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G20 Summit Concludes

- The 1st session 'Sustainable Development and Energy Transition' addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The 2nd session of the day will be held on digital infrastructure.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the **Session of the G20 Summit** on **Sustainable Development and Energy Transition** at Rio De Janeiro in Brazil.
- Mr Modi highlighted the importance of accelerating efforts to ensure a cleaner, more sustainable future for all, including through mainstreaming Varanasi Principles on LiFE and initiatives such as the International Solar Alliance, One World-One Sun-One Grid and the Global Bio-Fuel Alliance.



- Addressing the session on Social Inclusion and the Fight Against Hunger and Poverty, Mr. Modi underscored the disproportionate impact of global conflicts on the Global South.
- Prime Minister Modi also complimented Brazil for advancing the "people-centric decisions" made during India's G-20 presidency. He reaffirmed the enduring relevance of India's G-20 theme, "One Earth, One Family, One Future," and called for inclusive global governance reforms.

 The summit saw the launch of a global alliance to combat poverty and hunger, supported by 80 nations. In a social media post, the Prime Minister described the initiative as "commendable," affirming India's full support for food security and social upliftment efforts.



- Highlighting India's domestic achievements, Mr. Modi stated that over 250 million people were lifted out of poverty in the past decade. The country is providing free food grains to 800 million citizens and has implemented the world's largest health insurance scheme, covering 550 million individuals.
- Mr. Modi also shared India's contributions to **global food security, including aid to Africa and other regions**. He highlighted how digital public infrastructure and aspirational development programs are **fostering inclusive growth in India**. The Prime Minister concluded by reiterating the need for reforms in global governance to amplify the voices of the Global South, just as India championed the **African Union's inclusion** in the G-20 during its presidency.



- G20 leaders have adopted the **Rio de Janeiro Declaration at its 19th Summit** in the Brazilian city. They have **called for action on Climate Change** and wars in Ukraine and West Asia. The Declaration released last night is aimed at addressing major **global challenges and crises** and promote strong, sustainable, and inclusive growth.
- The declaration called for an enlarged Security Council composition that improves the representation of the underrepresented and unrepresented regions and groups. The declaration condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.



- Expressing the deep concern about the situation in the Gaza Strip and the
 escalation in Lebanon, the declaration emphasized on the urgent need to
 expand the flow of humanitarian assistance and to reinforce the protection of
 civilians.
- It called for peaceful resolution of conflicts and efforts to address crises with diplomacy and dialogue. It reaffirmed the strong commitment to multilateralism, especially in light of the progress made under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement.
- 19th G20 Summit Has Ended With Brazil's President Lula Da Silva Handing Over The Presidency To President Of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa.
- Various Initiatives Taken Under Brazil's Presidency, Launching Of Global Alliance
 Against Hunger And Poverty And Starting An Unprecedented Debate On Taxing,
 Bringing Climate Change On The Agenda Of Finance Ministries And Central
 Banks And Approving The First Multilateral Document On The Bioeconomy.



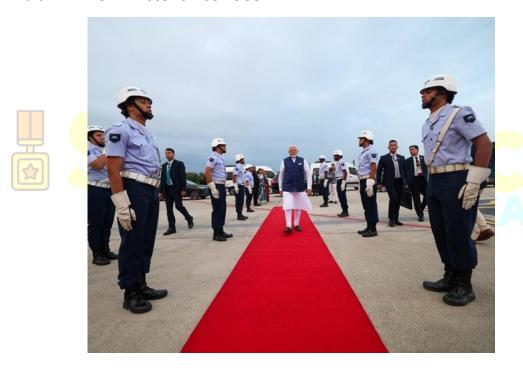
- A Call To Action For Reforms To Make Global Governance More Effective And Representative And Engaging In A Dialogue With Society Through The G20 Social Is Also One Of The Initiatives.
- The Actions Also Include, Establishing Of Women's Empowerment Working Group, Proposing An Eighteenth Sustainable Development Goal To Promote Racial Equality, Continuing Commitment To Tripling Global Renewable Energy Capacity By 2030, Creating A Coalition For Local Regional Production Of Vaccines And Medicine.



- During The Summit, WHO Investment Rounds Were Held To Meet Collective Response To New And Persistent Health Challenges. Strategy To Promote Cooperation In Open Innovation Against Asymmetries In Scientific And Technological Production And To Establish A Task Force On The Governance Of Artificial Intelligence In The G20 Were Also Decided.
- President Lula Da Silva Said, After The South African Presidency, All The G20 Countries Will Have Exercised The Leadership Of The Group At Least Once.

PM Modi Embarks On Three Day Tour To Guyana

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi has embarked on a **three-day visit to Guyana** after successfully concluding his Brazil visit. The visit to Guyana is the first by an Indian **Prime Minister since 1968**.



- Mr Modi will hold discussions with the President of Guyana, Dr. Mohamed
 Irfaan Ali at Georgetown. Prime Minister will also participate in the Second
 CARICOM-India Summit and hold meetings with leaders of CARICOM member
 countries to further enhance India's long-standing friendship with the region.
- On Thursday, Prime Minister will address the Parliament of Guyana. He is also scheduled to address a gathering of the Indian diaspora.

UK PM Announces Relaunch Of FTA Talks With India

• UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer has announced the relaunch of the stalled talks for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with India early next year. He announced this, following a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Brazil.



- After the meeting Starmer said, a new trade deal with India will support jobs
 and prosperity in the UK and represent significant progress in delivering growth
 and opportunities across the country.
- UK will seek a new strategic partnership with India, including a trade agreement, as well as deepening co-operation in areas like security, education, technology, and climate change.

Guru Ghasidas Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, recently announced the notification of the Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh as the 56th Tiger Reserve in India.
- This monumental step in wildlife conservation marks a significant milestone for the country's efforts to preserve its tiger population and biodiversity.
- Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve is located in Chhattisgarh, covering a sprawling area of 2,829.38 sq. km, making it the third-largest tiger reserve in

India after: Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve in Andhra Pradesh. Manas Tiger Reserve in Assam.



- The reserve encompasses two key wildlife habitats: Guru Ghasidas National Park, Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary
- It comprises a core/critical tiger habitat of 2,049.2 sq. km and a buffer zone of 780.15 sq. km.
- This expansive area spans across Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, Korea,
 Surajpur, and Balrampur districts of Chhattisgarh.
- The tiger reserve is part of the Chota Nagpur Plateau and partially the Baghelkhand Plateau, known for their diverse terrains and rich biodiversity. The reserve boasts a rich faunal diversity with 753 documented species, including:
- **365 invertebrate species** (primarily from the class Insecta).
- **388 vertebrate species**, including:
- 230 species of birds
- 55 species of mammals, many of which are threatened species.

'Hamara Shauchalay: Hamara Samman'

- Union Jal Shakti Ministry launched a three-week-long campaign named,
 Hamara Shauchalay: Hamara Samman on the occasion of World Toilet Day.
- The campaign is aimed at **improving sanitation infrastructure**, **fostering behaviour change**, and strengthening community pride by enhancing the functionality and upkeep of toilets across the country.
- During the campaign competitions will be organized, and citizens will be encouraged to share their sanitation success stories through social media

platforms. It will culminate on the 10th of next month, which is celebrated as National Human Rights Day.



CCI Fines Meta With Rs 213.14 Crore

- Competition Commission of India (CCI) has fined social media platform Meta 213.14 crore rupees over the 2021 WhatsApp privacy policy update.
- The CCI has directed WhatsApp to stop sharing user data with other Metaowned applications for advertising purposes for the next five years.



- The CCI also said that **sharing of user data for purposes** other than providing WhatsApp services shall not be made a precondition for users to access the WhatsApp service in India.
- CCI launched an investigation into the policy in March 2021, following global criticism over its data-sharing provisions. The policy allowed WhatsApp to share user information with Facebook and its subsidiaries, raising concerns about user privacy and data misuse.

Comptroller and Auditor General of India

• **K Sanjay Murthy has been appointed** as the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Mr. Murthy is currently serving as the Secretary of the Department of Higher Education in the Education Ministry. He will replace Girish Chandra Murmu, who was appointed as the CAG in August 2020.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. Brazil Handed Over G20 Presidency To
- A. India
- B. Indonesia
- C. South Africa
- D. USA

ANSWER: C

- 2. Guru Ghasidas Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve Is Located In
- A. Punjab
- B. Haryana
- C. Chattisgarh
- D. Uttrakhand

ANSWER: C

- 3. 'Hamara Shauchalay: Hamara Samman' Initiative Taken By
- A. Ministry Of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry Of Rural Development
- C. Jal Shakti Ministry
- D. Niti Aayog

ANSWER: C

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- A. 53rd
- B. 54th
- C. 55th
- D. 56th

ANSWER: D

- 5. Nepal Has Exported Electricity To Which Country Through India's Electricity Grid
- A. Pakistan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Bhutan
- D. Myanmar

ANSWER: B

- 6. Which Island Has Been Proposed As A Tuna Export Hub Under The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- A. Diu Island
- B. Lakshadweep
- C. Andaman and Nicobar
- D. Pamban Island

ANSWER: C

- 7. Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary Is Located In Which State
- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Odisha
- D. Madhya Pradesh

ANSWER: C

- 8. Super Typhoon Man- Yi Has Hit Which Country
- A. Vietnam
- B. Singapore
- C. Philippines
- D. Malaysia

ANSWER: C

9. Lake Kariba, Is Located Between Which Two Countries

- A. Tanzania and Uganda
- B. Chad and Cameroon
- C. Zambia and Zimbabwe
- D. Burundi and Rwanda

ANSWER: C

10. What Was Primary Objective Of Operation Sagar-manthan Launched By NCRB

- A. Counter terrorism activities
- B. Target drug trafficking through maritime routes
- C. Enhance coastal security
- D. Promote international trade

ANSWER: B

11. Where Has China Unveiled The Chanke Megaport Recently

- A. Chile
- B. Peru
- C. Colombia
- D. Ecuador

ANSWER: B

12. Under Which Article Of The Indian Constitution Are The Chief Justice Of India And The Judges Of The Supreme Court Appointed

- A. Article 124
- B. Article 125
- C. Article 126
- D. Article 127

ANSWER: A

13. Under Which Article Did The Supreme Court Invoke Its Powers To Issue Guidelines For Ensuring Due Process In Property Demolitions

- A. Article 32
- B. Article 136
- C. Article 226
- D. Article 142

ANSWER: D

14. Which Indian State's Natural Farming Model Has Been Highlighted By The Food And Agriculture Organisation

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

ANSWER: B

- 15. Which US Space Agency Is Collaborating With The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) To Develop The NISAR Satellite
- A. NASA
- B. ESA
- C. JAXA
- D. ROSCOSMOS

ANSWER: A

- 16. What Is The Name Of The Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) Introduced By
 The European Central Bank
- A. Eurocoin
- B. Digital Euro
- C. European Digital Payment
- D. Euro Crypto

ANSWER: B

- 17. Which Of The Following Banks Is NOT Classified As A Domestic Systemically Important Bank By RBI
- A. State Bank of India
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. Axis Bank
- D. HDFC Bank

ANSWER: C

18. Which Indian State Is Home To The Dinosaur Fossil Park And Museum, Proposed For A UNESCO Global Geoparks Tag

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

ANSWER: D

19. Who Was The First Indian Cricketer To Score Centuries In Consecutive T20I Innings

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Tilak Varma
- C. Sanju Samson
- D. Suryakumar Yadav

ANSWER: C

20. Largest Brackish Water Lagoon Of Asia Is Located In Which Of Following State

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

ANSWER: D