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Indian Pharmaceutical Congress

- **Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy** has said the support of the pharma industry is essential for achieving the Viksit Bharat goals of the country. Addressing the **73rd meeting of the Indian Pharmaceutical Congress in Hyderabad**, he said the country is the **fifth largest economy** in the world and the goal is to grow into a 5 trillion-dollar economy.



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi aimed to make the country **the third-largest economy by 2027**. He said **pharmaceutical products are the fifth largest** commodity in exports, and the country exported them worth 1 lakh 83 thousand crore rupees last year.
- Stating that Indian pharmaceutical products are the best in the country, he recalled that the country developed a vaccine and gave it to the world during the COVID pandemic.



Polaris Dawn Mission

- **SpaceX plans to launch Polaris Dawn**, a commercial space project that is coming up soon. It is a big step forward for civilian space travel because it has the first private **extravehicular activity, or “spacewalk,”** and its crew is made **up of only civilians.**



- Polaris Dawn is funded in large part by **U.S. billionaire Jared Isaacman**, who is a key figure in both missions.
- Polaris Dawn wants to reach several important goals. One of the most important ones is doing the **first private spacewalk.**



- The mission will also focus on **scientific study** that is important for human health in space. This will include experiments that will be done in conditions of low gravity.
- Another new technology that is being tried is **adding Starlink WiFi to their spacecraft.** This could make it easier for future space missions to communicate.
- **SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule**, which has been used before for crewed spaceflight, is the craft chosen for this trip.

- Jared Isaacman is one of the four team members that Polaris Dawn will take into space. The mission aims to reach a high **orbit about 700 kilometers above Earth.**
- This will be the **highest-altitude flight** with people on board since the Apollo moon trip. The crew should spend about five days in orbit around Earth, which will give them plenty of time to do the planned tests and the spacewalk.
- The **Polaris Dawn mission could have a big impact** on future policy and progress in international space exploration by making it easier for civilians to go into space and trying new technologies.

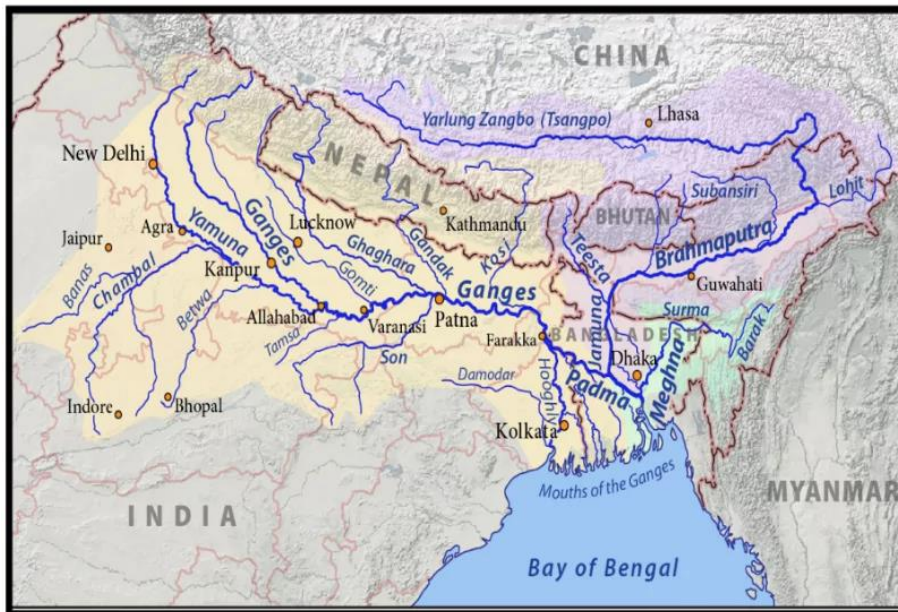


Ganga Waters Treaty

- **Ganga Waters Treaty**, which **India and Bangladesh signed in 1996**, will be discussed again. This pact, which is mostly about the **fair sharing of water** from the Ganga River, which both countries share, needs to be renewed in 2026.



- It makes sure that everyone gets an **equal share of the water and stops one country from taking it during dry seasons**. The deal is meant to end disagreements by ensuring a certain flow of water to Bangladesh during times when drought is likely to happen.



- A joint committee was set up to keep an eye on how the water is distributed and check the flow rates at **the Farakka Barrage**, which is close to their border.
- This group is in charge of making sure that the deal is followed and settling any disagreements that come up.
- **Ganga Waters Treaty** is a rare example of long-term river water-sharing cooperation in South Asia. It encourages the two countries to work together in the future, even though it has been criticized and faced problems.

Mica Mines Declared Child Labour-Free

- **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)** declared the mica mines of Jharkhand 'child labour-free' at an event in **Koderma, Jharkhand**.
- In India, **working children up to 14 years of age** are classified as child labour. **Mica, a shimmery, translucent mineral**, is used in various industries including cosmetics, electronics, automobiles, and construction.
- It is abundant in the **Koderma and Giridih districts of Jharkhand**. Koderma was once known as the **Mica capital of India, the Abkrah Nagari**.



- **Mica mining was once a booming industry** in the area, making India the largest exporter of Mica globally. However, the Forest Conservation Act of 1980 banned mining in forest areas without central government permission, leading to illegal mining operations.
- **Poor families often involved** their children in collecting mica (locally known as dhibra) to earn extra income. At one point, **around 20,000 children** were employed in this work. child labour-free mica initiative was launched 20 years ago, involving the state government, district administration, village panchayats, civil society, and the central government.



- **NCPCR later joined the initiative.** The campaign identified child labourers who were out of school, removed them from mining activities, and enrolled them in schools. Efforts were made to ensure children remained in school and did not return to mining.
- **Established In 2007 Under The Commission For Protection Of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005**

- **Under Administrative Control Of Union Ministry Of Women And Child Development**
- **Safeguards Children's Rights** As Per The Constitution And Other Laws, Ensures Rights Provided By The Right To Education Act, 2009, And POCSO Act 2012

FATF Presidency

- **Elisa de Anda Madrazo of Mexico** has assumed the presidency of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for a **two-year term** from July 2024 to June 2026. This transition marks a significant moment for the **global financial watchdog**, as Madrazo brings a fresh perspective aimed at strengthening efforts to combat financial crimes and terrorism financing.

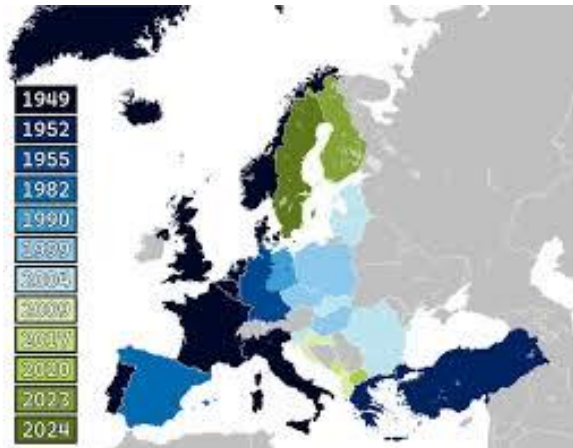


NATO Summit

- **NATO summit**, hosted by President Joe Biden in Washington, DC from July 9 to 11, marks a pivotal moment for the alliance. It will **include Sweden** as a new member, highlighting NATO's expansion and unity amidst global challenges.



- **Biden aims to strengthen support** for Ukraine, with announcements expected to bolster military, political, and financial aid. The summit, commemorating **NATO's 75th anniversary**, underscores its role in Euro-Atlantic security and collective defense against evolving threats.



Avinash Sable

- **India's Avinash Sable Set A New National Record In The 3000m Steeplechase At The Paris Diamond League In France.** Sable Finished Sixth At The Event With A Timing Of 8:09.91 (8 Minutes, 9 Seconds, And 91 Hundredths Of A Second). However, The Race Was Won By Abrahm Sime Of Ethiopia With A Personal Best Of 8:02.36.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. In Which Year NATO Was Formed

- A. 1949
- B. 1959
- C. 1969
- D. 1979

ANSWER: A

2. Ganga Waters Treaty Signed In

- A. 1992
- B. 1994
- C. 1996
- D. 1998

ANSWER: C

3. Which Company Has Partnered With Indian Olympic Association As Official Principal Partner For Four Years

- A. HPCL
- B. BPCL
- C. IOCL
- D. ONGC

ANSWER: B

4. Kaziranga National Park, Is Located In Which State

- A. Nagaland
- B. Manipur
- C. West Bengal
- D. Assam

ANSWER: D

5. Krishna Raja Sagara Dam, Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: B

6. National Commission For Protection Of Child Rights Declared The Mica Mines Of Which State Child-labor-free

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Odisha
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: B

7. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi 15th Chief Justice Of Which High Court

- A. Bombay
- B. Lucknow
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Patna

ANSWER: C

8. Primary Function Of ' Groynes'

- A. To trap sediment and prevent longshore drift
- B. To create artificial reefs for marine life
- C. To facilitate beach nourishment through sand recycling
- D. None of the Above

ANSWER: A

9. Which Ministry Has Recently Launched Project Pari

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Culture
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Agriculture

ANSWER: B

10. Where Was Asian Squash Doubles Championship 2024 Held

- A. Medan, Indonesia
- B. New Delhi, India
- C. Johor, Malaysia
- D. Kolkata, India

ANSWER: C

11. Gandaki River, Is A Left Bank Tributary Of Which River

- A. Kaveri River
- B. Ganges River
- C. Narmada River
- D. Brahmaputra River

ANSWER: B

12. Right To Repair Portal Was Launched By Which Ministry

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Science and Technology
- C. Ministry of Power
- D. Ministry of Consumer Affairs

ANSWER:D

13. What Is Copernicus Programme

- A. A new cybersecurity programme
- B. It is European Union's Earth Observation Programme
- C. It is a programme to observing wildlife migration patterns
- D. New Educational programme

ANSWER: B

14. Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary, Recently Seen In Due To Sighting Of Brown Palm Civet, Is Located In Which State

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Kerala
- D. West Bengal

ANSWER: B

15. Which Country Hosts 46th Session Of UNESCO World Heritage Committee

- A. Australia
- B. France
- C. India
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

16. Which State Has Designed The Country's First 'Inclusive Sports Manual' For Differently Abled To Promote Sports Talents

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

ANSWER: C

17. Zika Virus Disease, Is A Mosquito Borne Disease Transmitted By

- A. Anopheles mosquitoes
- B. Culex mosquitoes
- C. Aedes mosquitoes
- D. None of the Above

ANSWER: C

18. GOI Signed Loan Agreement With Which Institution To Strengthen India's Health System Preparedness To Future Pandemics

- A. Asian Development Bank
- B. World Bank
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. State Bank of India

ANSWER: A

19. Typhon Weapons System, Developed By Which Country

- A. Russia
- B. France
- C. USA
- D. Germany

ANSWER: C

20. Jatiya Sangsad Is The Parliament Of Which Among The Following Countries

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. India

ANSWER: C