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India Leadership Summit 2024

- **US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)** is set to host its annual '**India Leadership Summit 2024**' in New Delhi to enhance bilateral trade, supply chains, semiconductor investment, AI and next-gen technologies cooperation.
- The summit follows on the heels of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's successful recent visit to the US for the **Quad Leaders' Summit and the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)**.



- The day-long summit also aims to bolster defence ties, promote clean energy and secure a **free and open Indo-Pacific**.
- **John Chambers, Chairman of USISPF** has said that this is India's century and he is excited about the possibilities that lie ahead as we work closely with Indian leaders to build a shared and prosperous future for both nations.
- **The summit offers a vital platform to strengthen the dynamic strategic partnership** between Washington and New Delhi.
- The summit will delve into strategies **for fortifying India's manufacturing economy**, as Washington and New Delhi collaborate on rebuilding and realigning global supply chains.



“Constitution Glorification Campaign”

- Union Minister for Parliamentary and Minority Affairs, Kiren Rijiju, announced that the **75th anniversary of the Indian Constitution**, on November 26, will be commemorated with a nationwide “Constitution Glorification Campaign” in every village.



- Speaking at a press conference in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Rijiju highlighted the **government’s initiative to construct Constitution buildings** in every district. Mr. Rijiju also visited Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar’s residence and interacted with Scheduled Caste entrepreneurs.

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd

- Government has approved the upgradation of **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** to **14th Maharatna, Central Public Sector Enterprises**.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has approved the upgradation of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to Maharatna CPSE.



- It said the proposal had earlier been recommended by the **Inter-Ministerial Committee** headed by the Finance Secretary and the Apex Committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary.
- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** is a Department of Defence Production, CPSE with an annual turnover of **28 thousand 162 crore rupees** and net profit of over seven thousand **five hundred crore rupees in 2023-24**.

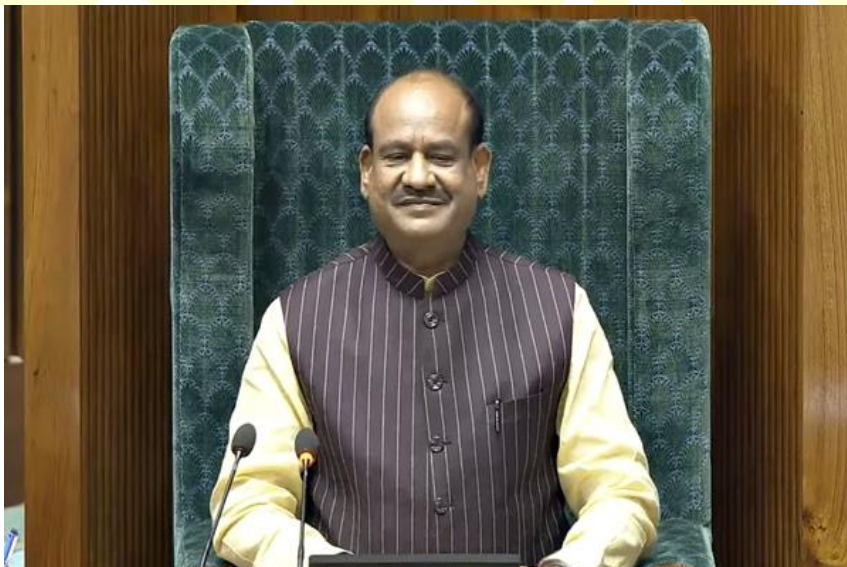
India : 3rd Largest Supplier Of Health & Nutrition

- **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** has said that Indian suppliers are the **third largest provider of organisation's health** and nutrition support to children globally.
- Indian businesses have supplied goods and services worth nearly six billion dollars to **UNICEF for its global work**.
- **UNICEF's supply division Director, Leila Pakkala**, who was on her first official visit to India, said that Indian suppliers of life-saving goods and services for children are key to UNICEF's work for children globally.
- She also mentioned that **UNICEF values these contributions** which are central to its mission of saving the lives of the most vulnerable children not only in India but around the world.



149th IPU Assembly in Geneva

- **Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla** will lead a Parliamentary delegation to 149th Assembly of the **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)** scheduled to be held in Geneva.
- Mr. Birla will address the assembly on the theme **“Harnessing science, technology and innovation for a more peaceful and sustainable future.”**

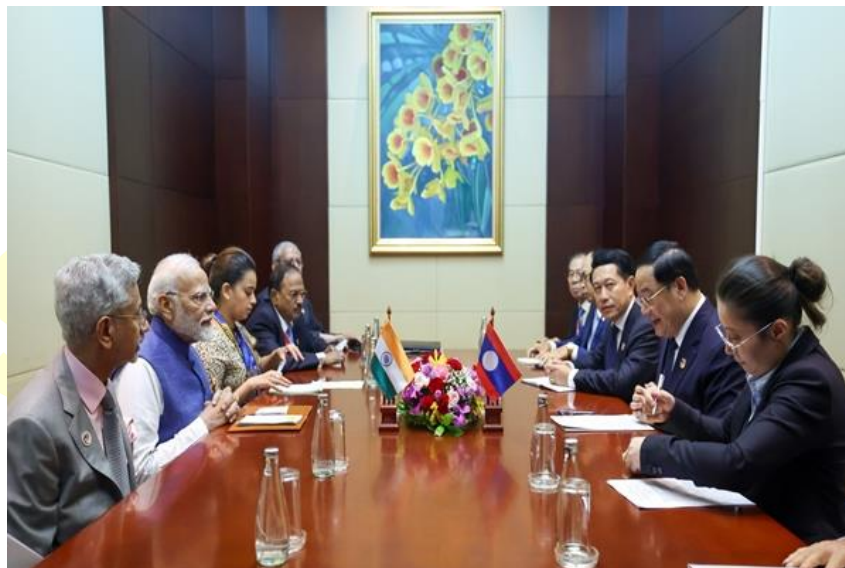


- He will participate in the meetings of the IPU’s Governing council and will meet the **Indian Diaspora in Geneva on 14th of this month.**
- The Delegation comprises of **Rajya Sabha deputy chairman Harivansh Singh**, Secretary General of both the houses and various other Member of Parliament.

- The IPU has **180 member parliaments** and **15 associate members**. Members include parliaments from large countries like China, India, and Indonesia, as well as smaller countries like Cabo Verde, San Marino, and Palau.

India And Laos

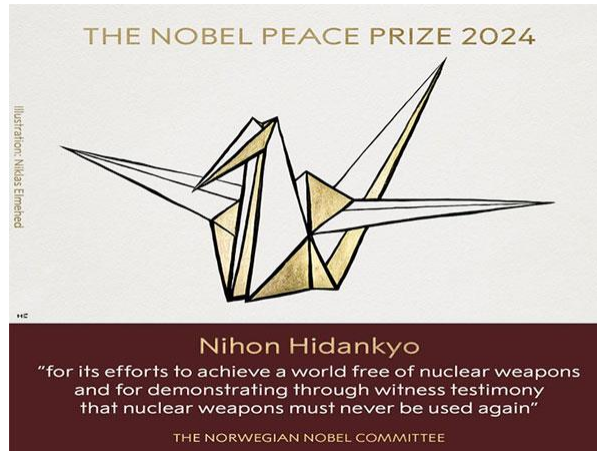
- India and Lao PDR signed **six MoUs and agreements** in the fields including defence cooperation, customs, audio-visual, and preservation of heritage.
- India has also decided to **provide one million US dollar financial assistance** to a project to improve nutrition security in Laos with food fortification through the **India-UN Development Partnership Fund**.



- The MoUs were exchanged in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Lao PDR counterpart Sonexay Siphandone in Vientiane, Lao PDR.
- Prime Minister congratulated President Sisoulith for successfully **hosting the ASEAN Summit and the East Asia Summit**.
- President Sisoulith thanked Mr. Modi for India's **humanitarian assistance** to Lao PDR in the wake of floods caused by Typhoon Yagi.

Nobel Peace Prize For Disarmament

- **Nobel Peace Prize** was awarded to **Nihon Hidankyo**, a **Japanese organization** made up of survivors of the atomic bombings, **known as the Hibakusha**.
- This prize highlights the critical role these survivors have played in raising awareness about the **devastating impact of nuclear weapons** and their ongoing work to create a world free from nuclear arms.



- During World War II, scientists discovered how to split atoms, a process called **nuclear fission**, which led to the creation of atomic bombs.
- **The United States dropped two atomic bombs** on Japan in August 1945, targeting the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
- These bombs caused massive destruction and killed tens of thousands of people instantly, with many more dying later from radiation effects.
- The bombings forced Japan to surrender, ending the war, but they also sparked a worldwide debate about the ethics of using such powerful weapons.
- **Hibakusha is the Japanese word** for survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings.
- **Many Hibakusha suffered long-term health problems** from radiation exposure, and their stories are a powerful reminder of the horrors of nuclear warfare.
- Their experiences have been essential in the **global fight for nuclear disarmament**, helping people understand the catastrophic consequences of using these weapons.



- The efforts of Nihon Hidankyo and other peace organizations have helped create what is known as the “**nuclear taboo.**” This is a widespread belief that using nuclear weapons is unacceptable. This taboo has been influential in preventing their use in conflict since World War II.
- However, this belief is being challenged as more countries develop nuclear weapons and existing nuclear powers expand their arsenals.
- **Nihon Hidankyo continues to work to strengthen** this taboo and prevent any future use of nuclear weapons.
- **Nihon Hidankyo, founded in 1956,** is a group that brings together atomic bomb survivors from across Japan. The full name of the organization translates to “**Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations.**”
- Their mission is to advocate for nuclear disarmament and protect the rights of Hibakusha.
- The group works to educate people about the dangers of nuclear war and **collects stories from survivors to preserve** their experiences.
- Nihon Hidankyo also collaborates with international peace organizations to promote a global movement against nuclear weapons.



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EXAMS

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Which Of The Following Statement About Maharatna Scheme For Central Public Sector Enterprises CPSE’s Is Not Correct**
 - A. Maharatna Scheme Was Introduced In 2010.
 - B. CPSE’s Can Be Awarded ‘Maharatna’ Status Without Having ‘Navratna’ Status.
 - C. Presently There Are 14 ‘Maharatna’ CPSE’s
 - D. Boards Of ‘Maharatna’ CPSEs Will Have Powers To Create Below Board Level Posts Up To E-9 Level.

ANSWER: B

2. **Which State's Postal Circle Released A Special Cover To Honour Ratan Tata's Contributions To Industry And Philanthropy**
 - A. Maharashtra
 - B. Gujarat
 - C. Tamilnadu
 - D. Bihar

ANSWER: D

3. Agasthyamalai Bambootail, Belongs To Which Species

- A. Damesfly
- B. Fish
- C. Spider
- D. Beetle

ANSWER: A

4. Which State Is The Host Of 38th Summer National Games

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Haryana

ANSWER: B

5. Tharu Tribe Is Mainly Found In Which States

- A. Rajasthan, Odisha, Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar
- C. Karnataka, Maharashtra, Kerala
- D. Assam, Mizoram, Nagaland

ANSWER: B

6. Which Country Developed A Hypersonic Ballistic Missile Named Kinzhal

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

ANSWER: D

7. Lunar Polar Exploration (LUPEX) Is A Joint Mission Of Which Two Space Organizations

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

ANSWER: B

8. Who Has Been Awarded Nobel Prize In Literature 2024

- A. Gabriel Garcia
- B. Alexander Pushkin
- C. Han Kang
- D. Haruki Murakami

ANSWER: C

9. Which Ministry Launched Yuva Sangam Portal

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- D. Ministry of Women and Child Development

ANSWER: B

10. What Is The Causative Agent Of Footrot Disease

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

ANSWER: A

11. What Is The Theme Of World Migratory Bird Day 2024

- A. Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird
- B. Dim the Lights for Birds at Night
- C. Protect Insects, Protect Birds
- D. Water: Sustaining Bird Life

ANSWER: C

12. Which Institution Related To Yakshagana Was Recently Accredited By The UNESCO Convention On Intangible Cultural Heritage

- A. Keremane Idagunji Mahaganapati Yakshagana Mandali
- B. Srimaya Yakshagana Kalakendra
- C. Yakshagana Gurukula
- D. Yakshagana Research Centre

ANSWER: A

13. Who Received The 'Kalaiah Krishnamurthy National Award' For Research Work On Gummy Stem Blight In Bottle Gourd

- A. SS Dey
- B. Dhananjaya M.V.
- C. Asima Chatterjee
- D. Jayant Deshmukh

ANSWER: B

14. Which Organization Launched "Global Strategic Preparedness, Readiness And Response Plan

- A. World Bank
- B. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- C. International Labour Organization (ILO)
- D. World Health Organization (WHO)

ANSWER: D

15. Chincholi Wildlife Sanctuary, Seen In News, Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: B

16. Claudia Sheinbaum Took Oath As First Female President Of Which Country

- A. Bahamas
- B. Mexico
- C. Vietnam
- D. Jamaica

ANSWER: B

17. Oakhurst Rock Shelter, Recently In News Due To Discovery Of Ancient Genomes, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Ethiopia
- B. Seychelles
- C. South Africa
- D. Democratic Republic of the Congo

ANSWER: C

18. Where Was India's Maritime Decarbonization Conference Held

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

ANSWER: B

19. Bodo Napham And Bodo Ondla, Which Have Received The Geographical Indications Tag, Are From Which State

- A. Mizoram
- B. Assam
- C. Odisha
- D. Jharkhand

ANSWER: B

20. Which Buddhist Monk Converted Milinda (Indo-greek King) To Buddhism

- A. Nagasena
- B. Gautam Budha
- C. Shakyamuni
- D. Mahadharmaraksita

ANSWER: A