NATO as a defensive alliance** with no designs on the territory of any other country, but with a determination to protect the territory of each of its members and to do it in a way that has been unique in human history."
- At the other end of the scale lies the operation in Afghanistan. NATO took command of the **security effort in 2003** and it became the longest, costliest and deadliest in alliance history. It was marked by a chaotic retreat in August 2021.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Established In

- A. 2000
- B. 2001
- C. 2002
- D. 2003

ANSWER: B

2. Dr. Karthik Kommuri Seen In News Is

- A. Teacher
- B. Doctor
- C. Scientist
- D. Athlete

ANSWER: B

3. CAR-T Cell Therapy Is Used To Treat

- A. Cancer
- B. TB
- C. Malaria
- D. Dengue

ANSWER: A

4. Lumpy Skin Disease Is Mostly Occurred In Which Species/Group

- A. Cattle
- B. Fish
- C. Wild cat
- D. Birds

ANSWER: A

5. 'NICES Programme', Is Operated By Which Organization

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. IEA
- D. SEBI

ANSWER: A

6. Who Clinched 2024 Miami Open Men's Doubles Title At The Hard Rock Stadium In Florida, USA

- A. Carlos Alcaraz and Sinner Jannik
- B. Daniil Medvedev and C. Norrie
- C. Ivan Dodig and Austin Krajicek
- D. Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden

ANSWER: D

7. Antiretroviral Therapy Initiative Is Related To Which Disease

- A. Dengue
- B. HIV/AIDS
- C. Tuberculosis
- D. Malaria

ANSWER: B

8. Who Has Become Sole Indian Weightlifter Who Qualified For The Paris Olympics 2024

- A. Mirabai Chanu
- B. Kunjarani Devi
- C. Gurdeep Singh
- D. Karnam Malleswari

ANSWER: A

9. Shigmo Festival Is Celebrated In Which State

- A. Karnataka
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Odisha
- D. Goa

ANSWER: D

10. Who Won 56th National Kho Kho Championship 2023-24

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Madhya Pradesh

ANSWER: C

11. Deanna Syme Tewari, Who Recently Passed Away, Was Associated With Which Sports

- A. Long Jump
- B. Boxing
- C. Wrestling
- D. Hockey

ANSWER: A

12. Recently, An Anti Dumping Probe Has Been Initiated On 'Insoluble Sulphur' Imports From Which Countries

- A. France and Germany
- B. China and Japan
- C. Russia and UK
- D. Japan and France

ANSWER: B

13. Sanjhi Craft, Recently Got A GI Tag, Belongs To Which State

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: A

14. Who Has Taken Over As President Of Industry Body ASSOCHAM For 2024-25

- A. Vineet Agarwal
- B. Sanjay Nayar
- C. Deepak Sood
- D. Sunil Kanoria

ANSWER: B

15. OptiDrop A Microfluidic Chip Based Platform, Recently Developed By Which Organization

- A. Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP), Bengaluru
- B. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai
- C. Central Scientific Industrial Organisation, Chandigarh
- D. National environmental engineering research institute, Nagpur

ANSWER: A

16. Bhojshala Complex Is Situated In Which State

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Himachal Pradesh

ANSWER: A

17. Which Region Of West Bengal Was Recently Struck By A Devastating Tornado

- A. Mainaguri
- B. Siliguri
- C. Darjeeling
- D. Kolkata

ANSWER: A

18. What Is Kallakkadal Recently Seen In News

- A. Coastal Flooding Caused By Swell Waves
- B. A Loosely Defined Region In The Western Part Of North Atlantic Ocean
- C. It Is Traditional Fishing Technique In South India
- D. Newly Discovered Asteroids

ANSWER: A

19. Which Organization Collaborated With Tamil Nadu State Forest Department For Successful Radio Collaring Of Nilgiri Tahr In Mukurthi National Park

- A. World Health Organization (WHO)
- B. World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
- C. Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)
- D. United Nations Environment program (UNEP)

ANSWER: B

20. What Is 'Bridge Fuel'

- A. Natural gas
- B. Coal
- C. Wind energy
- D. Solar energy

ANSWER: A

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