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### **1. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya chairs CEO Conclave at PLASTINDIA 2023 ( Feb. 4, 2023 )**

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**Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** chaired the **CEO Conclave at PlastIndia 2023** in New Delhi.

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

- The conference was attended by more than **90 CEOs** from the plastics industry both from India and abroad.
- Exhibitors from more than **45 countries** of the world as well as more than **2,00,000 trade visitors** from around the world participated in it.
- This conclave is a step where all the stakeholders are encouraged to understand the nature of India and invest in India's growth story.
- The conclave will create opportunities to showcase India's capabilities and help facilitate the growth of the Indian plastics industry.

#### **About PLASTINDIA 2023**

- It refers to a series of exhibitions under the **PlastIndia Foundation**, the **11th International Plastics Exhibition and Conclave** being organized from February 1 to 5, 2023 at **ITPO Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**.
- The exhibition will provide employment generation opportunities, facilitate the growth of the Indian plastics industry and make India a hub for sourcing plastics for global needs.
- It will promote India as a global source of processed plastics, raw materials, machinery and products for use in all aspects of human existence.

### **2. First G20 Employment Working Group meeting commence at Jodhpur in Rajasthan ( Feb. 3, 2023 )**

On 2 February the first **G20 Employment Working Group** meeting began in **Jodhpur, Rajasthan**.

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

- The meeting will be held from February 2 to 4 where guest nations including **Spain, the Netherlands and Singapore** will take part.
- The Employment Working Group under the Indian Chairmanship of the G20 has a mandate to address priority **labour, employment and social issues** for strong, sustainable, balanced and sustainable employment for all.

- The significance of this meeting lies in the fact that the G20 countries represent **85% of world GDP, 3/4 of global trade** and almost two-thirds of the world population.
- International organisations like ILO, OECD and ISA, Indian institutions like NITI Aayog and MSDE (Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship), and EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation) will also share their views on various topics.
- G20 member states have also been invited to share their interventions on key areas.
- India is hosting over **73 delegates from 19 countries**, the European Union and 9 guest countries and 9 regional and international organisations.

### **Thematic areas of the deliberations**

- Addressing global skill gaps
- Gig and platform economy and social protection
- Sustainable financing of social security
- A panel discussion has also been organised to discuss the Framework for Global Skills and Competency Harmonisation, Common Skills Classification.

### **3. 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**.

#### **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 Sahasrabudhe**, 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. Third Interpol Young Global Police Leaders Program begins ( Jan. 29, 2023 )**

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The **third edition** of the Interpol Young Global Police Leaders Program has been **launched in New Delhi with the theme 'Trust'**.

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

- The Young Global Police Leaders Program will be **conducted from 25 January to 2 February 2023**. In which 60 participants from 44 countries are participating.
- The major objective of this program is to build trust among the public-police as well as international police forces.
- It is being **organised by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**.
- The event brings together Young Police Leaders to do important work in their respective countries and helps them develop an international perspective and understanding.

### **International Criminal Police Organisation/Interpol**

- Interpol was **established in the year 1923** with the aim of facilitating criminal investigation across the world.
- Interpol consists of **195 countries including India**.
- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in India is the associate agency of Interpol.
- **Headquarters - Lyon, France**
- Chairman - Ahmed Nasser Al-Raisi

## **6. Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates National Summit on Quality of Biologicals ( Jan. 27, 2023 )**

Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates National Summit on Quality of Biologicals

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** inaugurated the **National Summit on Quality of Biologicals**, organised by the **National Institute of Biologicals (NIB)**, in New Delhi on 27 January.

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

- The summit will act as a platform to bring together stakeholders, regulatory authorities and academia for dialogue on various aspects of the **quality of biologicals**.
- The conclave will lead to capacity building, technology enhancement and new organic growth towards realising the government's dream of '**Healthy India**'.
- The Health Minister stressed the need to initiate studies using **state-of-the-art analytical platforms** to promote development of pharmacopoeial monographs for new biologicals made with updated technologies.
- The summit will help in upgrading the infrastructure and technologies of the country's biopharmaceuticals and in-vitro diagnostic industry.

- Mandaviya has emphasised on making treatment more affordable for the common man through these initiatives.
- A coffee table book was also released by the dignitaries at the event.

### **National Institute of Biologicals (NIB)**

- It is an **apex autonomous institute** under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, Government of India.
- It undertakes quality control evaluation of various biological products such as vaccines, blood products, blood reagents, sera, immuno-diagnostic kits etc.

## **7. National Child Science Congress begins in Ahmedabad ( Jan. 27, 2023 )**

The **30th National Child Science Congress** began at **Science City in Ahmedabad** on 27 January.

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

- It was inaugurated by **Vijay Nahera**, Secretary, Gujarat Science and Technology Department.
- The **Gujarat Council on Science and Technology**, Gujarat Council of Science City, and SAL Education are hosting the five-day Congress, which will conclude on **January 31**.
- More than **1400 delegates** including child scientists, escort teachers, evaluators and government officials will participate in it.
- More than **850 students** from across the country will be showcasing their unique projects at the Congress.

### **National Children Science Congress**

- It sparks **children's curiosity**, provides an opportunity to unleash their creativity and give shape to their imagination.
- This program is supported by the **National Council for Science and Technology Communication**, Government of India.
- Selected awardees are sponsored for the **National Children's Science Congress** held every year from 27th December to 31st December at selected places.
- It aims to transform the way science is taught and learned in schools by linking the learning process to the surrounding physical and social environment.

## **8. First India Stack Developer Conference ( Jan. 25, 2023 )**

**The first India Stack Developers Conference has been organised** to focus on ways and means to ensure wider adoption of India's digital goods across the globe in **New Delhi on 25 January 2023.**

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

- The conference will be attended by over 100 digital delegates from industry, government, start-ups and unicorns and academia.
- Representatives of the G-20 countries and the G-20 Secretariat have also been invited to the conference.
- The objective of the conference is to provide a platform to the industry and developer community to develop a strong start-up and innovation ecosystem and explore ways to take India's Stack products to the country as well as to other countries.
- India Stack is a multi-layered suite of digital solutions such as Aadhaar, UPI, DigiLocker, Co-WIN, GeM, GSTN, which have played a significant role in India's digital transformation.

## **9. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurates 'International Craft Summit' ( Jan. 23, 2023 )**

Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** on 20 January inaugurated an '**International Craft Summit' in Jajpur.**

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

- It is a first of its kind Crafts Summit which brings together leading craftsmen, culture and art enthusiasts.
- International delegates from **15 countries** have reached Jajpur to engage with local artisans and other stakeholders.
- **Four United Nations agencies** and **five UNESCO Creative Cities** have partnered to make this ambitious and forward-looking event a reality on behalf of the State Government.
- Jajpur was the **ancient capital of Odisha.**
- With its existing wealth of **religious tourism, urban tourism and Buddhist tourism**, it has the potential to become a major tourism hub.
- The cultural heritage of Jajpur is reflected in its vibrant art forms.
- Odisha is a glorious land of immaculate arts and crafts. This is an example of artistic culture. The artistic skills of the craftsmen are reflected in many forms.

- It can be seen in temples, sculptures, Buddhist temples, hand-woven fabrics, Patta paintings, wood works, metal works, etc.

### **10. The first meeting of the Youth 20 Group will be held in Guwahati in February 2023 ( Jan. 23, 2023 )**

The first meeting of the **Youth 20 group** as part of the G20 summit will be **held in Guwahati from February 6 to 8, 2023.**

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

- The Youth 20 (Y20) Summit is being hosted by India for the first time on the sidelines of the G20 Summit.
- This is the first of several meetings to be held in India on five Youth20 themes in the run-up to the Youth-20 Summit.
- The meeting will focus on five themes of the Future of Work – climate change and disaster risk reduction, peacebuilding and reconciliation, democracy and youth in health, well-being and sport.
- Its objective is to find out the thinking of the youth and incorporate their suggestions in the policy proposals. It is an attempt to create a channel of contact between G20 governments and their local youth.
- To engage Youth20 in a participatory and inclusive deliberative process, more than 50 universities/colleges from 34 districts of Assam will organise seminars, workshops, debates and panel discussions in their campuses from January 19 till the Foundation Meet.