

Daily Current Affairs

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G20 Summit Underway In Brazil

- **Brazilian President Luiz Inancia Lula De Silva** welcomes all the heads of the member states, invites and an international organization for the 1st plenary session of the 19th G20 Summit, on the “**Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty**”.



- The alliance is the initiative taken under the **Brazilian Presidency and will be launched**. The session sees the presence of heads of the Troika members- PM Ramaphosa of **South Africa**, **Lua De Silva of Brazil** and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **Many other dignitaries** like Chinese President Xi Jinping, USA President Joe Biden, and UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer. India has taken the lead in the G20 with an impressive **7 per cent GDP** growth rate projected for 2024.
- This achievement **highlights India’s robust economy**, showcasing its resilience and fast-paced growth amidst global challenges. **Indonesia is in the second spot with 5 per cent** and China is in the third position with a growth rate of 4.8 per cent.



Gabonese Voters Approves New Constitution

- Gabonese voters have approved of a new constitution by a landslide 91.8 per cent proposed by the country's military rulers.
- According to media reports, the proposed new constitution introduces a limit of two terms on the presidency, while also increasing the length of terms from five to seven years.



- The **Central African Country's new constitution** also abolishes the position of prime minister and stipulates that family members cannot succeed a president. The constitutional change will also require **presidential candidates to be**

exclusively Gabonese, with at least one Gabon-born parent and to have a Gabonese spouse.



- **The criterion disqualifies ousted ruler Ali Bongo Ondimba**, who has a French-born wife, Sylvia Valentin, and prevents his children from ever leading the country.
- **Military officers seized power** in a coup in August 2023, ousting former President Ali Bongo Ondimba and putting him under house arrest.
- **Gabon's military rulers** have tentatively scheduled a handover to the civilian government for the summer of 2025.

Energy Efficiency Alliance

- **UAE has announced the establishment of the Global Energy Efficiency Alliance at COP29** in Baku, Azerbaijan. This initiative **aims to double annual global energy efficiency** rates by 2030, aligning with the UAE's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable resource use.
- Building on the historic '**UAE Consensus**' established at **COP28**, this alliance seeks to foster international collaboration and innovation in energy efficiency, emphasizing the role of knowledge sharing, partnerships, and investment in achieving sustainability goals.



- Objective and Goals
- **Doubling global energy efficiency** rates annually by 2030.
- Reducing carbon emissions and minimizing natural resource consumption.
- Alignment with UAE Policies
- Builds on the 'UAE Consensus' established during COP28.
- Reinforces the UAE's leadership in sustainability and global climate action.
- **Global Collaboration** : Discussions held with countries worldwide, garnering strong support for the alliance.
- Encourages governments, organizations, and private-sector leaders to join forces.
- **UAE to act as a global leader** by sharing best practices in energy efficiency.
- Focus on knowledge transfer, capacity building, and public-private partnerships.
- **Promoting policy development** and technological advancements to drive sustainability.
- Focus on Africa : Special emphasis on supporting African nations with tailored financing and technological solutions. Sharing best practices and solutions to address unique regional challenges.

Miss Universe

- **73rd Miss Universe pageant held in Mexico** marked a historic milestone for Denmark as **Victoria Kjaer Theilvig** was crowned the nation's first-ever Miss Universe.
- The 21-year-old from Søborg outshone 125 participants, including India's Rhea Singha, and became a global sensation.

- With her blend of intelligence, elegance, and advocacy, Victoria made history and inspired millions worldwide. **First Runner-up:** Chidimma Adetshina (Nigeria). **Second Runner-up:** Maria Fernanda Beltran (Mexico).



Villages Recognised As 'Tsunami Ready' By UNESCO

- In a major achievement for **Odisha**, **24 coastal villages** from six districts have been officially recognised as '**Tsunami Ready**' by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO.
- This recognition was granted during the **2nd Global Tsunami Symposium** in Indonesia, marking a significant milestone in the state's efforts to improve disaster preparedness and community resilience in tsunami-prone areas.



- **The IOC-UNESCO's 'Tsunami Ready' recognition** includes 24 villages from the districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, and Ganjam.
- **The recognition also involved the renewal of certificates** for two previously recognised villages—Noliasahi (Jagatsinghpur) and Venkatraipur (Ganjam), which had already been acknowledged in 2020.

- These villages are part of **Odisha's broader strategy to ensure** preparedness for tsunami threats. Under the Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP), the 24 villages have implemented various preparedness measures including training, community awareness campaigns, mock drills, and installation of tsunami evacuation signages and hoardings.
- These efforts align with the **12 critical indicators** of the Tsunami Ready Programme, aimed at building capacity and reducing vulnerability.



- **Odisha has 381 tsunami-prone coastal villages.** The Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) plans to extend the 'Tsunami Ready' recognition to all of these villages in phases.
- The initiative highlights the **state's commitment to safeguarding** coastal communities from natural disasters, leveraging global frameworks like the IOC-**UNESCO's recognition and national resources** like INCOIS and NDMA for effective implementation.

3rd Global Freight Summit

- **Global Freight Summit 2024** commenced in Dubai, marking its **third edition since its inception in 2022.** The three-day event, **hosted by DP World**, has attracted more than 5,000 industry leaders from 155 countries, representing diverse sectors of the **global supply chain industry.**

- This year's summit, centres on the theme "**Acting today to reach the opportunities of tomorrow.**"



- The agenda emphasizes **four critical pillars**: the integration of AI and blockchain in business operations, strategies for navigating volatile global markets, sustainable shipping practices, and building resilient trade routes amidst geopolitical challenges and natural disasters.
- The event has drawn significant participation from Indian corporations, with **technology giants Wipro, Tech Mahindra, and SRM Tech** to name a few, along with dozens of other corporations and entrepreneurs.
- A key focus of this year's discussions is the **implementation of practical digital solutions** while addressing potential challenges in technological transition. Special attention will be given to **developing innovative solutions** for supply chain diversification and risk mitigation in global trade routes.

Valdecy Urquiza

- **Brazilian Federal Police Commissioner Valdecy Urquiza** has been elected as the new Secretary General of Interpol at the organization's **92nd General Assembly, held in Glasgow, Scotland.**
- Interpol General Assembly is an annual event where member countries convene to discuss critical global policing issues.



- This year, the event was **attended by 1,000 delegates** from Interpol’s 195 member countries.
- **India was represented by:** Praveen Sood, Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Vijayendra Bidari, Joint Director in the federal anti-corruption agency.

About Interpol	– Full Name: International Criminal Police Organization.
	– Headquarters: Lyon, France.
	– Founded: 1923.
	– Member Countries: 195.
	– Mission: Facilitate international police cooperation and combat transnational crime.



Magnus Carlsen

- At the **Tata Steel Chess India tournament** in Kolkata, World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen completed a remarkable **double clinching the blitz title** with a round to spare on Sunday. He made a comeback against **India's Arjun Erigaisi** in the penultimate round to reach an unassailable 12 points.



- Carlsen finished the event defeating **Vidit Gujrathi in the final round** to record three straight wins and end with 13 points, clinching the blitz crown. This victory marks Carlsen's second double win in Kolkata, having previously achieved the same feat in 2019.
- Indian players performed admirably, **with Erigaisi taking third place** with 10.5 points, **R Praggnanandhaa finishing fourth on 9.5**, and **Vidit Gujrathi rounding out the top five** with 9 points.

Compound Event At The GT Open In Luxembourg

- In Archery, Reigning Asian Games champion **Jyothi Surekha Vennam** clinched the **gold medal in the women's compound event** at the GT Open in Luxembourg.
- Competing in the GT Open for the first time, **Jyothi played brilliantly throughout** the tournament and secured the title with a 147-145 win against Sarah Prieels of Belgium.



- Meanwhile, in the **men's compound event**, **Abhishek bagged the silver medal**. He fell just short of claiming gold despite scoring a perfect 150 in the final. His opponent, the legendary Mike Schlosser of the Netherlands, secured the top spot after a perfect shot in the final.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Interpol Was Founded In

- A. 1920
- B. 1923
- C. 1953
- D. 1963

ANSWER: B

2. Red Notice In Interpol Issued For

- A. Missing Persons
- B. Wanted Persons
- C. Additional Information
- D. Unidentified Bodies

ANSWER: B

3. Which Country Has Agreed To Provide Its Integrated Antenna System, UNICORN, To The Indian Naval Ships

- A. Japan
- B. Singapore
- C. Russia
- D. France

ANSWER: A

4. Where Was The Asia Pacific Economic Summit 2024 Held

- A. Beijing, China
- B. Lima, Peru
- C. Tokyo, Japan
- D. Hanoi, Vietnam

ANSWER: B

5. The Rare Bird, Scarlet Tanager, Was Recently Spotted In Which Country

- A. France
- B. India
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

6. Which Telecom Operator Has Launched The Country's First Direct-to-device Satellite Internet Service

- A. BSNL
- B. JIO
- C. AIRTEL
- D. VODAFONE

ANSWER: A

7. Which Ministry Launched The AI-enabled e-Tarang System

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Defence
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Urban Development

ANSWER: B

8. What Is The Theme Of World Cities Day 2024

- A. Youth leading climate and local action for cities
- B. Valuing our communities and cities
- C. Financing sustainable urban future for all
- D. Act Local to Go Global

ANSWER: A

9. Asia Pacific Climate Report 2024 Is A New Initiative Of Which Organization

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

ANSWER: B

10. Al- Jawf Region, Due To Snowfall, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Libya
- C. Morocco
- D. Algeria

ANSWER: A

11. What Type Of Satellite Is ZIMSAT-2

- A. Low Earth observation satellite
- B. Navigation satellite
- C. Reconnaissance satellite
- D. Communication satellite

ANSWER: A

12. Which Ministry Launched The Digital Life Certificate Campaign 3.0 In New Delhi

- A. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. Ministry of Rural Development

ANSWER: A

13. What Is The Main Objective Of The PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme

- A. To provide grants for students in primary education
- B. To provide financial aid to meritorious students for quality higher education
- C. To build new universities across India
- D. To support technical research in agriculture

ANSWER: B

14. What Is The Objective Of The 'EV As A Service' Program Launched By Convergence Energy Services Limited

- A. To reduce fuel consumption in private cars
- B. To deploy 5,000 electric cars in government departments
- C. To provide subsidies for electric cars
- D. Promote traditional vehicles

ANSWER: B

15. Gotti Koya Tribes Are Predominantly Found In Which States Of India

- A. Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha
- B. Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra
- C. Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand and Bihar

ANSWER: A

16. Which City Is Proposed For The World's First High Altitude Para Sports Centre

- A. Leh
- B. Darjeeling
- C. Mussoorie
- D. Dehradun

ANSWER: A

17. Panje Wetland Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: A

18. Where Was The 66th All India Kalidas Festival Organized

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: C

19. Which Organization Launched The Dolphin Ambulance Initiative

- A. National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
- B. Wildlife Institute of India (WII)
- C. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)
- D. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)

ANSWER: C

20. Which Among Following Was The First An Indian Maritime College Where Organized Maritime Training In India Commenced In 1927

- A. T S Dufferin
- B. T S Rajendra
- C. T S Chanakya
- D. T.S. Dolphin

ANSWER: A