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### **1. IAF Air Fest 2022 organised at Vayusena Nagar in Nagpur ( Nov. 19, 2022 )**

IAF Air Fest 2022

The Indian Air Force annual show, Air Fest 2022 commenced with a visually stunning and breath-taking performances of the Air Force's planes & helicopters at Headquarters Maintenance Command, **Vayusena Nagar in Nagpur** on 19 November 2022.

The Air Fest is being conducted as a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The objective of the Air Fest is to showcase various facets of the Indian Air Force and motivate the youth of Nagpur to choose the Indian Air Force for an exciting career.

#### **Indian Air Force and its command structure**

It was set up on 8 October 1932. It comes under the Union Defence Ministry.

President of India is the Supreme Commander of the Air Force.

Every year October **8 is observed as [Air Force Day](#).**

Chief of Air Staff: **Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari**

#### **Command structure of the Indian Air Force**

Serial No	Command	Headquarters
1	Western Air Command	Delhi
2	South-Western Air Command	Gandhinagar
3	Central Air Command	Prayagraj
4	Eastern Air Command	Shillong
5	Southern Air Command	Thiruvananthapuram
6	Training Command	Bengaluru
7	Maintenance Command	Nagpur

### **2. Vice President Dhankhar to attend FIFA men's world cup 2022 opening ceremony in Qatar ( Nov. 19, 2022 )**

FIFA men's world cup 2022 opening ceremony

According to a release from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Vice President **Jagdeep Dhankar** will represent India at the inauguration of the 22nd Men's [FIFA World Cup](#) in Qatar

on 20 November 2022. Vice President Dhankhar will be visiting Qatar on November 20-21 at the invitation of **Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani**, Amir of the State of Qatar.

The 60,000-capacity **Al Bayt Stadium** in Al Khor will host the opening ceremony on 20 November 2022 just before the first match between host Qatar and Ecuador.

According to the MEA, besides attending the inaugural ceremony of the football World Cup, the vice president will also interact with members of the Indian community during his visit.

### **India Qatar Relations**

- India and Qatar enjoy close and friendly relations with multifaceted partnerships extending to areas of trade, energy, security, defence, health, culture, and education, among others.
- In the last financial year, bilateral trade crossed USD 15 billion.
- Qatar plays an important partner in India's energy security and India participates in Qatar's food security.
- Next year, both countries will be celebrating 50 years of the establishment of full diplomatic relations.
- People-to-people ties form an important element of the bilateral relationships with over 840,000 Indians in Qatar.

### **FIFA men's World Cup 2022**

- The 22nd FIFA men's world cup will be held in Qatar from 20 November to 18 December 2022.
- It is the first time that an **Arab country** will host the tournament.
- It is the second world cup to be held in **Asia** after the 2002 World cup which was jointly hosted by **Japan and South Korea**.
- A total of 32 teams will participate in the world cup.
- **La'eeb is the** official mascot of the Cup. It is inspired by the **keffiyeh, a traditional headdress worn by Arab men**.
- The name of the football to be used during the world cup is Al **Rihla**. Al Rihla means **"Journey" in Arabic**.
- It has been made by the German multinational company **Adidas**.
- It is the 14th successive time that a ball made by Adidas will be used in the FIFA world cup.
- Al-Rihla is the first FIFA World cup ball to be made exclusively with water based inks and glues.

### **FIFA WORLD CUP**

- It is an international men's senior football championship organised by FIFA and it is held every four years. No world cup was held in 1942 and 1946 due to the Second World War.
- The first world cup was held in **1930** and the **21st world cup was held in Russia**.
- The **2026 Men's world cup** will be jointly hosted by **Canada, the United States, and Mexico**.
- The current champion is **France**.
- Brazil is the most successful team in the world having won it 5 times. Italy and Germany have won it 4 times each.

Headquarter of FIFA: **Zurich**, Switzerland

FIFA (**Fédération Internationale de Football Association**)

### **3. 21st World Congress of Accountants starts in Mumbai ( Nov. 19, 2022 )**

21st World Congress of Accountants

The Institute of Chartered Accountant of India (ICAI) is hosting the 21st **World Congress of Accountants 2022(WCOA)** at the Jio World Centre, **Mumbai**, from November 18-21, 2022 in a Hybrid mode. WCOA 2022 is being held in hybrid mode for the first time ever in the Congress's history.

The Theme of the 21st World Congress of Accountants 2022 is: **Building Trust Enabling Sustainability”**.

The **Lok Sabha Speaker OM Birla** addressed the Congress on 18 November 2022 and described chartered accountants as "saints of the new economic order". They are the engines and architects of the economic world.

#### **ICAI**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is a statutory body established under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.

- It was set up on 1 July 1949.
- The ICAI is the second largest professional body of Chartered Accountants in the world after the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).
- It is the regulator of the Chartered Accountancy profession in India.
- It comes under the administrative control of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.

**Headquarters:** New Delhi

**President:** Dr. Debashish Mitra

### **4. BASIC group ministerial meeting held at the COP27 in Egypt ( Nov. 15, 2022 )**

The Ministers of **Brazil, South Africa, India** and **China** (BASIC group) met on 15 November 2022 at the 27th Conference of Parties (COP 27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in **Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt**.

The meeting was **chaired by the South African Environment minister Barbara Creecy** and was attended by the Indian Environment minister **Bhupendra Yadav**, Brazilian Environment minister **Joaquim Leite**, Chinese special envoy on Climate change **XIE Zhenhua**.

Currently South Africa is the chairman of the BASIC group and it rotates annually amongst the member countries.

The ministers pledged their full support to the Egyptian COP27 Presidency for a successful conference. They emphasised the principle of common but different responsibilities and respective capabilities, in light of national circumstances.

They expressed concern that the developed countries are not keeping up their promise of providing **USD 100 billion per year financial aid** to the Developing countries to deal with the adverse effect of climate change. In the **15th Conference of Parties** meeting at Copenhagen, Denmark in 2009. The developed countries had promised such aid to the developing countries.

### **BASIC Group**

The BASIC Group of countries was formed by India, Brazil, South Africa and China in November 2009 just before the 15th Conference of Parties (COP) meeting at Copenhagen, Denmark in 2009.

The group was formed so as to collectively bargain with the Developed countries on issues such as reduction of greenhouse gasses and need of climate financing.

Brazil, South Africa, India and China together have **one-third of the world's geographical area** and nearly **40% of the world's population**.

**China** is the largest emitter of Carbon dioxide in the world and **India is the third largest**. The United States is the second largest emitter of Carbon dioxide in the world.

### **5. India participates in '4th meeting of Moscow Format Consultations on Afghanistan' held in Russia ( Nov. 18, 2022 )**

'4th meeting of Moscow Format Consultations on Afghanistan'

India participated in the fourth meeting of the Moscow Format Consultations on Afghanistan held in **Moscow** on 16 November 2022. Special Envoys and Senior Officials from **Russia, China, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan** also participated in the meeting.

According to the External Affairs Ministry, the participants discussed issues related to Afghanistan. These include the current humanitarian situation and the ongoing efforts of various stakeholders to provide assistance, intra-Afghan talks, formation of an inclusive and representative government, efforts to counter threats of terrorism and ensuring regional security.

### **Moscow Format Consultations on Afghanistan**

The Moscow Format Consultations on Afghanistan, **launched in 2017**, is a regional platform on Afghanistan involving the special envoys of Russia, Afghanistan, India, Iran, China, and Pakistan.

Its mandate is to facilitate political reconciliation between the then-internationally backed Kabul government and the Taliban, establish peace, and ensure regional security.

### **6. Manipur tops the medal table as the 2nd edition of North East Olympic Games concludes in Shillong ( Nov. 18, 2022 )**

The 2nd Edition of the North East Olympics games concluded on 16 November 2022 at the Meghalaya's capital **Shillong**. The week-long (10-16 November) Olympic Games was dominated by the North East sports powerhouse Manipur.

The Games was organised by the government of Meghalaya and the state Olympic Association under the aegis of Northeast Olympic Association.

Arunachal Pradesh was to host the second edition of the Games in 2019 but there was a change of plan following the Covid-19 pandemic and Shillong was named the host city.

The first North East Olympics games **was held in Manipur** in 2018 and the **third edition will be held in Nagaland**.

### **Final Medal position**

**Manipur** emerged as the overall team champion with a total of 240 medals which included 88 gold medals, 75 silver and 77 bronze medals.

Assam took the second spot with a total of 203 medals which included 79 gold medals, 61 silver and 63 bronze medals.

Arunachal Pradesh got the third spot from the host State with a total of 112 medals which included 39 gold, 36 silver and 37 bronze medals.

Meghalaya was at the 4th spot followed by Nagaland at the 5th, Mizoram at 6th, Tripura at 7th and Sikkim was at the last position.

In this one week long edition of the sporting event, about 3000 participants from all around the North East states competed in 18 disciplines like football, shooting, basketball and others at 12 venues spread across Shillong.

## **7. 20th National Maritime Search & Rescue Board meeting of the Coast Guard held in Gujarat ( Nov. 18, 2022 )**

20th National Maritime Search & Rescue Board meeting

The [Indian Coast Guard](#) (ICG) conducted the 20th National Maritime Search and Rescue (NMSAR) Board meeting at Kevadia, Gujarat on November 18, 2022. The apex level meeting was chaired by Director General of the Coast Guard **VS Pathania** who is also the Chairman of NMSAR Board.

During the meeting, Shri VS Pathania launched the National Maritime Search and Rescue Plan-2022. It serves as a policy document for all the participating agencies & stakeholders for directing an integrated and coordinated approach towards the functioning of the M-SAR system.

The NMSAR Board, comprising 31 members from various central ministries/agencies, members of the Armed Forces, all Coastal States & Union Territories, meets annually to discuss policy issues, formulate guidelines & procedures, and assess the efficacy of National Maritime Search and Rescue Plan and services for mariners and fishermen in the vast 4.6 million sq km of Indian Search and Rescue Region (ISRR).

**The Indian Coast Guard** which comes under the Union Ministry of Defence and Its main role is to prevent seaborne smuggling of goods, to ensure the safety and protection of the islands, and to provide protection and assistance to the Indian fishermen and mariners at the high seas.

### **8. Anandiben Patel inaugurates the 104th Annual Conference of the Indian Currency Council and Currency Fair in Lucknow ( Nov. 17, 2022 )**

104th Annual Conference of the Indian Currency Council and Currency Fair

Uttar Pradesh Governor **Anandiben Patel** inaugurated the 104th Annual Conference of the Indian Currency Council and Currency Fair **held** at the State Museum in the premises of the **International Buddhist Institute, Gomtinagar, Lucknow**. On this occasion, the Governor said that currency is the reflection of the culture and civilization of any country. This gives information about the history and economy of the time, due to which our future generations get the knowledge of our rich culture.

The Governor said that the dates and markings found on the coins are a powerful medium of information about the history and culture of that period, because the coins reflect contemporary religion, philosophy and social life.

She announced to keep a coin album in Raj Bhavan. On this occasion, the Governor released a souvenir based on the compilation of research papers.

On this occasion, President of the 104th Conference of the Indian Currency Council Prof. Makhan Lal, General Secretary of the Currency Council Prof. P.N. Singh, Special Secretary Culture Anand Kumar, Director of State Museum Dr. Anand Kumar Singh and a large number of currency custodians from all over the country were present.

### **Numismatics**

The systematic accumulation and study of coins, tokens, paper money, and objects of similar form and purpose is called Numismatics.

### **9. Singapore to host the first International Olympic Committee Esports Week in 2023 ( Nov. 17, 2022 )**

Esports Week in 2023

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has announced that its inaugural Olympic **Esports Week** will take place in **Singapore** between 22 and 25 June 2023.

Esports (Electronic sports) is a competitive sport where Esports athletes use their physical and mental abilities to compete in certain genres of video games in a virtual, electronic environment.

The Olympic Esports Week will be organized by the IOC In partnership with the Singapore government and the **Singapore National Olympic Committee (SNOC)**.

The Olympic Esports Week will showcase the best of virtual sports in hybrid physical and simulated sports.

### **Forthcoming Olympics Games**

#### **Summer Olympics**

**Paris**, France in 2024

**Los Angeles**, United States of America in 2028

**Brisbane**, Australia in 2032

#### **Winter Olympics**

**Milano and Cortina cities** of Italy will jointly host in 2026

#### **Youth Olympics**

**Gangwon** ,South Korea in 2024

**Dakar**, Senegal 2026

### **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**

It was founded in 1894 at the first Olympic Congress held at Paris, France. The credit for the foundation of the IOC is given to **Pierre de Coubertin of France**.

It organises the summer, winter and youth Olympics games.

Headquarters: **Lausanne**, Switzerland

President: **Thomas Bach**

### **10. A two day 4th Indian Chemicals Council Sustainability Conclave is being held at New Delhi ( Nov. 17, 2022 )**

A two-day (17-18 November) **4th edition of Indian Chemicals Council Sustainability Conclave** being held at **New Delhi** was inaugurated by the Secretary Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals **Arun Baroka** on 17 November 2022 .

The conclave has been organised jointly by the **United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)** and **International Council of Chemical Associations**. The conference is being supported by the Union Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers and the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

The **Theme** of the 4th edition of Indian Chemicals Council (ICC) Sustainability Conclave: **Boardrooms to Community-ESG, Carbon Neutrality, Operational Safety, Greener Solutions'**.

The two-day event promotes sustainability in the management of the entire life cycle of chemicals.

