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1. Western Air Command Commanders' Conference held at New Delhi (Nov. 12, 2022)

Western Air Command Commanders

Western Air Command Commanders' Conference was held in **New Delhi** on 10 and 11 November 2022.

Important facts

- The chief guest of the conference was Air Chief Marshal **VR Chowdhary**, Chief of the Air Staff (CAS).
- VR Choudhary stressed on the need to maintain operational preparedness, ensure serviceability of assets and physical and information security.
- Speaking on the occasion, he directed all the commanders present to ensure operational readiness of all platforms, weapon systems and assets at all times.

Air Command in India

- The **Western Command**, headquartered at **New Delhi**, looks after the Ladakh sector, among other areas.
- There is a standoff between Indian and Chinese troops at several points in eastern Ladakh.
- The Air Force has **seven commands** (Western, Eastern, Southern, Southwestern, Central, Training and Maintenance).

2. India to host 'No Money For Terror' Ministerial Conference in Delhi (Nov. 12, 2022)

India to host 'No Money For Terror

Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India will organize the **3rd Ministerial Conference** on '**No Money for Terror**' in **New Delhi** on 18th and 19th November.

Important facts

- Representatives from **75 countries** and international bodies will attend the two-day conference for deliberations.
- **The purpose** of this conference is to take forward the discussions on combating terrorist financing held by the international community in the previous two conferences in Paris (2018) and Melbourne (2019).
- It will also discuss technical, legal and regulatory aspects of all aspects of terrorism financing.

- The conference will discuss diverse topics such as global trends in terrorism and terrorist financing, use of formal and informal channels of funding for terrorism, emerging technologies, international cooperation to address challenges in combating terrorist financing and terrorist financing.
- The participating countries will also deliberate on how to effectively implement the standards mandated by the **Financial Action Terror Force (FATF) and UN listing on terrorist groups and terrorists.**
- India had hosted two global events in October, 2022 - **Interpol's annual general assembly** in Delhi and a **special session of the United Nations Anti-Terrorism Committee in Mumbai and Delhi.**

3. COP27 presidency launches Sharm-el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda (Nov. 12, 2022)

Sharm-el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda

At the **United Nations Climate Change Conference in Egypt**, the **COP27 Presidency** launched the **Sharm-el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda** to enhance resilience for the four billion people living in the most climate-sensitive communities **by 2030.**

Important facts

- The Sharm-el-Sheikh adaptation agenda represents a significant contribution to elevating global action on adaptation and resilience as a top priority.
- Each outcome presents a global solution that can be adopted locally to respond to local climate contexts, needs and risks
- This will help bring about the necessary changes in mechanisms to protect vulnerable communities from increasing climate hazards, such as extreme heat, drought, floods, or extreme weather.
- Developing countries also demanded that the fund should be easily accessible.
- It aims to reduce the devastating effects of climate change.
- The presidency sought to raise **\$140 billion to \$300 billion** to advance these goals.
- Developing countries, including India, are asking rich countries to agree to a new global climate finance target, also known as the New Collective Quantitative Target on Climate Finance.
- These actions will be carried out in five impact systems - **Food and Agriculture, Water and Nature, Coastal and Ocean, Human Settlements, and Infrastructure.**
- These actions will include enabling solutions to plan and finance these areas.

4. Sahitya Akademi organises 8-day Book Fair at Rabindra Bhavan in New Delhi (Nov. 12, 2022)

8-day Book Fair at Rabindra Bhavan in New Delhi

Sahitya Akademi has organised an 8-day Book Fair at **Rabindra Bhawan in New Delhi** on 11 November. The book fair will run till 18th November.

Important facts

- During the Book Fair, the Academy will organise several literary activities like book release, book discussion, children's literature, symposium, cartoon making and creative writing competitions for children.
- 30 eminent authors writing for children will participate in various literary activities during the fair.

About Sahitya Akademi

- The Sahitya Akademi was formally inaugurated by the Government of India on **12 March 1954**.
- It actively works for the development of Indian literature and setting high literary standards, promoting and coordinating literary activities in all Indian languages and promoting the overall cultural unity of the country through them.
- The Sahitya Akademi, India's national literary academy, is the central institution for literary dialogue, publication and promotion in the country and the only institution that undertakes literary activities in 24 Indian languages, including English.
- Head Office - **Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi**
- Secretary - **Dr K Srinivasan**

5. Anamalai Tiger Reserve initiated elephant adoption scheme (Nov. 11, 2022)

Anamalai Tiger Reserve initiated elephant adoption scheme

The '**Elephant Adoption Scheme**' has been unveiled by **Tamil Nadu-based Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR)** in November 2022.

Important Facts:

- ATR has started an elephant adoption program in which NGOs, institutions, trusts or individuals can sponsor the cost of elephants in the forest department's camp.
- Lima Rose Martin, Director of Martin Group of Companies, Martin Trust and District Coordinator of Rotary Club of Coimbatore Aakriti's 'Go Green' program, adopted two elephants Abhinay and Sanjeev from Kozhikamuthi Elephant Camp for one year.

- Under the Elephant Adoption Scheme, any donor who is desirous of adopting elephants is said to be exempted under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961.
- On 7 November 2022, Lima Rose Martin handed over a demand draft of Rs 1,86,720 to meet the expenses of 2 elephants for 3 months.

Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR):

- ATR is one of the four tiger reserves of Tamil Nadu. It is a part of the Southern Western Ghats. It is part of the Anamalai Parambikulam Elephant Reserve declared in the year 2003.
- It is surrounded by Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary in the east and Eravikulam National Park and Parambikulam Tiger Reserve in the southwest.
- The reserve is also surrounded by the Nenmara Vazhachal, Malayattur and Marayur reserve forests of Kerala.
- The mountain ranges found in this sanctuary include Amaravati, Udumalpet, Pollachi, Uledi and Valparai etc.
- The tribes found in this region include Kadar, Malasar, Malmalsar, Pulayar, Muduvar and Eravalan.
- The main mammals found here include Asian Elephant, Sambar, Spotted Deer, Barking Deer, Mouse Deer, Gaur, Nilgiri Tahr, Tiger, etc.

6. Global Investors Summit-2023' to be held in Visakhapatnam (Nov. 11, 2022)

Global Investors Summit-2023

On 8 November 2022, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** unveiled the logo of the '**Global Investors Summit-2023**' to be held in **Visakhapatnam at his camp office.**

Important Facts

- Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has directed to organise '**Global Investors Summit**' to be held in Visakhapatnam on March 3 and 4 in the year 2023.
- Investment summits could not be held in the state in the last three years.
- Other states are just starting to do so and the AP government has also focused on MSMEs providing infrastructure for the development of campuses in the state.
- Machilipatnam and Bhavanapadu ports are being constructed, Visakha and Kakinada ports are being developed as well as five shipping ports are in progress.
- Leading industrialists from across the world will also be invited to the summit at the Global Investors Summit to be held in Visakhapatnam.

Andhra Pradesh

- Capital: **Amaravati**
- Governor: **Vishwa Bhushan Harichandan**
- Chief Minister: **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy**

7. 53rd International Film Festival of India 2022 (Nov. 11, 2022)

53rd International Film Festival of India 2022

The **53rd edition** of the **International Film Festival of India (IFFI)** will be held in **Goa** from 20 to 28 November 2022. The **53rd edition of IFFI** will begin with the Austrian film '**Alma & Oscar**' on 20 November 2022.

Important Facts

- The organisers of the festival believe that the film will be screened at INOX, Panaji.
- IFFI is jointly organised by the Directorate of Film Festivals and the State Government of Goa. It is monitored by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.
- The film 'Alma and Oscar' is directed by Austrian director Dieter Berner. This is a biopic. The film is based on the relationship between artist Alma Mahler and Austrian painter Oscar Kokoschka.
- The 110-minute film is written by Berner and Hilde Berger.

Other points related to IFFI

- A total of 15 films will compete for the coveted Golden Peacock at the 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India.
- From the first Golden Peacock given at the 3rd edition of IFFI, the award has been one of the most sought after film awards in Asia.
- The jury for the 53rd edition includes Israeli writer and film director Nadav Lapid, American filmmaker Ginkgo Gotoh, French film editor Pascal Chavans, French documentary filmmaker, film critic and journalist Javier Angulo Barturen and India director Sudipto Sen.
- Among the films in the competition category this year are Polish filmmaker Krzysztof Zanussi's Perfect Number, Mexican filmmaker Carlos Eichelmann Kaiser's Red Shoes, Iranian drama No End and Hindi film Kashmir Files.

8. DMRC, BEL sign pact for development of indigenous train control system (Nov. 11, 2022)

DMRC, BEL sign pact

In November 2022, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has signed an MoU with Public Sector Undertaking 'Bharat Electronics Limited' (BEL) for development of 'Indigenous Communication-Based Train Control System' (I-CBTC).

Important Facts

- The MoU was signed by Om Hari Pandey (Director, Power) DMRC and Manoj Jain, Director BEL in the presence of senior officials at Metro Bhawan, New Delhi.
- DMRC is developing this indigenous system along with BEL and C-DAC as part of the 'Make in India' initiative of the Government of India under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Features of i-CBTC:

- The system is being widely adopted by most countries around the world, especially for its characteristic of moving blocks that allow a high frequency of trains.
- I-CBTC is a major step towards development of indigenously manufactured signalling systems in India towards achieving self-reliance in Metro Signalling and Train Control Systems.
- I-CBTC is efficient in utilising metro infrastructure and provides secure operation that facilitates innovation, enhances local skills and reduces deployment costs for metros.
- DMRC and BEL have also jointly developed indigenous Automatic Train Supervision System (I-ATS) which is currently under implementation.

Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

- Established: **1954**
- Headquarters: **Bengaluru, Karnataka**
- Chairman and Managing Director: **Bhanu Prakash Srivastava**

9. Year 2022 declared as ASEAN-India Friendship year (Nov. 11, 2022)

Year 2022 declared as ASEAN-India Friendship year

The year 2022 has been declared as the **ASEAN-India Friendship Year**, as ASEAN and India celebrate **30 years of partnership**.

Important facts

- A series of events have been planned to celebrate the occasion throughout the year.

- An Indian media delegation is visiting Singapore and Cambodia as part of the **ASEAN-India Media Exchange Program** from November 8 to 13.
- In the first leg of the visit, the delegation visited the Singapore-India Chambers of Commerce and Industries (SICCI).
- The delegation exchanged views on India-Singapore relations with a special focus on business-friendly policies and business expectations.

Evolution of India -ASEAN relationship

- India was initially made a sectoral partner by ASEAN in 1992. With the increasing depth in the relationships the status was changed to a Dialogue Partner in 1996.
- In 2022 the relationship was further upgraded to Summit level
- And finally in 2012 it was elevated to Strategic partnership.

Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN)

- It was set up in 1967 as a group of South-East Asian nations.
- At present there are 10 members in the group.
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- They are **Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.**

The headquarters of ASEAN: **Jakarta, Indonesia.**

10. 16th Asian Conference on Diarrhoeal Disease and Nutrition (ASCODD) (Nov. 11, 2022)

16th Asian Conference

Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, **Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar** addressed the **16th Asian Conference on Diarrhoeal Disease and Nutrition (ASCODD)** at **Kolkata** on 11 November, 2022.

Important facts

- Delegates from India and other **Southeast Asian countries, African countries, US, European countries** attended the conference through video conferencing.
- **The theme of the Conference** was "Prevention and control of cholera, typhoid and other enteric diseases in low and middle-income countries through community participation : beyond the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic".
- The conference was organised by **ICMR-National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases.**

- The conference focused on issues such as intestinal infections, nutrition, policy and practice, development of cholera vaccines, contemporary approaches to antimicrobial resistance of intestinal bacteria, etc., including a roadmap to end cholera by 2030.