

# Daily Current Affairs

## 23 October 2024

### BRICS Summit In Kazan

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold bilateral talks **with Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines** of the BRICS summit in Kazan, Russia. The meeting assumes significance in the backdrop of the two countries arriving at an **agreement on patrolling arrangements** in areas along the Line of Actual Control.
- The meeting between Prime Minister Modi and Chinese President will be the first structured meeting in last five years. Mr. Modi will also address BRICS sessions.



- Mr. Modi also held bilateral talks with **Presidents of Russia and Iran** wherein he stressed the need for peaceful resolution of issues and said that war does not bring solutions. In his meeting with Mr. Putin, Mr. Modi asserted that India is ready to assist in bringing a **peaceful resolution to the Russia – Ukraine conflict**.
- **Mr. Modi and Iran President Masoud Pezeshkian** also met on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit and discussed the situation in West Asia.
- Modi also reaffirmed India's commitment to deepening the age-old bilateral ties with Iran. Two leaders also held discussions on key areas of cooperation

including on the **Chabahar Port and the International North-South Transport Corridor**.

## India Pakistan Extend Agreement

- **India and Pakistan have agreed to extend** the validity of the Agreement on Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor for a further **period of five years**. The Agreement was signed on **24th of October 2019** to facilitate the visit of pilgrims from India to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, Narowal, Pakistan through the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor and was valid for a period of five years.



- Ministry of External Affairs in a statement said that the extension of the validity of this Agreement will ensure uninterrupted operation of the Corridor for use by the pilgrims from India to visit the holy Gurdwara in Pakistan.
- In view of the continued requests of pilgrims regarding the **removal of 20 dollars service charge levied by** Pakistan per pilgrim per visit, India has once again urged Pakistan to not levy any fee or charges on the pilgrims.



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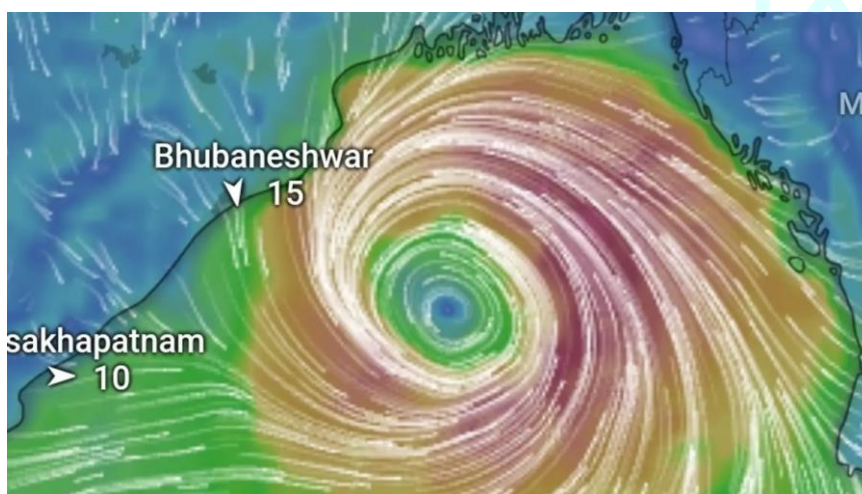
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## Cyclonic Storm "Dana"

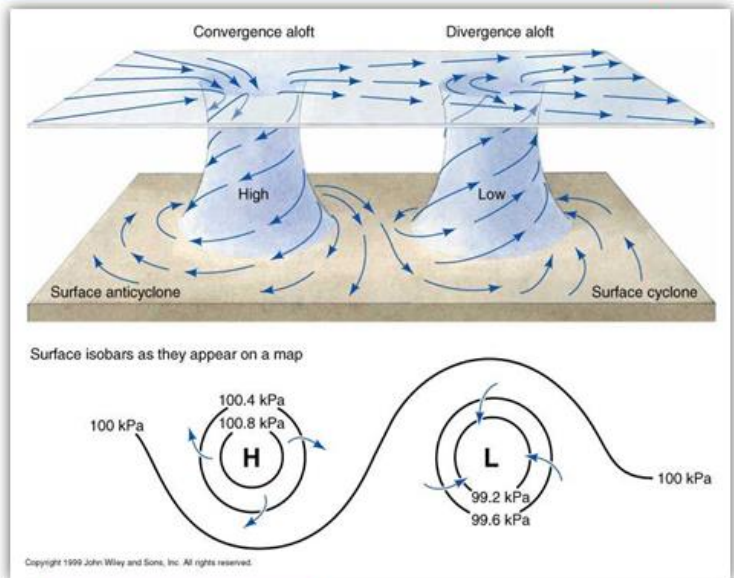
- The severe cyclonic storm 'Dana' is gaining strength in the Bay of Bengal and is heading towards the Odisha coast at 4 km per hour, with a landfall expected.



- 'Dana' is anticipated to make landfall between Bhitarkanika in Kendrapara and Bhadrak or Balasore off the Odisha coast. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said that the depression formed over the east-central Bay of Bengal is likely to move west-northwestward and intensify into a cyclonic storm by tomorrow morning over the east-central Bay of Bengal.

## Conditions Favourable for Tropical Cyclones

- ❑ Warm ocean water (26-27°C) to a depth 60-70 m
- ❑ Coriolis Force (f)
- ❑ Low-level Disturbances
- ❑ Upper Air Disturbance
- ❑ Wind Shear
- ❑ High humidity (around 50 to 60 per cent)



## International Incoming Spoofed Calls Prevention

- Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the **International Incoming Spoofed Calls Prevention System** in New Delhi.
- The Department of Communications and Telecom Services has jointly devised the system to identify and block incoming international spoofed calls from reaching Indian telecom subscribers.



- The system was made operational, and within **24 hours, about 1.35 crore incoming international calls** with Indian phone numbers were identified as

spoofed and blocked by telecom service providers. These spoofed calls have often been used for financial scams, impersonating government officials, and creating panic.

- There have also been cases of **cybercrime threatening disconnection** of mobile numbers, fake digital arrests, drugs or narcotics in couriers, impersonation of police officials, and arrests in sex rackets, among other issues.

## Second White Revolution

- **Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah** said that India is gearing up for second white revolution aiming to connect all **the 8 crore milk-producing** farmers of the country to the cooperative infrastructure in coming future. Addressing the diamond jubilee celebrations of National Dairy Development Board in Anand.



- Mr Shah said at present only **1.5 crore of the milk producing farmers** are connected with the cooperatives while majority of them are still suffering from exploitation.
- The Minister said India's dairy sector is growing at an annual rate of 6 percent which is above the world average. He also lauded the pivotal contribution of **NDDDB in the success of dairy industry and** economic upliftment of milk-producing farmers.



- Mr. Shah also unveiled the plans of the BJP government to **establish 2 lakh cooperative in the country** in the next five years. Reiterating the commitment of the government towards the development of dairy sector, the Minister underlined several initiatives of the government **like National Gokul Mission**.
- The Minister also praised NDDDB for the promotion of India's cooperative milk brands at global level. During the programme, the minister also unveiled several farmer-centric projects of NDDDB and also inaugurated the new campus of NDDDB.

## Quad Cyber Challenge

- **India, the US, Australia and Japan** have announced the continuation of the Quad Cyber Challenge for strengthening responsible cyber ecosystems, promoting public resources and raising cybersecurity awareness.



- **Theme of this year's** Challenge is promoting cybersecurity education and building a strong workforce." Earlier in 2023, Quad had launched a public campaign '**Quad Cyber Challenge**' to improve cyber security across their nations. On October 10, the US hosted a Quad Cyber Challenge event at the White House joined by officials from Australia, India, and Japan, according to the US State Department press release.

## Mission Basundhara 3.0

- **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma** officially launched Mission Basundhara 3.0 at an event held at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra in Guwahati. This ambitious initiative is designed to empower indigenous communities by providing them with formal land rights, ensuring greater security and recognition of their holdings.



- Aim : To provide **land rights to indigenous people** of Assam
- CM Himanta Biswa Sarma emphasized the government's commitment to granting land rights to indigenous communities, an effort undertaken after 75 years of independence.
- He noted that Mission Basundhara **was launched on October 2, 2021**, with the vision of providing land rights.
- Success of Previous Missions
- **Under Mission Basundhara 1.0**, the state government disposed of eight lakh applications in nine months.

- **The second edition, Mission Basundhara 2.0**, launched in November 2022, granted land rights to over two lakh indigenous people within one year.
- Objectives
- To expedite land ownership allotment to priority groups and enhance transparency in land-related services.
- To safeguard land rights and identity for the people of Assam.
- Eligibility Criteria : Three-generation ancestry is required for land rights, except for, Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Tea Tribes
- Gorkhas, who are recognized as “sons of the soil.”
- Issuance of Land Passbooks to all landholders.
- Strengthening the resolve of ‘**Jati, Mati, and Bheti**’ (identity, land, and base).



- **Features of Mission Basundhara 3.0**
- Review of Pending Cases : Enable review of cases from Mission Basundhara 2.0 pending clarification.
- Digitization : End-to-end digitization of annual and periodic pattas.
- Tea Grant Land Conversion : One-time conversion of tea grant land to periodic patta.
- Settlement of Bhoodan/Gramland : Addressing the settlement of erstwhile Bhoodan and Gramland.
- Mapping and Rules : Steps to digitize land-related services and publish maps for public benefit, along with implementing new rules to simplify land rights processes.

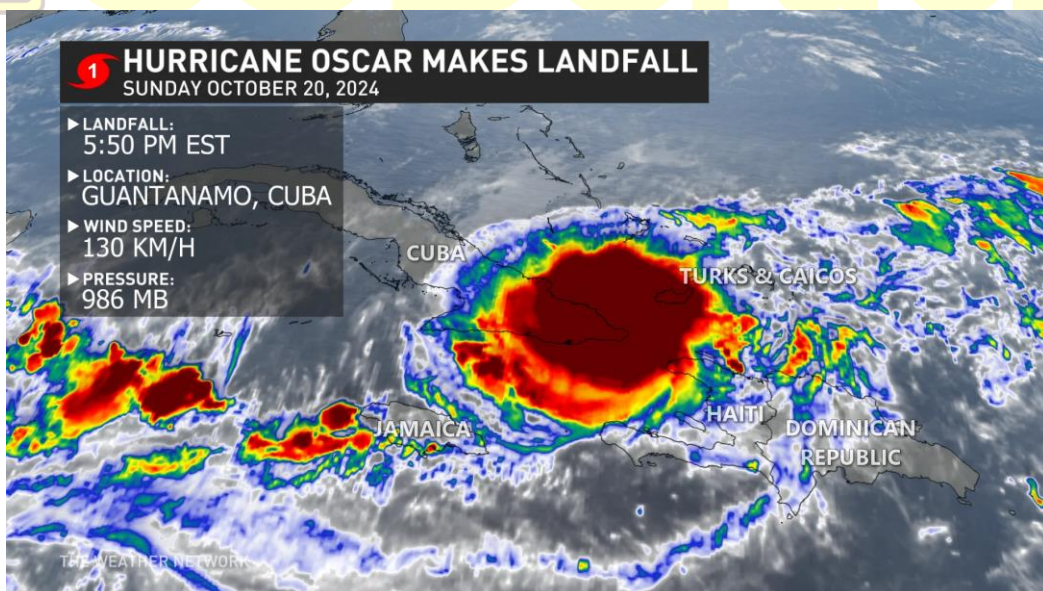


## Hurricane Oscar Hits Cuba

- **Hurricane Oscar made landfall in the Bahamas** before crossing Cuba's eastern coast, leaving at least six dead and causing widespread destruction. The storm triggered power outages that halted daily activities, prompting protests in neighborhoods like Santos Suárez and central Havana.



- **Hurricanes are powerful tropical cyclones** with winds exceeding 74 mph (119 km/h), forming over warm ocean waters.



- **Categories: Classified into five categories** based on wind speed (Category 1 to 5), with Category 5 being the most severe (winds >157 mph).
- **Formation: Hurricanes form in tropical regions where sea surface temperatures are at least 26°C (79°F)**, typically between June and November in the Atlantic.

- **Structure:** A hurricane has a calm eye in the center, surrounded by the eyewall with the strongest winds and rain. Bands of rain spiral outward from the eye.
- **Impacts:** Hurricanes bring destructive winds, storm surges (flooding coastal areas), heavy rainfall, and tornadoes, leading to significant property damage and loss of life.
- **Regions Affected:** Common in the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, and Pacific Ocean; U.S., Caribbean, and Mexico are frequently impacted.
- **Naming:** Hurricanes are named by the World Meteorological Organization using an alphabetical list, alternating between male and female names.
- **Monitoring:** Tracked by meteorological agencies like the National Hurricane Center (NHC) using satellite imagery, aircraft, and weather radars.
- **Preparedness:** Evacuations, securing properties, and having emergency supplies are critical in minimizing the impact of hurricanes.
- **Climate Impact:** Climate change may increase the frequency and intensity of hurricanes due to rising sea temperatures.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Bushveld Igneous Complex Is Located In Which Country**

- A. South Africa
- B. Australia
- C. New Zealand
- D. Russia

**ANSWER: A**

2. **Indo-Turkiye Friendship Association Has Been Launched In Which City**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Which Organization Published World Energy Outlook 2024 Report**

- A. International Energy Agency (IEA)
- B. World Bank
- C. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- D. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**ANSWER: A**

**4. Petra, An Archaeological City, Is Located In Which Country**

- A. Iran
- B. Ukraine
- C. Jordan
- D. Russia

**ANSWER: C**

**5. What Is The Current IUCN Conservation Status Of The African Penguin**

- A. Least concern
- B. Critically endangered
- C. Vulnerable
- D. Endangered

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Yars Missile, Is Developed By Which Country**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Where Was National Conference On The 'Rights Of Older Persons' Organized**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Telangana
- C. Odisha
- D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Which Ministry Hosted The Lighthouse Tourism Conclave 2024 In Puri**

- A. Ministry of Tourism
- B. Ministry of Defence
- C. Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve Is Located In Which State**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Kerala
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Which Country Developed The Helicopter-launched Air-to-surface Missile Named Izdeliye 305**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Which Country Recently Won The ICC Women's T20 World Cup**

- A. South Africa
- B. New Zealand
- C. India
- D. Australia

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Prabowo Subianto Has Been Elected As New President Of Which Country**

- A. Kenya
- B. Indonesia
- C. Vietnam
- D. Egypt

**ANSWER: B**

**13. Which Space Organization Recently Announced 'DRACO Mission' To Study Satellite Disintegration Phenomenon**

- A. European Space Agency (ESA)
- B. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- C. China National Space Administration (CNSA)
- D. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

**ANSWER: A**

**14. India Recently Signed An Mou With Which Country To Enhance Supply Chains For Critical Minerals**

- A. Russia
- B. United States of America (USA)
- C. Australia
- D. France

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Where Was The Global Summit On 'Spirituality For Clean And Healthy Society' Organized**

- A. Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Kochi, Kerala
- C. Mount Abu, Rajasthan
- D. Indore, Madhya Pradesh

**ANSWER: C**

**16. Who Have Been Awarded The MIDORI Prize For Biodiversity 2024**

- A. Vera Voronova and Ysabel Agustina Calderón Carlos
- B. Jane Goodall and David Attenborough
- C. Assad Serhal and Alfred Oteng-Yeboah
- D. Kathy MacKinnon and Greta Thunberg

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary, Is Located In Which State**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Kazakhstan Establishes Its First Nuclear Power Station Near Which Lake**

- A. Lake Alakol
- B. Lake Lemuria
- C. Lake Balkhash
- D. Lake Kryve

**ANSWER: C**

**19. Who Has Been Awarded The Nobel Prize In Literature 2024 Cabinet Declared Which Day As 'National Space Day' In India**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**20. "Springing Tiger: A Study Of A Revolutionary" Is A Biographical Work On \_\_\_**

- A. Bhagat Singh
- B. Chandrashekhar Azad
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Shyamji Krishna Verma

**ANSWER: C**