

Testwale Current Affairs PDF

Current Affairs search results for tag: national-news

1. Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) Asia Pacific Conference (Nov. 1, 2022)

CANSO conference

Goa is hosting a three-day long **Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) conference** from 1st to 3rd November 2022.

Important facts

- Delegates will discuss and collaborate on key issues that will help shape the future of Asia's aviation industry and turn the vision of the **Global Council for Complete Air Transport Systems (CATS)** of **2045** into reality.
- Theme of 2022 conference - **“Think Global, Collaborate Regional, Accomplish Local”**.
- The conference also covered Digitization and Automation, which play an important role in strengthening CANSO's vision for the skies of the future.
- Delegates will also be able to witness some of the cutting edge technology that will help modernise air traffic management in the region.

About CANSO

- The Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) is the global voice of the air traffic management (ATM) industry and is shaping future skies.
- Its members support more than **90% of the world's air traffic** and include air navigation service providers, airspace users and operators, manufacturers and aviation industry suppliers.
- It brings together the world's air navigation service providers, leading industry innovators and air traffic management experts to share knowledge, develop best practices, and shape the future of safe and seamless airspace.
- Founded - **1996**
- Director General - **Simon Hocquard**

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 **133 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**

2. Second edition of Naval Commanders' Conference (Nov. 1, 2022)

Naval Commanders' Conference

The **second edition** of **Naval Commanders' Conference** of 2022 begins on 1 November, 2022 in **New Delhi**.

Important facts

- During the four-day conference, Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** will address and interact with naval commanders on matters related to national security.
- Chief of Defence Staff General **Anil Chauhan** and the Chiefs of Indian Army and Indian Air Force will also interact with the Naval Commanders.
- During the conference, the Chief of Naval Staff, along with other Naval Commanders, will review major operations, material, logistics, human resource development, training and administrative activities undertaken by the Indian Navy over the past few months.
- They will deliberate on plans for important future activities and initiatives.
- The conference will also focus on the dynamics of the geo-strategic situation in the region and the Navy's readiness to deal with 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**

3. PM Modi declares Rajasthan's Mangarh Dham national monument (Nov. 1, 2022)

Mangarh Dham national monument

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared **Mangarh Dham** in Rajasthan a **national monument** on 1 November, 2022.

Important facts

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the '**Mangarh Dham ki Gaurav Gatha**' programme in **Banswara district of Rajasthan** on 1 November.
- The event is being organised by the **Ministry of Culture**. The Chief Ministers of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat are also participating in this program.
- He addressed a gathering of members of **Bhil tribals** and other tribes at Mangarh Dham in Banswara district.

- PM paid tributes to the tribals who were massacred by the British army in **1913** in **Mangarh** in Rajasthan.

About Mangarh Dham

- It is a memorial for around 1,500 tribals massacred by the British army **in 1913**, is located on the **Gujarat-Rajasthan border**, a region with a large tribal population.
- In 1913 the assembly of tribals and forest dwellers against the **British Raj in Mangarh** was led by the social reformer **Govind** Guru.
- This massacre of tribals, which took place **six years before Jallianwala Bagh**, is sometimes referred to as "**Adivasi Jallianwala**".
- On **November 17, 1913**, the British army killed hundreds of Bhil tribesmen in the hills of Mangarh.
- The Bhil tribe is called the "**Dhanush Man of India**" because they are highly skilled in learning the bow.

4. Kalanamak Rice (Nov. 1, 2022)

Indian Agricultural Research Institute has successfully tested two new dwarf varieties of **Kalanamak rice** (Pusa Narendra Kalanamak 1638 and Pusa Narendra Kalanamak 1652) in Uttar Pradesh which give double yield.

About Kalanamak Rice

- It is a traditional variety of paddy with black husk and **strong aroma**.
- It is a non-basmati rice with medium slender grain length.
- It is believed to be a gift from **Lord Buddha** to the people of **Shravasti** when he visited the region after attaining enlightenment.
- This variety has been in cultivation since the original **Buddhist period (600 BCE)**.
- It is popular in the **Himalayan Terai (Kapilvastu)** of Nepal and eastern Uttar Pradesh, where it is known as the fragrant black pearl.
- Kalanamak rice was granted a **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** by the Government of India in **2012**.

Two dwarf varieties of Kalanamak rice

- Pusa Narendra Kalanamak 1638
- Pusa Narendra Kalanamak 1652

Health Benefits of Kalanamak

- It is rich in **micronutrients** such as Iron and Zinc.
- Therefore it is said to prevent diseases borne out of nutrient deficiencies.
- Regular consumption of Kalanamak rice is believed to prevent **Alzheimer's disease**.
- It contains **11% protein**, which is almost twice that of common rice varieties.
- It has a **low glycemic index** (49% to 52%) which makes it relatively sugar free and suitable for diabetics.
- It also contains antioxidants like **anthocyanins** which are useful in preventing heart disease.

Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)

- It is also known as the **Pusa Institute**, India's national institute for agricultural research, education and extension.
- The institute was originally located in **Pusa, Bihar** as the Imperial Institute of Agricultural Research in **1911**.
- In 1919 it was renamed as Imperial Agricultural Research Institute and after a major earthquake in Pusa, it was shifted to Delhi in **1936**.
- It is financed and administered by the **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**.

5. Goa Maritime Symposium (Nov. 1, 2022)

Goa Maritime Symposium

The **fourth edition of the Goa Maritime Symposium (GMS)** is being conducted by the **Naval War College (NWC) at Goa** from 31 October to 1 November 2022.

Important facts

- **The theme of GMS-2022** is Maritime Security Challenges in the Indian Ocean Region: Converting Common Maritime Priorities into Collaborative Mitigation Frameworks.
- The Symposium was inaugurated by **Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar**, Commandant, Naval War College.
- The participants of the symposium include Captains/ officers of the rank of Commander or equivalent from navies/ maritime forces from friendly countries like Bangladesh, Comoros, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand besides India.

About Goa Maritime Symposium (GMS)

- It was conceptualised and instituted by the Indian Navy in **2016**.

- It is a forum for promoting collaborative thinking, cooperation and mutual understanding between India and the major maritime countries of the **Indian Ocean Region (IOR)**.
- The Symposium is organised **biennially by NWC, Goa** and so far three editions of the event have been organised.

6. S Jaishankar participated in the virtual meeting of the Heads of Government of the SCO (Nov. 1, 2022)

S Jaishankar participated

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar represented India at a virtual meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** on 1 November 2022.

Important facts

- The **21st Meeting** of SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) is being held on 1 November 2022 in the virtual format.
- The meeting was attended by SCO Member States, Observer States, Secretary General of the SCO, Executive Director of the SCO **Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS), Turkmenistan** and other invited guests.
- India remains actively engaged in various SCO activities and dialogue mechanisms in the region as well as other multilateral cooperation within the SCO framework.
- The leaders of the SCO member states met for the summit meeting in **Samarkand, Uzbekistan** on 16 September 2022.
- The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Samarkand Declaration was adopted.
- Member countries also called for the improvement of SCO activities and the development of efficient transport corridors for interconnectivity.

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)

- It is a permanent intergovernmental international organisation.
- It was founded in **2001**.
- The SCO Charter was signed in **2002**, and came into force in 2003.
- It is a Eurasian political, economic and military organisation.
- Its aim is to maintain peace, security and stability in the region.
- China, Russia and four Central Asian states – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan – were founding members of the SCO.
- Official Languages - **Russian and Chinese**
- Chairmanship - On the basis of rotation for a year by Member States

- The Council of Heads of Governments (CHG) is the second-highest council in the organization.

7. Union Minister Hardeep Puri attends the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference (Oct. 31, 2022)

Union Minister Hardeep Puri

Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs **Hardeep Singh Puri** attended the Opening Ceremony of the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference (ADIPEC-2022) on 31 October 2022 at **Abu Dhabi**. United Arab Emirates.

Hosted by ADNOC (Abu Dhabi National Oil Company), ADIPEC is one of the world's leading events of the energy industry and aims to provide insights on the latest trends affecting an evolving global energy system including the global economy, energy supply as well as next generation of energy solutions.

Mr Singh who was on a day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) held bilateral discussion with his counterparts from UAE, **Suhail Mohamed Faraj Al Mazrouei**, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, and **Dr. Sultan Ahmad Al Jaber**, Minister of Industry & Advanced Technology, MD & Group CEO, ADNOC, to strengthen energy cooperation within the overall framework of India-UAE Strategic Partnership.

The Minister also inaugurated the India Pavilion, set up jointly by Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

India- UAE Trade Relations

- UAE is an important trade partner of India with which India has a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement to promote free trade in goods and services.
- UAE is the third largest trading partner of India after China and the United States.
- UAE is the second largest export market for India after the United States.
- UAE was the second largest source of imports for India after China. The US is the third largest source of imports.
- India ranks as the UAE's number one trading partner for non-oil exports, accounting for nearly 14 percent of the UAE's total non-oil exports globally.

United Arab Emirate (UAE)

- It is a federation of seven Emirates of Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ras Khaimah, Ajmain, Fujairah, Umm -Al-Quwain. It is an Arabian country.
- Abu Dhabi is the largest of the emirates and is the centre of UAE oil business.
- It is situated in the West Asia /Middle East region of the world in the Arabian Peninsula.
- UAE in its present form came into existence in 1971.

Capital of UAE: **Abu Dhabi**

Currency: **Emirati Dirham**

President of UAE: **Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan**. He is the king of Abu Dhabi.

8. Brazilian Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva wins 3rd term as the President of Brazil (Oct. 31, 2022)

The leftist leader **Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva** of the **Worker Party** won his **third term** as the President of Brazil after narrowly defeating the incumbent President Jair Bolsonaro in a runoff election. Declaring the result on 30 October 2022 the Supreme Electoral Court of Brazil, declared Lula as the next President. Lula secured 50.9% of votes against 49.1% for Bolsonaro and he received more than 60 million votes, the most in Brazilian history.

The 77-year-old Lula's will take oath of his office on 1 January 2023 for **another 4 year term**.

Runoff Election

Under the Brazilian constitution a candidate has to win more than half of the votes polled and if none of the candidates secure the required votes then there is another round of voting called run off polls.

In the runoff polls the top two candidates who secures the maximum votes can contest again for the post.

In the first round of voting held on 2 October 2022 neither Lula nor Bolsonaro got the required votes. Hence the runoff election was conducted on 30 October 2022.

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva

Lula first became the President of Brazil after he won the 2002 election and he was re-elected again in the 2006 election. However he was convicted in a case of corruption in 2017 and was sentenced to 9 and half years to prison. Later he was released from prison after the Federal Supreme Court overturned his conviction.

Pink Tide in Latin America

Lula's election marks the continuation of the Pink tide in the Latin American politics where the leftist leaders are coming back to power. His victory over far-right president Jair Bolsonaro leaves Brazil joining Colombia, Mexico, Argentina, Chile and Peru in a growing leftist bloc.

Brazil

It is the fifth largest country in the world area wise after Russia, Canada, China, and the United States.

It covers almost half of the South American Continent.

60% of the Amazon rainforest which is considered the lung of the earth lies in Brazil.

Capital: **Brasilia**

Currency: **Brazilian Real**

President: Jair Bolsonaro

9. South Korea declares national mourning after Halloween stampede kills 151 people (Oct. 30, 2022)

South Korea

South Korea's President **Yoon Suk-yeol** declared a period of national mourning on 30 October 2022 after a Halloween stampede killed 151 people in a packed nightlife area in the South Korean capital city of Seoul.

At least 151 people, mostly teenagers including foreigners from China, Iran, Uzbekistan and Norway have been killed in one of South Korea's worst disasters and the world's worst stampedes in decades. The local authorities expect the death toll to rise.

It was the first Halloween event in Seoul in three years to be virtually free of COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing. The stampede happened in an alley near a nightclub in the Itaewon district of Seoul which was packed with people .

Halloween festival

Halloween is based on the Celtic festival Samhain, a celebration in ancient Britain and Ireland that marked the end of summer and the beginning of the New Year on 1st November. Halloween is observed every year on **31 October**.

It is believed that during Samhain the souls of those who had died that year travelled to the other world and that other souls would return to visit their homes.

People wear costumes to hide themselves from these wandering souls. Another tradition is the carving of demonic faces on pumpkins.

Republic of Korea (South Korea)

It lies in the Korean peninsula in East Asia.

The Korean peninsula was divided into communist Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) and Republic of Korea (South Korea) after the Korean War in 1953.

Capital: **Seoul**

Currency: **South Korean Won**

10. Number of TB patients increases worldwide after 20 years: WHO (Oct. 28, 2022)

TB patients increases worldwide

According to a World Health Organisation (WHO) report "**Global Tuberculosis Report 2022**" released on 27 October 2022, the incidence of Tuberculosis (TB) patients worldwide has shown an increasing trend reversing a 20 year trend of decline due to covid pandemic.

According to the WHO a total of **16 lakh people died** from TB in 2021 which is an increase of 14% as compared to 2019. In 2019 14 lakh people died due to TB while in 2020 it was 15 lakhs.

The WHO says that due to the ongoing war in different parts of the world, the global energy crisis and the food crisis, the situation of TB may worsen in the coming times. "The first priority should be to restore patient access to TB related services so that the detection and treatment of TB cases can be brought back to 2019 levels," the report says.

Main Highlights of the WHO Report

- TB is the 13th leading cause of death and the **second leading infectious killer after COVID-19**.
- About 10 million people became ill with TB in 2021, which is 4.5 percent more than in 2020.
- An estimated 66 million lives were saved through TB diagnosis and treatment between 2000 and 2020.
- Globally, TB incidence is falling at about 2% per year and between 2015 and 2020 the cumulative reduction was 11%.
- Ending the **TB epidemic by 2030** is among the health targets of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- In 2021, the largest number of new TB cases occurred in the **South-East Asian Region**, with 46% of new cases, followed by the WHO African Region, with 23% of new cases and the WHO Western Pacific with 18%.

India leads the New TB cases

According to the WHO, in 2020, 87% of new TB cases occurred in the 30 high TB burden countries. Eight countries accounted for more than two thirds of the global total.

Maximum new cases were reported from **India** and followed by, Indonesia, China, the Philippines, Pakistan, Nigeria, Bangladesh and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

TB related Deaths

India ranks first among the four countries that have the highest number of TB related deaths. It is followed by Indonesia, Myanmar and the Philippines.

The report says that it is possible that TB will once again be the number one cause of death in the world. Last year it was covid -19.

What is TB?

Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by **bacteria (Mycobacterium tuberculosis)** that most often affect the lungs. Tuberculosis is curable and preventable.

TB is spread from person to person through the air. When people with lung TB cough, sneeze or spit, they propel the TB germs into the air. A person needs to inhale only a few of these germs to become infected.

India and TB

The government has set a target to eliminate TB from [India](#) **by 2025**.

Every year **March 24** is observed as World Tuberculosis Day in the world.

World Health Organisation (WHO)

- The World Health Organisation is a specialised agency of the United Nations which was founded on 7 April, 1948.
- Headquarters of WHO : **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Members : **194 countries**
- Director General of WHO: **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** of Ethiopia .

