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### **1. Quad cyber group meeting to strengthen cyber security cooperation ( Feb. 1, 2023 )**

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A meeting of the **Quad Senior Cyber Group** was held in **New Delhi** to strengthen **cyber security cooperation** on 30-31 January.

#### **An overview of the news**

- The heads of the Quad Senior Cyber Group, along with their inter-agency delegations, met in **New Delhi** to discuss cyber security cooperation and a collective approach to enhancing resilience.
- During the meeting, participants discussed sharing threat information, identifying and assessing potential risks in supply chains for digitally enabled products and services, and aligning baseline software security requirements.
- The group also discussed cyber **security capacity building** for Quad members and for partners in the **Indo-Pacific region**.
- The meeting discussed how Quad members can prevent cyber incidents and respond to such cyber incidents along with building national and international capabilities for security.

#### **QUAD or Quadrilateral Security Dialogue**

- **Quad or Quadrilateral Security Dialogue** is a group of four countries **US, Japan, Australia and India**.
- The concept of QUAD was given by former Japanese Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe in 2007** for maritime cooperation between these countries after the **Indian Ocean Tsunami disaster in 2004**.
- Now the group is mainly seen as a group to counter the Chinese influence in the region.
- The 2022 Quad summit meeting was held in **Japan** and next will be held in **Australia in 2023**.

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- Muslim dynasties like **Bahmani and Adil Shahi** were not part of the exhibition.
- On the question why Muslim dynasties are not part of the exhibition, ICHR member secretary **Professor Umesh Ashok Kadam** said that he does not consider Muslim dynasties as Indian dynasties.
- According to Kadam, Muslims came from the **Middle East** and did not have a direct connection with Indian culture.
- Although Islamic dynasties were undoubtedly a part of Indian history, Kadam argued that the past should not be dominated by the **Mughal or Sultanate dynasties.**
- Kadam said, "Islam and Christianity came to India in the medieval period and they uprooted the civilization and destroyed the knowledge system."
- According to the ICHR, the exhibition will soon be shown across the country with the intention of educating people about India's past.
- The exhibits depict **Ahom, Chola, Rathor, Yadav, Kakatiya** and other dynasties, highlighting their founders, capital cities, dates and architecture, art, culture of India.

### **Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)**

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**4. India's G-20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant inaugurates India's first Model G-20 Summit ( Jan. 30, 2023 )**

India's G-20 Sherpa **Amitabh Kant** on 30 January inaugurated **India's first Model G-20 Summit** organised by **Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini's Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership.**

**An overview of the news**

- The two-day model G-20 summit has been organised at the **Uttan campus of Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini** near **Mumbai** to celebrate India's chairmanship and to take the idea of G-20 to the youth.
- **Dr Vinay Sahasrabuddhe**, President of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Vice Chairman of Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini chaired the inaugural ceremony.
- Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership (IIDL) organises **Model International Leaders Meet (MILM)** every year to orient students towards international relations.
- During this two-day conference, students will get into the role of G-20 member countries and discuss various political and social issues in four committees or tracks, namely **Leader Track, Sherpa Track, Civil-20 and Business-20**.
- Discussions ranging from global peace to democratisation of the world economic system will be included in the agenda.
- A total of **150 youth** from across the country will participate in the program and will play the role of delegates representing G-20 countries.
- The best two delegates will be awarded **cash prizes of Rs 15,000 and Rs 10,000**.

**5. First International Financial Architecture Working Group Meeting of G20 ( Jan. 30, 2023 )**

The **first International Financial Architecture Working Group meeting** under the G-20 Indian Presidency was inaugurated in **Chandigarh** on 30 January by Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** and Food Processing Industries Minister **Pashupati Kumar Paras**.

**An overview of the news**

- The deliberations during the two-day meeting were jointly moderated by the **Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India** along with **France and Korea**, which are co-chairs of the International Financial Architecture Working Group.
- An event titled '**Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs): Opportunities and Challenges**' was also organised during this meeting.
- The first meeting of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors will be held in **Bengaluru** on 24-25 February 2023.
- The theme of India's G-20 chairmanship, "**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**" or '**One Earth, One Family, One Future**', underlines the message of equitable development and a shared future for all.

**International Financial Architecture Working Group and objectives of meeting**

- The International Financial Structure Working Group is one of the important action plans under the G20 finance track.
- It focuses on strengthening the international financial structure.
- It aims to address various challenges faced by vulnerable countries.
- About 100 delegates from G20 members, invited countries and international organisations participated in the two-day meeting.

### **Key issues of discussion**

- Ways to enhance the stability and cohesion of the international financial architecture and solutions to the global challenges of the 21st century.
- Discussion on finding ways to maximise aid to poor and vulnerable countries.
- Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC): Opportunities and Challenges

## **6. PM Modi releases special Rs 75 coin to mark 75 successful years of NCC ( Jan. 30, 2023 )**

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Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** on 28 January released a **special day cover** and a commemorative **specially minted coin of Rs 75 denomination** on the occasion of 75 successful years of the **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**.

### **An overview of the news**

- NCC rally was organised on the occasion of 75 years commemoration at **Cariappa Maidan, Delhi** on 28th January.
- 196 officers and cadets from 19 foreign countries participated in the rally.
- On this occasion, PM Modi addressed the annual NCC Rally at Cariappa Parade Ground in Delhi.
- At the event, PM Modi released a **specially minted coin of Rs 75 denomination** to commemorate 75 successful years of NCC.

### **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**

- The NCC was formed in **1948** on the recommendation of **H N Kunzru Committee-1946** under **National Cadet Corps Act, 1948**.
- NCC is the **largest uniformed youth organisation in the world**.
- It is a **voluntary organisation** in which cadets are recruited from high schools, colleges and universities across India.

- It is a **tri-services organisation**, comprising the **Army, Navy and Air Force**, engaged in grooming the youth into disciplined and patriotic citizens.
- The motto of NCC is “**Unity and Discipline**”.
- The **Defence Ministry** deals with NCC at the National level and the **Education Ministry** deals with NCC in all States.
- NCC cadets have been instrumental in spreading awareness about various government initiatives like '**Swachhta Abhiyan**', '**Mega Pollution Fortnight**', '**Digital Literacy**', '**International Yoga Day**', '**Tree Plantation**' and Covid-19 Vaccination.
- Headquarters - **New Delhi**
- Director General - **Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh**

## **7. Presidential election in the Czech Republic ( Jan. 29, 2023 )**

In the Czech Republic, **retired army general Petr Pavel won the presidential election, defeating billionaire businesswoman Andrej Babis.**

### **An overview of the news**

- Retired general **Petr Pavel will replace controversial incumbent President Milos Zeman.**
- During the election, General Pavel got 58.2 percent of the votes while Andrzej Babis got 42.8 percent.
- General **Powell has been Chairman of the Military Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).**
- General Powell has been an outspoken supporter of the European Union and NATO.
- Pavel has repeatedly expressed his support for providing military and humanitarian aid to Ukraine during the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

### **About Czech Republic**

- It is a landlocked country in Central Europe.
- Prime Minister - Petr Fiala
- **Capital - Prague**
- Currency - Czech koruna.

## **8. UN General Assembly president to visit India from Jan 29-31 ( Jan. 28, 2023 )**

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### **An overview of the news**

- Korosi, **Hungarian diplomat** who served as his **country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations**, is visiting India at the invitation of External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar**.
- He became the President of the **77th session of the United Nations General Assembly** in September 2022.
- Besides holding talks with Jaishankar on key multilateral and regional issues of mutual interest, Korosi will hold talks with senior officials of **NITI Aayog and India's G20 Presidency team**.
- On January 30, Korosi will deliver a public speech at the **Indian Council of World Affairs** on the topic "**Solidarity, Sustainability and Solutions through Science at the United Nations**".
- He will also attend the "**Beating the Retreat**" ceremony on January 29 and pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat on January 30 on the occasion of Martyrs' Day.
- On January 31, Korosi will travel to Bengaluru, which will include an interaction with scientists from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and a field visit to an IISc-led water conservation project.

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## **10. Govt renames Delhi's Mughal Gardens as 'Amrit Udyan' ( Jan. 28, 2023 )**

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The **Central government** on 28 January renamed the **Mughal Gardens** in New Delhi's **Rashtrapati Bhavan** as '**Amrit Udyan**'.

### **An overview of the news**

- In keeping with the theme of '**Amrit Mahotsav**' to commemorate 75 years of India's independence, the Union Government has renamed the Mughal Gardens as Amrit Udyan.
- On the occasion of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', the President of India has given a common name to Rashtrapati Bhavan Gardens as Amrit Udyan.
- The Central Government had last year renamed Delhi's iconic **Rajpath** as "**Kartavya Path**".
- Rashtrapati Bhavan has a rich variety of gardens. Basically, they include **East Lawn, Central Lawn, Long Garden and Circular Garden**.
- This time the gardens (Herbal Garden, Bonsai Garden, Central Lawn, Long Garden and Circular Garden) will remain open for about two months.
- The gardens will open for the general public on **January 31, 2023** and will remain open till March 26, 2023, except on Mondays.

### **About Mughal Gardens**

- The Mughal Gardens were designed by **Edwin Lutyens in 1917**, and the first saplings were planted in **1928-1929**.
- Like the Rashtrapati Bhavan building, which has two different styles of architecture, **Indian and Western**.
- Lutyens brought together two different horticultural traditions, the **Mughal style and the English flower garden**, for the gardens.
- More gardens namely **Herbal-I, Herbal-II, Tactile Garden, Bonsai Garden and Arogya Vanam** were developed during the tenure of former Presidents Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and Ram Nath Kovind.