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India-Germany

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz touched on important regional and global issues during their bilateral talks, including the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the situation in West Asia.
- Briefing the media in New Delhi on German Chancellor's visit, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said the high point of the visit was the **inter-governmental consultations**, which were co-chaired by both leaders. He said the bilateral relationship was reviewed across **multiple pillars**, including foreign policy, security, economy and commerce, green sustainable development cooperation, and critical and emerging technologies, as well as mobility and migration.



- The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the considerable progress that has been made in diverse sectors. **Relations between India and Germany** have been on a constant upswing in recent years. The Foreign Secretary informed that bilateral trade **stood at 33 billion dollars in 2023**, and cumulative German investments **in India amount to nearly 15 billion dollars**.
- He said that while substantial progress has been made, significant potential in the relationship remains to be exploited.
- **On the India-EU Free Trade Agreement**, the Foreign Secretary said India values Germany's support in the ongoing negotiations. He said that Germany

understands that the expeditious conclusion of the India-EU FTA is a strategic imperative, especially considering the larger global environment.

- **Mr. Misri said that around 50,000 Indian students** form the largest cohort of foreign students in Germany.



- **Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal** said that India's ability to scale up in physical, digital, or social infrastructure, coupled with Germany's expertise in precision engineering, will create something extraordinary for the world.
- **After inaugurating the 18th Asia Pacific Conference of German Business** in New Delhi, the Minister said that India is built on strong macroeconomic fundamentals.
- He added that **reform, resilience, and readiness** are essential for the future of businesses across the world. He also noted that the synergies between India and Germany can drive unprecedented growth, **from AI adoption to semiconductors. He added that India, together with the Global South, collaborated** with developed countries to be part of the solution.
- India and Germany signed **multiple MoUs and agreements** ranging from green hydrogen to innovation and technology to boost bilateral relations.



- India and Germany agreed on the exchange and **mutual protection of classified information**. Both nations also expressed their commitment to the **Indo-German Green Hydrogen roadmap** along with innovation and technology. They also signed an agreement for a **mutual legal assistance treaty** in criminal matters.
- **India and Germany also signed a MoU on cooperation in the fields of skill development and vocational education and training**. Besides, the two sides also exchanged three joint declarations of intent in the fields of employment and labour, research and development on advanced materials, and green urban mobility partnerships.

Urban Mobility India Conference

- **The 17th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition** will begin at **Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar**.
- Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel will inaugurate the three-day conference organized by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. More than **3000 dignitaries including senior** officials and policy makers from Central and State Governments and experts in urban transport will participate in this conference.



- The conference will mainly **focus on standardization of the urban mobility** solutions and integration of various modes of urban mobility.
- **Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar** will preside over the concluding session of the conference. In the concluding session, cities will be awarded in eight different categories for best urban management.

Pandemic Fund Project & Livestock Census

- Centre launched the **Pandemic Fund Project on Animal Health Security** Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response, along with the **21st Livestock Census Operation**.
- During the launch, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy **Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh** said that the government is committed to eradicating **Foot and Mouth Disease and Brucellosis** from the country by 2030.



- He also mentioned that the livestock census would play a major role in policy-making and limiting diseases in animals. Mr. Singh added that the funds received from the **G20 Pandemic Fund project** will aid in the development and improvement of animal hospitals.

Pravasi Parichay 2024

- In a vibrant celebration of India's cultural diversity, **thirteen talented Indian women artists** are bringing their homeland's rich heritage to life at the **Indian Embassy in Riyadh**.
- The much-anticipated Pravasi Parichay 2024 opened its doors this week, transforming the Embassy's halls into an artistic haven.



- What makes this exhibition particularly special is how it serves as a bridge between cultures. **These thirteen artists, all women from the Indian diaspora**, are not just displaying their art; they're sharing their heritage with Saudi Arabia, strengthening the cultural bonds between these two nations.
- From the delicate details in **Almas Imam Jaffar Ali's work** to the bold expressions by Farida Saba and the innovative techniques of Kirthiga Prabu, every piece speaks volumes about India's diverse artistic heritage.
- The exhibition features accomplished artists **including Nilofer Fatima, Susmitha Dhruva Chitradurga, and Vini Venugopal**, each bringing their unique perspective to this cultural celebration.
- Inaugurated by **Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan**, this showcase represents more than just art—it's a bridge between cultures, strengthening the bonds between India and Saudi Arabia through creative expression.
- The exhibition continues throughout the week at the Indian Embassy in Riyadh, featuring all thirteen artists in this remarkable celebration of Indian artistry and cultural exchange.

18th NFDC Film Bazaar

- The **18th edition of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) Film Bazaar** has announced its official selection for the co-production market, **featuring 21 feature films** and eight web series from seven countries.



- Film Bazaar is also organised every year in Goa alongside the International Film Festival of India.
- This year's official selection **showcases a variety of languages**, including Hindi, English, Assamese, Tamil, Marwari, Bengali, Malayalam, Punjabi, Nepali, Marathi, Pahadi, and Cantonese.
- **Filmmakers from India, Bangladesh**, Nepal, Australia, the UK, Germany, and Hong Kong will pitch their projects to a range of industry professionals.

U-23 World Championship

- In wrestling, **India bagged one Silver and a Bronze** at the Under 23 Wrestling World Championship 2024 in Tirana, Albania last night. **India's Anjali clinched Silver** in the women's 59kg category. She finished in second place after losing to Solimiia Vynnyk of Ukraine in the final.



- **In Another win for India, Monika in the 68 kg scored a 5-3 victory** over the Chinese opponent Xinze Du to grab a bronze medal. Earlier yesterday, India's **Vishvajit Ramchandra More bagged the Bronze medal** by defeating Adam Ulbashev, 14-10, in the Men's 55 kg Greco-Roman category.

Arjun Erigaisi

- WIn Chess, **Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi Crossed The 2800 Elo Rating Mark** With A Win At The Ongoing European Chess Club Cup In Serbia. The 21-year-old Erigaisi Has Become **Only The Second Indian**, After The Legendary Viswanathan Anand, To Achieve This Milestone.



- Erigaisi Reached This Feat By **Defeating Russian Grandmaster Dmitry Andreikin**. Following This Victory, He **Moved Up To The World No. 3 Ranking**. Elo Ratings Are A Standard Measure Of The Strength Of Chess Players.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **What Industrial Process Is Responsible For Extracting Nitrogen From Atmosphere, Transforming It Into Fertilizer On A Large Scale**
 - A. Ostwald process
 - B. Haber-Bosch process
 - C. Contact process
 - D. Solvay process

ANSWER: B

2. **By What Year Is Global Public Debt Expected To Approach 100% Of Global GDP, According To The IMF Report**
 - A. 2024
 - B. 2026
 - C. 2040
 - D. 2030

ANSWER: D

3. Which Team Did The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team Defeat 4-2 In The Sultan Of Johor Cup

- A. Japan
- B. Malaysia
- C. Australia
- D. South Korea

ANSWER: A

4. Which Ministry Has Implemented The PM-YASASVI Scheme

- A. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- B. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D. Ministry of Power

ANSWER: B

5. Koraput Kalajeera Rice Got GI Status, Is Cultivated In Which State

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

ANSWER: B

6. Current IUCN Status Of Giant Salmon Carp, Sighted In Mekong River

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

ANSWER: A

7. Which Organization Released A World Economic Outlook Report

- A. World Bank
- B. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- D. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

ANSWER: B

8. Urmila Chaudhary, Who Recently Won The Global Anti-racism Championship Award 2024, Belongs To Which Country

- A. Myanmar
- B. Bhutan
- C. Nepal
- D. India

ANSWER: C

9. Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA) Mission Is A Collaborative Project Between NASA And Which Space Agency

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

ANSWER: D

10. Which Territory Banned Popular Apps Like Whatsapp, Google Drive From Government Computers Due To Cybersecurity Concerns

- A. Singapore
- B. Hong Kong
- C. Taiwan
- D. Macau

ANSWER: B

11. Which State Plans To Introduce A Law To Encourage Residents To Have More Children Due To Historically Low Fertility Rates

- A. Karnataka
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Kerala
- D. Andhra Pradesh

ANSWER: D

12. Where Is The 2nd Chanakya Defence Dialogue, Hosted By The Indian Army, Taking Place

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

ANSWER: A

13. Which Company Received In-principle Approval From The WHO For Its Typhoid Vaccine ZyVac TCV

- A. Serum Institute
- B. Zydus Lifesciences
- C. Bharat Biotech
- D. Cipla

ANSWER: B

14. When Is Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Raising Day Celebrated Every Year

- A. October 23
- B. October 24
- C. October 25
- D. October 26

ANSWER: B

15. On Which Date Is World Polio Day Observed Annually Across The Globe

- A. October 24
- B. October 25
- C. November 1
- D. November 15

ANSWER: A

16. Until Which Year Has The Kartarpur Corridor Agreement Between India And Pakistan Been Extended

- A. 2029
- B. 2030
- C. 2027
- D. 2025

ANSWER: A

17. Which Country Became The 69th Member Of The Asian Development Bank

- A. United Arab Emirates
- B. Turkey
- C. Israel
- D. Iran

ANSWER: C

18. Who Was Elected As The President Of Vietnam In The 8th Session Of The National Assembly

- A. To Lam
- B. Luong Cuong
- C. Nguyen Xuan Phuc
- D. Pham Minh Chinh

ANSWER: B

19. On Which Date Is United Nations Day Celebrated Annually

- A. November 1
- B. October 24
- C. September 21
- D. December 10

ANSWER: B

20. The Year 788 AD Was A Good One For Hinduism. Why?

- A. Shankracharya was born that year.
- B. Harsha Vardhana, the last Buddhist king, died.
- C. Samudragupta converted to Hinduism.
- D. All Muslim invaders were defeated.

ANSWER: A