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India's First Nammo Bharat Rapid Rail

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called the **current era as the golden period for India**. He said the country is witnessing its **Amrit Kal** and aiming to make India a developed nation in the next 25 years.
- PM was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the various developmental projects worth over **8 thousand crore rupees at GMDC ground in Ahmedabad**.



- He also virtually flagged off the **Country's first Nammo Bharat Rapid Rail** between **Ahmedabad and Bhuj** and six other Vande Bharat Trains. Indian Railways has revolutionized the notion of metro travel by introducing Nammo Bharat Rapid Rail.
- **By connecting metropolitan centers** with surrounding areas, the Nammo Bharat Rapid Rail will span inter-city destinations, unlike traditional metros that run between urban stations.
- Unlike urban metro services, it serves a wider range of travel needs. With seating for **1,150 people**, the train can accommodate up to 2,058 standing passengers. The train offers air-conditioned coaches and sofas with cushions for seating.



NAMO BHARAT RAPID RAIL:

NPS-Vatsalya Scheme

- In pursuance of the announcement in the **Union Budget 2024-25**, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will launch the **NPS-Vatsalya scheme** on September 18 in New Delhi.
- Finance Ministry said that during the event, Ms Sitharaman will also launch an **online platform for subscribing to NPS Vatsalya**, release of scheme brochure, and distribute **Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN)** cards to new minor subscribers.



- NPS Vatsalya scheme will allow parents to save for their children's future by investing in a pension account and ensuring long-term wealth with the power of compounding.
- The scheme offers flexible contributions and investment options, allowing parents to invest Rs. 1,000 annually in the name of the child.

BHASKAR Platform For Startups

- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal launched the **Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry-BHASKAR** in New Delhi.
- BHASKAR is an interactive **online platform** that will centralise, streamline, and enhance collaboration among key stakeholders within the entrepreneurial ecosystem, including startups, investors, mentors, service providers, and regulatory bodies.



- Mr Goyal called on **entrepreneurs and other stakeholders** to make India a global hub in the startup ecosystem.
- Bhaskar will help **startups to connect**, collaborate and compete with each other.
- The Minister added that this platform will bring hope, aspirations and success to kickstart an ambitious revolution in this sector. Secretary of the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** Amardeep Singh Bhatia also urged all to contribute their ideas to make BHASKAR a stronger platform that will push the startup movement in the country.



COP9 Bureau & Fund Approval Committee

- India will host the **2nd Formal Meeting of the COP9 Bureau** and the 3rd Formal Meeting of the Fund Approval Committee under the **UNESCO International Convention** against Doping in Sport in **New Delhi**.
- **As Vice-Chairperson of the COP9 Bureau**, India has taken the lead in organizing the two-day high-level gatherings, which will bring together key decision-makers and dignitaries from across the world.



- **Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry** said, the meetings will serve as a vital platform for countries and international organizations to deliberate on key issues concerning **anti-doping, the development of fair sports practices**, and global collaboration in upholding the principles of integrity in sport.
- The meetings **will see participation from distinguished delegates** representing countries such as France, Italy, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Barbados, Singapore, Netherlands, Türkiye, UAE, and Zambia.

RE-INVEST Global Meet 2024

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi reaffirmed** India's commitment to achieving **green development and net-zero targets**.
- He was addressing gathering after inaugurating the **fourth RE Invest Global Renewable Energy Meet**.



- Prime Minister Modi also dedicated to the nation the **PM Suryaghar Muft Bijali Yojana** at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar.
- Prime Minister said that, despite being a developing country, India has achieved its climate **commitments set in Paris nine years ahead of the target**. India has made its **green transition a people's movement**.
- PM Suryaghar Muft Bijali Yojana, every home in India is set to become a **power producer**. Over **One crore people** have registered for the PM Suryaghar Muft Bijali Yojana and solar rooftops have been installed more than **3 lakh houses** under the scheme.



- He also stressed on the ample job and skill opportunities lying in the renewable energy sector for youths. Mr. Modi said that the pro-climate principle is a core part of India's commitment, which includes promoting **Mission LIFE** and a **circular economy approach**.

- He also unveiled the plans of his **government to develop 17 cities** in the country as Solar cities.
- Prime Minister also highlighted his government's achievements in various clean energy production areas, **including green hydrogen, over the past 10 years.**
- Prime Minister urged all the stakeholders and global representatives to invest in India's ever emerging green energy sector. India has **recorded 86 percent growth** in the renewable energy sector.
- **4th RE-INVEST Global Renewable Energy Meet & Expo** has been organized by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- The meet will highlight India's impressive progress in renewable energy manufacturing and deployment. The three-day event will feature over 40 sessions and specialised discussions on innovative financing, green hydrogen, and future energy solutions.
- **Around 10,000 delegates from 140 countries** are taking part in the event. Earlier today, the Prime Minister interacted with the beneficiaries of PM Suryghar Muft Bijali Yojana in Gandhinagar.

8th India Water Week 2024

- **8th India Water Week 2024** will start in New Delhi. President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the **event at Bharat Mandapam.**
- During the four-day event, around **four thousand delegates** including two hundred foreign delegates from **40 countries** will participate.
- More than **one hundred exhibitors** and startups will showcase their ideas in the water sector during the exhibition.



- **Good water management** will accelerate the economic growth of the country. She said, the event will serve as a global platform to elicit ideas and opinions from global-level decision-makers, researchers, experts, innovators and stakeholders in the field of water resources from across the world.
- Ms Mukherjee said, the theme of this event is – Partnership and cooperation for inclusive water development and management.

World Skills 2024

- India Has **Won 16 Medals And Medallions Of Excellence** At World Skills 2024 In Lyon, France. Accolades Include **Four Bronze** In Patisserie And Confectionery, Industry 4.0, Hotel Reception And Renewable Energy. In Addition To That The Indian Delegation Earned 12 Medallions Of Excellence, A Testament To Their Exceptional Skills And Consistent Performance Across Various Trades.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which Country Became A New Member Of The BRICS New Development Bank

- A. Algeria
- B. Peru
- C. Singapore
- D. Cambodia

ANSWER: A

2. Which Ministry Recently Launched The “Jan Sunwai Portal”

- A. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- B. Ministry of Power
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Defence

ANSWER: B

3. Which State's T.G. English School Won 63rd Subroto Cup Junior Boys Title

- A. Meghalaya
- B. Assam
- C. Manipur
- D. Tripura

ANSWER: C

4. Who Has Been Appointed As India's Ambassador To Iceland

- A. R. Rajendra
- B. R. Raghunath
- C. R. Ravindra
- D. R. Ramachandran

ANSWER: C

5. New Name Of Port Blair Announced By The Home Minister Of India

- A. Sri Chandra Puram
- B. Sri Vijay Nagar
- C. Sri Vijaya Puram
- D. Sri Chola Boomi

ANSWER: C

6. Where Was India's First Teal Carbon Study Conducted

- A. Keoladeo National Park
- B. Sundarbans National Park
- C. Jim Corbett National Park
- D. Kaziranga National Park

ANSWER: A

7. Which Company Launched Firefly Video Model For AI-generated Video Creation In Premiere Pro

- A. Microsoft
- B. Google
- C. Adobe
- D. Apple

ANSWER: D

8. Which City's Metro Railway Has Launched 'Tourist Smart Cards'

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

ANSWER: C

9. In Which Continent WHO Granted Approval For First Mpox Vaccine For Adults

- A. Asia
- B. Africa
- C. Europe
- D. South America

ANSWER: B

10. What Is The Global Ranking Of Delhi Airport Among Megahubs

- A. 14th
- B. 34th
- C. 24th
- D. 44th

ANSWER: C

11. In Which State Did PMs Inaugurate RE-INVEST 2024 Event Focusing On Renewable Energy

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: D

12. Where Was The BRICS Literature Forum 2024 Held

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

ANSWER: B

13. Which Company Tops The TIME World's Best Companies Of 2024 List With An Overall Score Of 97.75

- A. Microsoft
- B. Accenture
- C. Amazon
- D. Apple

ANSWER: D

14. Where Was The “National Conference Of District Judiciary” Held

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

ANSWER: D

15. Valley Fever, Is Caused By Which Pathogen

- A. Bacteria
- B. Virus
- C. Fungus
- D. Protozoa

ANSWER: C

16. Guanabara Bay, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Brazil
- B. Malaysia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. India

ANSWER: A

17. Madeira River, Forms The Border Between Which Two South American Countries

- A. Ecuador and Colombia
- B. Bolivia and Brazil
- C. Chile and Peru
- D. Argentina and Uruguay

ANSWER: B

18. Poltava City, Is Located In Which Country

- A. China
- B. Ukraine
- C. Japan
- D. Israel

ANSWER: B

19. What Is 'Kawasaki Disease'

- A. Rare heart disease
- B. Plant disease
- C. Fungal disease
- D. Eye disorder

ANSWER: C

20. Which Ministry Organized A Dialogue On Theme "Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Action"

- A. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- C. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology

ANSWER: A