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Brazil Joins OPEC+

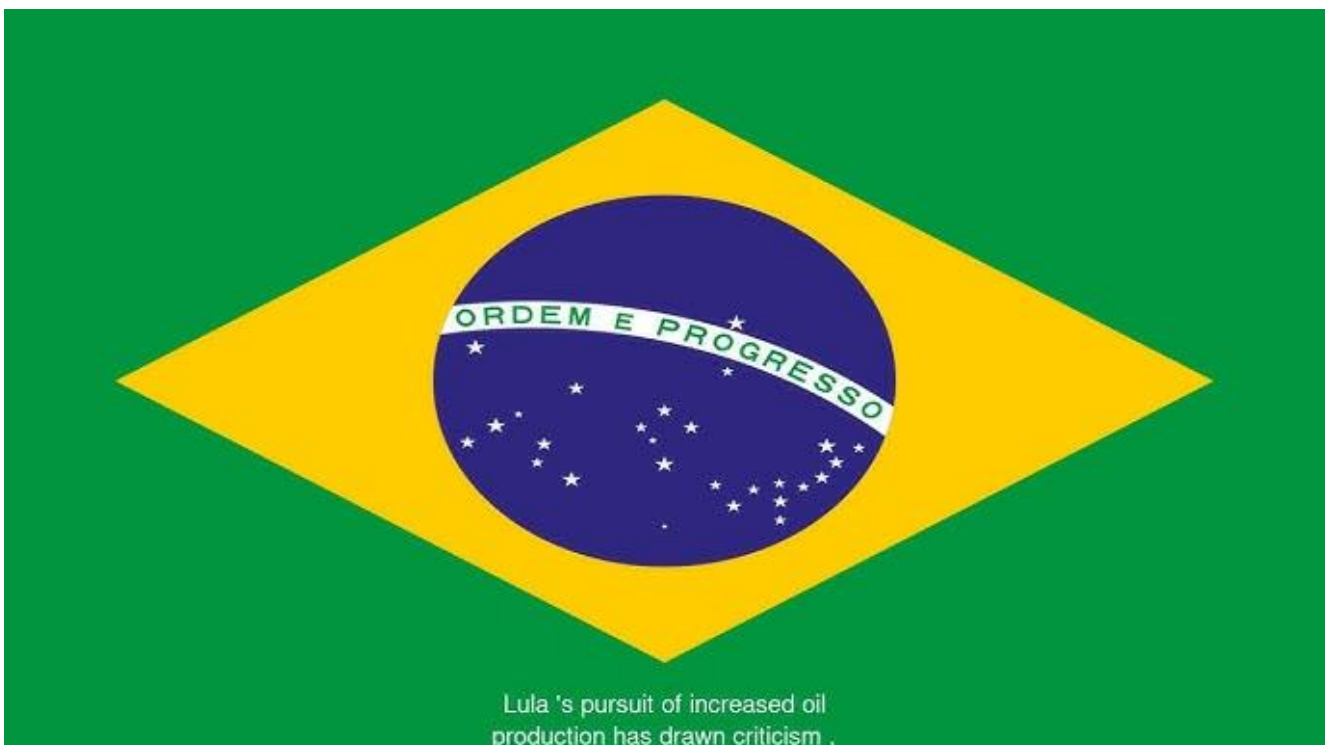
- **Brazil has officially announced** its decision to **join the OPEC+ group** of oil-producing nations as an observer, marking a significant step in its energy policy. This move, **approved by Brazil's National Council for Energy Policy**, allows the country to participate in strategic discussions with major oil-exporting nations while maintaining its independence in production decisions.



- The timing of this decision is crucial, as **Brazil prepares to host the United Nations climate summit**, reflecting its efforts to balance energy security and environmental commitments. Brazil's observer status in OPEC+ means that while it will engage in policy discussions, it will not be required to adhere to production quotas.
- **According to Mines and Energy Minister Alexandre Silveira**, this platform provides an opportunity for Brazil to exchange views with key global oil producers and contribute to shaping energy market policies. **Unlike full OPEC+**

members, Brazil retains complete control over its production levels, ensuring it can adjust policies based on its national interests.

- The decision aligns with **Brazil's strategy to strengthen its presence** in the global energy market. As one of the top oil producers in the world, Brazil seeks to leverage OPEC+ discussions to advocate for stable oil prices and sustainable energy practices.



- **This participation is also expected to enhance diplomatic relations** with other major energy players. President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has emphasized that oil revenues will play a crucial role in funding Brazil's green energy transition.
- While environmentalists have raised concerns over continued oil exploration, **Lula maintains that Brazil's participation in OPEC+ can help push for** responsible oil production and investment in renewable energy projects.
- **One of the key areas of debate is Brazil's exploration** near the Amazon River, a move criticized by environmental groups. However, the government argues that such projects are necessary to sustain economic growth and fund climate initiatives. Lula has also highlighted that Brazil's role in OPEC+ can be used to encourage other oil-producing nations to reinvest their profits into sustainable energy solutions.

FDI From Japan

- Minister Piyush Goyal Said **Japan Been A Key Ally In India's Economic Growth & Is 5th Largest Source Of Foreign Investment.** India-Japan Economy And Investment Forum In New Delhi, Mr. Goyal Said That Foreign **Direct Investment From Japan** Has **Exceeded 43 Billion Dollars** Between 2000 And 2024.



- India And Japan Share A Globally Recognized Strategic Partnership Rooted In Brotherhood, Democracy, Culture, And Economic Cooperation.
- Also Said That The **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement** Signed In 2011 Significantly Strengthened Bilateral Trade, With **Over 1,400 Japanese Companies** Operating In India.
- Minister Pointed Out That Major Infrastructure Projects, Such As The Mumbai-Ahmedabad **High-speed Rail And Metro Systems** In Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, And Chennai, Reflect Japan's Active Participation In India's Development

National Commission For Scheduled Tribes

- **22nd Foundation Day of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)** was celebrated with a series of events highlighting the importance of the Commission's role in protecting the rights and ensuring the development of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in India.

- **Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Shri Jual Oram**, lauded the proactive initiatives of the NCST, particularly its role in implementing and monitoring the Forest Rights Act.



- The event featured speeches, discussions, and presentations on the progress of tribal welfare and development. **Key government programs aimed at improving the lives of Scheduled Tribes were also highlighted** during the occasion. The NCST is a constitutional body established to safeguard the rights of Scheduled Tribes (STs) and protect their social, economic, educational, and cultural interests.
- Headquarters: The headquarters of NCST is in New Delhi.
- Scheduled Tribes (STs): **According to Article 366(25) of the Indian Constitution**, STs are communities that are notified under Article 342 as Scheduled Tribes. **89th Constitutional Amendment Act (2003)** bifurcated the joint Commission into two separate bodies,
- National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)
- National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)

Kerala To Collect, Dispose Of Expired Drugs

- Kerala government has launched '**New Programme for Removal of Unused Drugs**' (nPROUD) to collect and scientifically dispose of expired and unused medicines. This is the first government-led initiative in India to address the safe disposal of medicines, starting in Kozhikode Corporation and Ulliyeri Panchayat.



- **Unused medicines will be collected from homes or designated disposal facilities**, with plans for statewide expansion. Improper disposal of medicines can cause antimicrobial resistance, health hazards, and environmental pollution, making this initiative crucial.

India's First "Open-air Art Wall Museum"

- **Union Minister Jitendra Singh has inaugurated India's first 'Open Air Art Wall Museum' at Mausam Bhawan** in New Delhi. It depicts and celebrates the 150-year milestone journey of the **India Meteorological Department (IMD)**. The initiative, developed in collaboration with '**Delhi Street Art**', **transforms the walls of IMD's headquarters on Lodhi Road** into a vibrant visual narrative of India's meteorological advancements, history, and the impact of weather science on society.



India- Argentina Agreement For Lithium Exploration

- India and Argentina signed an MoU to expand cooperation in lithium exploration and investment. The agreement between MECL (India) and the Catamarca government aims to **boost critical mineral resource development.**

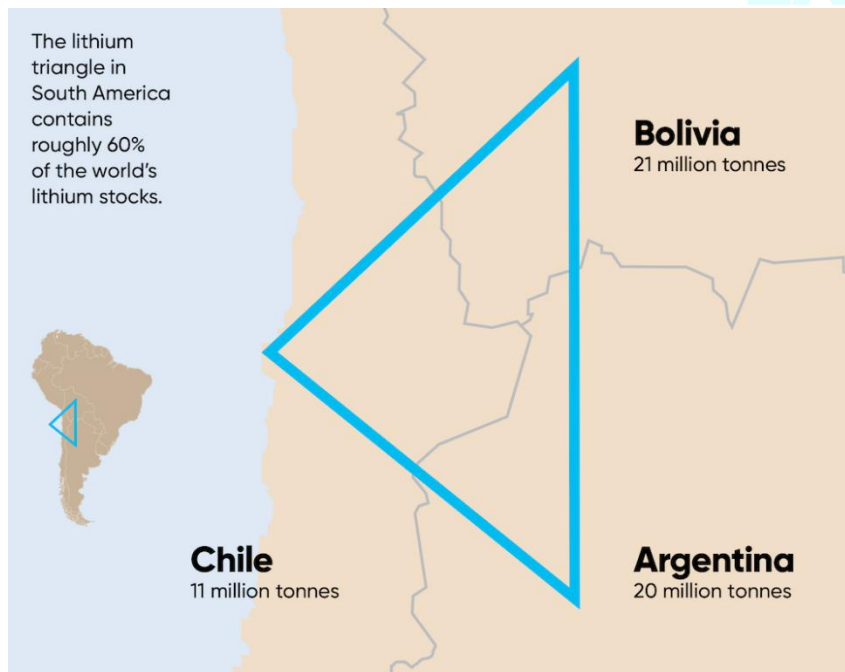


- The collaboration is expected to **accelerate lithium exploration, enhance resource security, and create investment opportunities for Indian companies.** Argentina, known for its **vast lithium reserves as part of the 'Lithium Triangle,'**

is a crucial partner for India in securing essential minerals required for electric vehicle batteries and renewable energy storage.



- The discussions covered ongoing **lithium exploration efforts by Khanij Bidesh India Ltd. (KABIL) & Greenko in Catamarca** and the possibilities of increasing the participation of Indian companies in mining projects of Argentina. **Both sides explored avenues for investment**, long-term supply agreements, and joint ventures that would help strengthen India's access to this critical mineral.



Governor Of Massachusetts' Citation

- **Nita Ambani, the Founder and Chairperson of Reliance Foundation**, has been awarded the **Governor of Massachusetts' Citation** for her outstanding contributions to education, healthcare, sports, arts, culture, and women's empowerment.



- This recognition highlights her long-standing efforts to drive positive societal change in India and beyond. The award is a testament to her leadership in philanthropy, making a significant impact across multiple sectors. Nita Ambani has **played a key role in advancing education in India**. As the founder of Dhirubhai Ambani International School, she has promoted high-quality education and academic excellence.
- The **school is one of India's top-ranked institutions**, providing a strong foundation for future leaders. In healthcare, her leadership in the Sir H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Centre has facilitated access to world-class medical care in Mumbai. The hospital offers advanced treatments and healthcare solutions to people from all walks of life, ensuring medical support for those in need.

Other Recognitions

- Citizen of Mumbai Award (2023)
- Honorary Trustee, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York (2019)
- Global Philanthropist & Leader of the Year, Vogue India (2017)

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which Two Countries Signed An Mou For Cooperation In Lithium Exploration

- A. India and Brazil
- B. India and Argentina
- C. India and Chile
- D. India and Bolivia

ANSWER: B

2. Who Inaugurated India's First "Open-air Art Wall Museum"

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Jitendra Singh
- D. Rajnath Singh

ANSWER: C

3. Name Of The Kerala Government's Initiative To Collect And Dispose Of Expired And Unused Medicines

- A. Green Pharma Project
- B. nPROUD
- C. Drug Disposal Mission
- D. Safe Medicine Initiative

ANSWER: B

4. Where Was India's First Vertical Bi - Facial Solar Plant Installed

- A. Rajiv Chowk Metro Station
- B. Okhla Vihar Metro Station
- C. Kashmere Gate Metro Station
- D. Central Secretariat Metro Station

ANSWER: B

5. Which Country Is The Host Of BRICS Summit 2025

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

ANSWER: B

6. Which Ministry Is Responsible For Organizing Prime Minister's Yoga Awards

- A. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Ayush
- C. Ministry of Culture
- D. Ministry of Education

ANSWER: B

7. Where Was India's First Vertical Bi-facial Solar Plant Inaugurated

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

ANSWER: B

8. Caspian Pipeline Consortium Connects Which Two Countries

- A. Russia and Ukraine
- B. Azerbaijan and Iran
- C. Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan
- D. Kazakhstan and Russia

ANSWER: D

9. Which Institution Has Organized The 'Waste Recycling And Climate Change 2025' Conference

- A. National Green Tribunal (NGT)
- B. Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE)
- C. Recycling and Environment Industries Association of India (REIAI)
- D. NITI Aayog

ANSWER: C

10. Dulari Kanya Scheme Is Launched By Which State Government

- A. Assam
- B. Sikkim
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Manipur

ANSWER: C

11. Cook Islands, Is Located In Which Ocean

- A. South Pacific Ocean
- B. Atlantic Ocean
- C. Indian Ocean
- D. Arctic Ocean

ANSWER: A

12. Market Intervention Scheme Has Been Made A Component Of Which Integrated Scheme

- A. PM-KISAN
- B. PM-AASHA
- C. PM-PRANAM
- D. PM-FBY

ANSWER: B

13. Which Country Is The Host Of Olympic Esports Games 2027

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. France
- C. China
- D. Australia

ANSWER: A

14. Lake Sapanca, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Turkey
- B. Iran
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. France

ANSWER: A

15. Which Institution Has Introduced A New Digital Platform Called MITRA

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- C. State Bank of India (SBI)
- D. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

ANSWER: D

16. Fulani Community, Is Primarily Found In Which Region

- A. Africa
- B. Arctic
- C. Australia
- D. Central Asia

ANSWER: A

17. What does IALA stand for

- A. International Association for Logistics and Aviation
- B. International Organization of Aids to Marine Navigation
- C. International Authority for Lighthouse Administration
- D. Indian Association for Logistics and Anchors

ANSWER: B

18. Which Assembly Seat Did Rekha Gupta Win In The Delhi Elections

- A. Karol Bagh
- B. Shalimar Bagh
- C. Chandni Chowk
- D. Laxmi Nagar

ANSWER: B

19. Who Will Inaugurate The First Edition Of The SOUL Leadership Conclave In New Delhi

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Jitendra Singh
- D. Rajnath Singh

ANSWER: A

20. What Was The Original Name Of Mirabehn, An Associate And Disciple Of Mahatma Gandhi

- A. Oliver Schriener
- B. Millie Graham Pollock
- C. Madeline Slade
- D. Margarate Cousins

ANSWER: C