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1. 6th Edition of Advantage Healthcare India 2023 (April 25, 2023)

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Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **6th edition of Advantage Healthcare India (AHCI) 2023** on 26th April at **Pragati Maidan New Delhi**. This event will be held from **26 to 27 April 2023**.

An overview of the news

- The program is in line with **India's G20 Presidency** theme '**One Earth, One Family, One Future**' and is aptly named '**One Earth, One Health - Advantage Healthcare India 2023**'.
- The **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** in association with the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)** co-branded the **6th edition of One Earth One Health, Advantage Healthcare India 2023** with the G20 Presidency of India.
- The event is being organized by the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** and will be attended by **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- **Prem Singh Tamang**, Chief Minister of Sikkim and **Dr. Manik Saha**, Chief Minister of Tripura will be present along with senior national and state high level leadership.
- Health ministers of **10 countries** will also be present in this programme.
- The summit will witness **125 exhibitors from 70 countries** and around **500 foreign delegates**.

Aims of the event

- To emphasize the importance of global collaborations and partnerships for **Building Resilient Global Health Architecture and work** towards **achieving Universal Health Coverage through value-based healthcare**.
- To showcase **India's strength in the field of medical value travel** and as an exporter of healthcare workforce providing value based healthcare services.

2. Asia Pacific Malaria Leaders Conclave 2023 (April 24, 2023)

Asia Pacific Malaria Leaders Conclave 2023

The **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** organised the **Asia Pacific Leaders' Conclave on Malaria Elimination in New Delhi** on 24 April in partnership with the **Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA)**.

An overview of the news

- The conclave was organized under the guidance of **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers.
- The purpose of the conclave is to **reaffirm political commitment to inspire action to eliminate malaria by 2030.**
- The conclave will provide a forum for leaders from the **Asia Pacific region** to discuss ongoing efforts towards malaria elimination and revive national and **regional momentum towards the goal of a malaria-free Asia Pacific by 2030.**
- The conclave was presided over by **Dr VK Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog.**

Remarkable progress towards malaria eradication in India

- India has made remarkable progress towards malaria elimination in recent years and has been **appreciated globally.**
- Of the **11 countries** that are part of the World Health Organisation's '**High Burden to High Impact**' initiative, **only India has reported a decline in malaria cases.**
- Malaria cases and deaths have **declined by 85.1% and 83.6%, respectively, from 2015 to 2022.**
- **Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission** are contributing immensely towards **strengthening India's fight against malaria.**

About Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA)

- In **November 2014**, the **Asia-Pacific Heads of Government ("Leaders")** adopted the goal of making the region **malaria-free by 2030.**
- The **Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA)** is a coalition of leaders dedicated to achieving that goal.
- It seeks to address **last-mile challenges to accelerate malaria control and elimination.**
- APLMA is working to ensure that the people of the entire region are free from this scourge.

3. Air Force Commanders' Conference (April 21, 2023)

The **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan** on 20th April attended the **Indian Air Force Commanders' Conference at Air Headquarters (Vayu Bhavan)** in New Delhi.

An overview of the news

- The theme of this year's three-day conference, which began on April 19, is '**Beyond Boundaries: Robust Foundations**'.

- Held every year, this conference discusses the **progress made in the past year and for the future.**
- The CDS highlighted the need to create a clear path towards fleet maintenance while taking steps towards increasing indigenization.
- He also discussed the modalities for increasing the **integration between the three services** and the benefits that would accrue from it.

Chief of Defence Staff - **General Anil Chauhan**

Chief of Indian Air Force - **V. R. Chaudhari**

Chief of Indian Army - **General Manoj Pande**

Chief of Indian Navy - **Admiral R Hari Kumar**

4. EU-India Aviation Summit begins in New Delhi (April 20, 2023)

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The two day European Union (EU)-India Aviation Summit began in New Delhi on 20th April.

An overview of the news

- During the summit, a declaration of intent was signed by the Airport Authority of India with Eurocontrol.
- A letter of intent memorandum of understanding was also signed by DGCA with the European Union Aviation Safety for closer cooperation.
- The Union Minister of Civil Aviation and Steel Jyotiraditya Scindia addressed the summit virtually.
- The summit focused on the EU-India air transport relationship and the mutually shared challenges and opportunities of the two regions.
- The theme of the summit was COVID recovery of air traffic, increasing sustainability, maintaining safety and development of unmanned aircraft systems.

Eurocontrol

- Eurocontrol is a pan-European, civil-military organisation dedicated to supporting European aviation.

About Airports Authority of India

- Airports Authority of India is an organisation/authority functioning under the **Ministry of Civil Aviation**, Government of India.
- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) **manages a total of 125 airports** which include 11 international airports, 8 customs airports, 81 domestic airports and 25 civil enclaves in defence airfields.

- Established- **1st April, 1995**
- President- **Sanjeev Kumar**
- Headquarters - **New Delhi**

About European Union

- The European Union is a **group of 27 European countries**.
- The **United Kingdom** which was the founding member of the European Union has left the organisation.
- It was **founded on 1 November 1993**
- Headquarters: **Brussels, Belgium**

5. Culture Working Group organises Global Thematic Webinar (April 20, 2023)

The **Culture Working Group (CWG)** under India's G20 Presidency organised a **Global Thematic Webinar** on the "**Promotion of Cultural and Creative Industries and Creative Economy**" on 19th April.

An overview of the news

- This was the **third in a series of four webinars** focused on the priority areas expressed by the **CWG**.
- The objective of the webinar was **to foster an inclusive dialogue and facilitate in-depth discussions** from an expert-driven perspective.
- **Govind Mohan**, Secretary, **Ministry of Culture** and Chairman, CWG, emphasized on fostering a vibrant and inclusive cultural ecosystem, which values and supports creativity, which can have a positive impact on individuals, communities and society.
- The webinar featured fruitful discussion and sharing of best practices on promoting the cultural and creative industries and the creative economy.
- The webinar also brought together **43 experts from 28 countries, including G20 members and guest nations, as well as 13 international organizations** and related institutions.
- The **first G20 Culture Group (CWG) meeting was held from 22 to 25 February 2023 in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh**.

Four priority areas of India's CWG

- Protection and restitution of cultural property
- Harnessing living heritage for a sustainable future
- Promotion of cultural and creative industries

- Creative economy; and leveraging digital technologies for Protection and promotion of culture

6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Global Buddhist Summit (April 20, 2023)

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On 20 April, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the [first Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi](#). Summit was hosted by the **Ministry of Culture in association with the International Buddhist Confederation**.

An Overview of the news

- The summit is a two-day event that brought together **eminent scholars, union leaders and religious practitioners** from around the world.
- Theme: "**Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis**".
- The summit was attended by delegates from around **30 countries, including 171 delegates** from foreign countries and 150 delegates from **Indian Buddhist organisations**.
- The primary focus of the summit is to examine the teachings of **Shakyamuni Buddha**, which have been continuously enriched by the practice of Buddhism over the centuries.
- Prominent Buddhist monks from various countries came to India for the first time and participated in the summit.
- The summit will explore how **Buddhist philosophy and thought** can help address contemporary challenges.
- The summit highlights the significance and importance of India in Buddhism, as **Buddhism originated in India**.
- The summit is also an opportunity to enhance cultural and diplomatic ties with other countries.

Buddhism in India

- It is one of the important religions of **South and South-Eastern Asian countries**.
- Buddhism started in India about **2600 years ago**.
- Gautam Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, was **born in Lumbini around 563 BC**. He belonged to the **Shakya dynasty**.
- Buddha is considered to be the **eighth incarnation of the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu**.
- The core teachings of Buddhism are contained in the **Four Noble Truths and the core concept of the Eightfold Path**.

- The essence of Buddhism lies in the attainment of **enlightenment or nirvana**, which can be achieved in this life.
- The branches of Buddhism are **Mahayana (idolatry), Hinayana, Theravada, Vajrayana (Tantric Buddhism), and Zen.**

7. Amit Shah chairs meeting of heads of departments of SCO member-states (April 20, 2023)

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Home Minister **Amit Shah** chaired the meeting of **Heads of Departments of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member-states** in New Delhi on 20 April.

An Overview of the news

- The meeting focused on the **prevention and elimination of emergency situations.**
- Representatives of SCO member states shared information about large-scale emergency situations occurring in their regions and measures taken to deal with them.
- Ideas were shared on **innovative practices, technologies and future prospects for cooperation** in the field of prevention and elimination of emergency situations.
- Based on these consultations, Member-States will within the framework of the SCO enhance cooperation in the field of **preparedness, emergency response** and jointly mitigate the impact arising from natural and man-made disasters.
- India has been actively participating in the SCO and providing substantial support to various mechanisms in the Forum.
- India is focusing on initiating proposals of mutual benefit to SCO member states, observers and dialogue partners.

About Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

- It is an intergovernmental organisation **established in 2001 in Shanghai, China.**
- The organisation consists of eight member states, including **China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India, and Pakistan.**
- The purpose of the SCO is to promote regional cooperation in the fields of **politics, security, economy, culture and education.**
- The organisation serves as a forum for member states to engage in regular **dialogue and consultation on issues of mutual interest.**
- The SCO has been instrumental in promoting regional security and stability by countering **terrorism, extremism and separatism.**
- The organisation has observer states and dialogue partners, including countries such as **Afghanistan, Iran, Belarus and Mongolia.**

8. Narendra Modi to inaugurate first Global Buddhist Summit on 20th April (April 18, 2023)

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Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **first Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi** on 20th April.

An overview of the news

- The two-day summit will be hosted by the **Ministry of Culture** in association with its grantee body **International Buddhist Confederation**.
- **Eminent scholars, Sangha leaders and Dharma practitioners** from all over the world will attend the Conference.
- The theme of the Global Buddhist Summit is '**Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis**'.
- For the first time prominent Buddhist monks from different countries will come to India and participate in the summit.
- There will be discussions on how to deal with contemporary challenges with the help of **Buddhist philosophy and thought**.
- This global summit will mark the importance of India in Buddhism, as **Buddhism originated in India**.
- This global summit will also be a medium to enhance **cultural and diplomatic relations with other countries**.
- **Delegates from around 30 countries** will participate in the event and around 171 delegates from foreign countries and 150 delegates from Indian Buddhist organizations will participate.
- The main approach of the summit is to reflect on the teachings of **Shakyamuni Buddha**, which have been continuously enriched by the practice of Buddhism over the centuries.

Four Themes of Discussions

1. Buddha Dhamma and Peace
2. Buddha Dhamma: Environmental Crisis, Health and Sustainability
3. Preservation of Nalanda Buddhist Tradition
4. Buddha Dhamma Pilgrimage, Living heritage and Buddha Relics: a resilient foundation to India's centuries-old cultural links to countries in South, Southeast and East Asia.

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UNESCO heritage site related to Buddhism

- Archaeological site of Nalanda Mahavihara at Nalanda, Bihar
- Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh
- Mahabodhi Vihara Complex in Bodh Gaya, Bihar
- Ajanta Caves, Aurangabad (Maharashtra)

9. Sixth meeting of the Steering Committee on the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 (April 17, 2023)

The **sixth meeting of the Steering Committee** on matters relating to the **Indus Waters Treaty of 1960** was held in **New Delhi** on 17 April.

An Overview of the News

- **The purpose of the meeting** was to take stock of the ongoing amendment process of the **Indus Water Treaty**.
- The meeting was presided over by Secretary, Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Jal Shakti, **Pankaj Kumar**.

About Indus Water Treaty (IWT)

- The Indus Water Treaty (IWT) is a **water-distribution treaty** between **India and Pakistan**, arranged and negotiated by the **World Bank**, to utilise the water available in the **Indus River and its tributaries**.
- The treaty was **signed in Karachi on 19 September 1960** by the then Indian Prime Minister **Jawaharlal Nehru** and the then Pakistani President **Ayub Khan**.
- The treaty gives control over the waters of **three "eastern rivers" - the Beas, the Ravi and the Sutlej** with an average annual flow of **41 billion m3 (33 million acre**

feet) - while controlling the waters of all three. The "**Western Rivers**" - **the Indus, the Chenab and the Jhelum**, with an average annual flow of **99 billion cubic metres** - flow to Pakistan.

- India has about **20% of the total water** carried by the Indus system while **Pakistan has 80%**.
- The treaty allows India to use the waters of the western river for limited irrigation use and unlimited non-consumptive use for applications such as **power generation, navigation, floating of assets, fisheries, etc.**

10. Union Minister of Steel Jyotiraditya Scindia to inaugurate India Steel 2023 in Mumbai (April 17, 2023)

Union Minister of Steel **Jyotiraditya Scindia** will inaugurate **India Steel 2023** on 19th April at the **Mumbai Exhibition Centre in Goregaon, Mumbai.**

An overview of the news

- The Union Ministry of Steel, in association with the **Department of Commerce, Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and FICCI** is organising India Steel 2023.
- The **conference and International Exhibition on the steel industry** will be held from April 19-21.
- The **main objective** of the event is to bring together industry leaders, policy makers and experts to discuss the latest developments, challenges and opportunities in the steel industry.
- The India Steel 2023 exhibition will showcase advanced **technologies, products and solutions** from the Indian steel industry.
- This biennial event will provide a unique platform for attendees to engage with industry leaders, gain insight into future growth prospects and explore collaboration opportunities in the Indian steel industry.

Topics of sessions

- Augmentation of Enabling Logistics Infrastructure.
- Demand Dynamics for Indian Steel Industry.
- Sustainability Goals via Green Steel: Challenges and Way Forward.
- Conducive Policy Framework & Key Enablers for Indian Steel.
- Technology Solutions for Enhancing Productivity & Efficiency.

Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

- It is a **business lobby group** of top business houses in India which was **founded by Ghanshyam Das Birla.**

- It was **set up in 1927**
- It articulates the views and concerns of industry and tries to influence the government to make policy which is in favour of the industry and business.
- Headquarters: **New Delhi**
- President: **Subhrakant Panda**