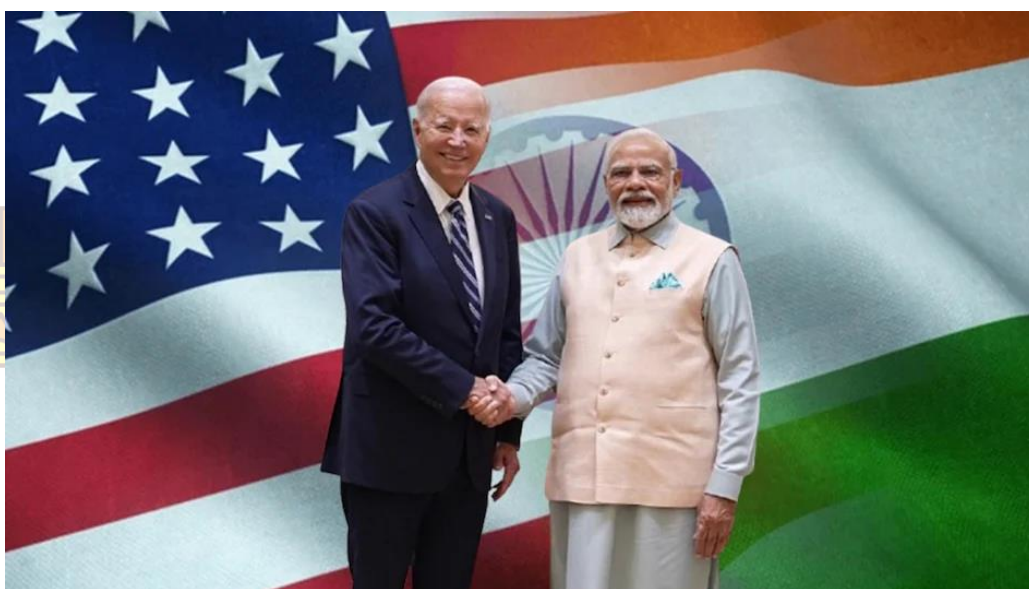


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Fourth Quad Leaders' Summit In US

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a visit to the **US from 21st to 23rd September**. He will take part in the fourth Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware, on 21st September.
- Following the request by the US to host this year's Summit, India has agreed to host the **next Quad Summit in 2025**.



- External Affairs Ministry said, the leaders at the summit will review the progress achieved by the Quad over the last one year. They will set the agenda for the year ahead to assist the countries of the Indo-Pacific region in meeting their development goals and aspirations.
- Mr. Modi will address the '**Summit of the Future**' at the UN General Assembly in New York on the 23rd of September. The theme of the summit is '**Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow**'.
- A large number of global leaders are expected to participate in the summit. On the sidelines of the summit, Prime Minister Modi will also hold bilateral meetings with various world leaders and discuss issues of mutual interest.



- The Prime Minister will address a gathering of the Indian community in New York. He would also be **interacting with CEOs of leading US-based companies** to foster greater collaborations between the two countries in the cutting-edge areas of AI, quantum computing, semiconductors, and biotechnology.
- The Prime Minister is also expected to interact with thought leaders and other stakeholders active in the India-US bilateral landscape.

‘Exercise AIKYA’

- A two-day national symposium of the **National Disaster Management Authority** and the **Army Southern Command** entitled **Exercise AIKYA** will begin in Chennai.
- Primary aim of the exercise is to **enhance disaster preparedness** and foster robust collaboration among key stakeholders. The exercise will feature simulations, technology discussions and expert insights into various roles of disaster management.



- **Representatives from Railways, transport, civil aviation**, health, environment and climate change departments State and National disaster management authorities and the Indian army will be present.
- IMD officials, National Remote sensing centres, the Central Water Commission and the Forest Survey of India will also participate in the symposium.
- **Contemporary issues like tsunamis**, landslides, floods, forest fires cyclones and recent disasters will be reviewed and ways to prevent such a challenging situation will be discussed. The symposium will also have a knowledge exchange, capacity building and strategic planning on Exercise Aikya.

India Leads In Milk Production

- Minister For Fisheries, Animal Husbandry And Dairying Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan) Singh Has Said That **India Leads The World In Milk Production With A Significant 57.62 Per Cent Growth In The Past Nine Years.**
- Addressing The Media On 100 Days Of The Third Term Modi Government, Mr Singh Said, The Nation's Agriculture Sector Is Also A Major Economic Contributor With Farmers Holding A Substantial Stake.



- India Has Secured The **Second Spot Globally In Fish Production**, A Record Achievement Following A Substantial Investment Of **38 Thousand 572 Crore Rupees** In Various Schemes Such As The Blue Revolution, Fisheries And Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund And Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.

- Mr Singh Said, In 2013-14, The Production Was Over **95 Lakh Tonne** And It Increased To Over **175 Lakh Tonne In 2022-23**, Which Is A Growth Of 83 Per Cent.
- Mr Singh Said, With A **Farsighted Vision**, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** Took The Decision To Establish The Ministry Of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry And Dairying To Lay Emphasis On The Activities Related To The Sectors.

GFRS 2024

- **Health Minister JP Nadda** underscored the importance of food safety on the global stage. He emphasized that food safety must be **given priority to ensure the health and well-being** of global populations.
- He said this while **unveiling the logo and brochures** for the second edition Global Food Regulators Summit (GFRS 2.0) in New Delhi.



- **Food Safety and Standards Authority** of India will organize the Summit from the 19th to the 21st of this month in the national capital.
- The Minister stressed the need for continuous adaptation in the food safety and regulatory landscape to address emerging hazards, technological advancements, and shifting consumer demands.
- The **highlight of the summit** will be the launch of several innovations like a dedicated website for **Food Import Rejection Alerts (FIRA)** and **Food Import Clearance System 2.0 (FICS 2.0)** FIRA is designed to share information of food import rejections at Indian borders.

Angkor Wat Photogenic UNESCO World Heritage Site

- **Cambodia's Angkor Wat** has been recognized as the most **photogenic UNESCO World Heritage site** in Asia by Times Travel, as announced by Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet.
- Located in the **Angkor Archaeological Park** in Siem Reap province, Angkor Wat is a prominent temple within a 401-square-kilometre park featuring 91 ancient temples built between the 9th and 13th centuries.
- It is Cambodia's most visited tourist destination, **drawing 651,857 international visitors in the first eight months** of 2024, reflecting a 30.7% increase from the previous year.
- Revenue from ticket sales for this period reached \$30.3 million, marking a 31% year-on-year rise.



- The list includes notable landmarks such as:
- India: Taj Mahal and Hampi
- China: Great Wall
- Myanmar: Ancient city of Bagan
- Indonesia: Borobudur
- Vietnam: Ha Long Bay
- Japan: Historic Monuments of Kyoto
- Jordan: Petra
- Philippines: Rice Terraces of the Cordilleras

India Set To Launch Carbon Market By 2026

- India is preparing to create a **carbon market through the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS)**, first announced in June 2023.
- This plan is designed to help reduce harmful emissions in different industries. Under this scheme, **sectors that manage to reduce** their emissions more than required can sell carbon credits to those that cannot meet their targets.
- Those who fall short of their goals must buy these credits to offset their emissions.



- The CCTS is a system that encourages companies to either reduce or limit their emissions. It is part of **India's commitment to the Paris Agreement of 2016**, where the country promised to cut its emissions intensity (the amount of emissions per unit of GDP) by 45% from 2005 levels by 2030.
- This means that India is working to produce less pollution while growing its economy.



- **Apart from the 2030 target**, India also has a long-term goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.
- This means that by 2070, India aims to balance the amount of greenhouse gases it emits with the amount it removes from the atmosphere.
- This is important both for global climate efforts and for managing the impact of climate change within India.
- **India's decision to introduce the CCTS** is partly influenced by international actions, such as the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). **Set to start in 2026, the CBAM** will place a tax on imported goods based on how much pollution was created during their production.
- Countries like China and Indonesia have also created carbon markets, which likely encouraged India to pursue similar strategies.

Earth Welcomes Temporary 'Mini-Moon' 2024

- From September 29 to November 25, 2024, Earth will have a temporary companion called **asteroid 2024 PT5**.
- This asteroid will orbit around our planet for two months, acting like a mini-moon. However, it will not be visible to the naked eye or even most amateur telescopes because it is too faint.
- **A mini-moon is a small asteroid** that gets temporarily caught by Earth's gravity. Unlike our permanent Moon, these mini-moons stay for a short period and then move away.



- **Asteroid 2024 PT5**, which is about 10 meters (33 feet) in size, will be one of these mini-moons, briefly orbiting alongside our Moon during its time near Earth.
- **Asteroid 2024 PT5 was first spotted** by NASA's ATLAS program on August 7, 2024. Its path is similar to other asteroids from the Arjuna asteroid belt. Instead of making a complete orbit around Earth, it will follow a horseshoe-shaped path before breaking free from Earth's gravity and continuing its journey in space.
- This **mini-moon gives scientists a chance** to learn more about how near-Earth objects behave when they come close to our planet. By studying how asteroid 2024 PT5 interacts with Earth's gravity, astronomers can improve their ability to predict the paths of other asteroids in the future.

Men's Asian Champions Trophy

- In Hockey, India lifted the **Men's Asian Champions Trophy** for a record fifth time after defeating the hosts China 1-Nil at Hulunbuir this evening. In a high-intensity clash, **India's Jugraj Singh** slotted home the only goal of the game in the fourth quarter. Team India, who were the defending champions, are the most successful team in the **competition with five titles**. The Men in Blue were playing in their sixth Asian Champions Trophy hockey final from the eight editions held so far. China made their maiden appearance in the final.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What Is Primary Responsibility Of United Nations Security Council

- A. Environmental protection
- B. Economic development
- C. Maintenance of international peace and security
- D. None of the Above

ANSWER: C

2. Where Was “India Bio Energy & Tech Expo 2024” Inaugurated

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

ANSWER: A

3. How Much Fund Has Been Approved For Digital Agriculture Mission

- A. Rs 500 Crore
- B. Rs 2,500 Crore
- C. Rs 2,817 Crore
- D. Rs 1,500 Crore

ANSWER: C

4. Galathis Bay, Is Located In Which Island Of India

- A. Majuli Island
- B. Great Nicobar Island
- C. Lakshadweep Island
- D. Pamban Island

ANSWER: B

5. What is “Financialisation”

- A. Decline In Financial Sector’s Importance In The Economy
- B. Increase In Size And Importance Of A Country’s Financial Sector Relative To Its Overall Economy
- C. Shift From Financial Activities To Traditional Industrial Activities
- D. Reduction In Influence Of Financial Institutions On Economic Policy

ANSWER: B

6. Maa Nanda Sunanda Mahotsav, Is Celebrated In Which State

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Haryana
- C. Mizoram
- D. Manipur

ANSWER: A

7. District Agro Meteorology Units, Established In Which Year

- A. 2018
- B. 2019
- C. 2020
- D. 2022

ANSWER: A

8. What Is Primary Objective Of 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana

- A. To Modernize Agriculture And Reducing The Drudgery Of Farming Operations.
- B. To Facilitate Resource Mobilization For The Micro Irrigation Expansion
- C. To Provide Social Security To Small And Marginal Farmers In Their Old Age
- D. To Disseminate Information And Knowledge To The Farming Community In Local Language

ANSWER: C

9. Kirkuk Which Was Seen In The News, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Israel
- B. Iraq
- C. Australia
- D. Greece

ANSWER: B

10. Uiam Lake Seen In The News, Is Located In Which State

- A. West Bengal
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Meghalaya

ANSWER: D

11. Where Was “Responsible Use Of Artificial Intelligence In The Military Domain” Summit

- A. Paris
- B. Seoul
- C. New Delhi
- D. London

ANSWER: B

12. Which Bank Introduced 3rd Edition Of Flagship ‘Asha Scholarship Programme’

- A. Axis Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. State Bank of India
- D. HDFC Bank

ANSWER: C

13. ‘Southern Birdwing Butterfly’, Is State Butterfly Of Which State

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Kerala
- D. Telangana

ANSWER: A

14. Palamau Tiger Reserve, Is Located In Which State

- A. Haryana
- B. Bihar
- C. Odisha
- D. Jharkhand

ANSWER: D

15. Gopalpur Port, Is Located In Which State

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Odisha
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: C

16. Subhadra Scheme Is Largest Women Centric Scheme Of Which State

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Bihar
- D. Rajasthan

ANSWER: B

17. Who Has Been Appointed As Director General, Sashastra Seema Bal

- A. Vikrant Thakur
- B. Daljit Singh Chaudhary
- C. Amrit Mohan Prasad
- D. Sachin Sinha

ANSWER: C

18. Which City Of India Hosted A Significant Dialogue Focused On Governance Of “Commons”

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

ANSWER: A

19. Which Ministry Recently Launched ‘BHASKAR Initiative’

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of Science and Technology
- C. Ministry of Communication
- D. Ministry of Power

ANSWER: A

20. ‘ Irula Tribe’, Primarily Resides In Which States

- A. Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha
- B. Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan
- C. Odisha, Jharkhand and Bihar
- D. Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka

ANSWER: D