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### **1. India expresses commitment to peace, security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region ( Nov. 25, 2022 )**

Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)

**India** participated in the **22nd Council of Ministers's meeting** of the **Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)** held at **Dhaka in Bangladesh** on 23 November, 2022.

#### **Important facts**

- India voiced its strong commitment to the strengthening of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) to promote peace, security and prosperity in the **Indian Ocean Region and in the Indo-Pacific.**
- The Indian delegation was led by Minister of State for External Affairs **Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.**
- He also highlighted India's contribution as coordinator of IORA priority areas of Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and science, technology and innovation for capacity building and strengthening of IORA Secretariat.
- On the challenges posed by climate change, the Minister highlighted the **initiatives of LiFE** - Lifestyle for Environment and International Year of Millet in 2023.

#### **Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)**

- It is an international organisation consisting of coastal states bordering the Indian Ocean.
- It has been formed with the aim of increasing cooperation among the countries of the Indian Ocean Region and making joint efforts for sustainable development.
- It includes **21 countries** along the coast of the Indian Ocean including India and **7 dialogue partners.**
- **These 21 countries** include India, Australia, Iran, Indonesia, Thailand, Bangladesh, Malaysia, South Africa, Mozambique, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Singapore, Mauritius, Madagascar, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Seychelles, Somalia, Comoros and Oman.
- It was formed in 1997 and its secretariat is in **Mauritius.**

### **2. Anwar Ibrahim sworn in as the country's new prime minister in Malaysia ( Nov. 25, 2022 )**

Anwar Ibrahim new prime minister of Malaysia

**Malaysia's** opposition leader **Anwar Ibrahim** was sworn in as the country's tenth Prime Minister on 24 November.

#### **Important facts**

- The new leader was appointed by **King Al-Sultan Abdullah**.
- With this, the political uncertainty that continued for several days after the general elections with a fractured mandate in Malaysia has come to an end. Anwar took oath in a simple ceremony at the National Palace.
- Anwar's Alliance of Hope won the election with 82 seats but fell short of the 112 seats needed for a majority.
- Former Prime Minister Muhyiddin's Malay-centric Perikatan Nasional (National Alliance) managed to win 72 seats due to unprecedented support from the Malay community in the election.
- The Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party emerged as the largest party in the coalition, winning 49 seats.
- The coalition led by the United Malays National Organization (UMNO), which won 30 seats in the election, agreed to support the coalition led by Anwar.

### **About Malaysia**

- Capital : **Kuala Lumpur**
- Currency : **Malaysian ringgit**

### **3. Sher Bahadur Deuba elected for consecutive 7th time from Dadeldhura district ( Nov. 24, 2022 )**

Sher Bahadur Deuba elected for consecutive 7th

Prime Minister and President of the Nepali Congress **Sher Bahadur Deuba** on 23 November was elected for the consecutive **7th time** from the home district of Dhankuta.

### **Important facts**

- The counting of votes continues for parliamentary and provincial elections in the country.
- Senior Nepali Congress leader Deuba defeated an independent candidate Sagar Dhakal by a margin of over 12 thousand votes.
- The parliamentary and provincial elections were held on 20th of November in Nepal.
- It was the second general election since the promulgation of the constitution in 2015.
- The first round of elections held in 2017 did not live up to the expectations of Nepalese voters as the government did not last long.

#### **4. Europe announces name of world's first disabled astronauts ( Nov. 24, 2022 )**

Europe announces name of world's

The European Space Agency announced the name of the **first "parastronaut"** on 23 November in a major step towards allowing people with **physical disabilities to work and live in space.**

##### **Important facts**

- The 22-nation European Space Agency said it selected former British Paralympic runner **John McFall** as part of a new generation of 17 recruits selected for astronaut training.
- He will participate in a feasibility study designed to allow ESA to assess the conditions needed for people with disabilities to participate in future missions.
- Five new astronauts have been roped in to take part in the training after ESA replenished its astronaut ranks for the first time since 2009.
- The EAS received 257 applications for the role of an astronaut with a disability, designated a "parastronaut".
- McFall, who lost his right leg due to a motorcycle accident at the age of 19, won a **bronze medal** in the 100 metres at the 2008 **Beijing Paralympic Games.**

#### **5. Pre-launch celebration of International Year of Millets held in New Delhi ( Nov. 24, 2022 )**

Pre-launch celebration of International Year

A pre-launch celebration of the [\*\*International Year of Millets\*\*](#) held on 24 November in New Delhi.

##### **Important facts**

- The **Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** are hosting this special event.
- External Affairs Minister **Dr S Jaishankar** and Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** attended the event.
- During the event, both the ministers shared the government's vision for the successful conduct of the International Year of Millets 2023.
- High Commissioners and Ambassadors of **over 60 countries** attended the pre-launch ceremony.
- Its main objective is to spread awareness about Indian Millets and associate with other countries for the successful global celebration of the International Year of Millets in 2023.

- Recently at the **G20 summit in Bali**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the benefits of millet saying that millet can solve the problem of global malnutrition and hunger.
- He also highlighted that India is promoting natural farming and re-popularizing nutritious and traditional food grains like millets for sustainable food security.

## **6. AYUSH market grows from US\$ 3 billion to US\$ 18 billion ( Nov. 24, 2022 )**

Union AYUSH Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal** addressing the **6th Confederation of Indian Industry-CII, AYUSH Conclave 2022 in New Delhi** on November 23, 2022 said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi AYUSH market will grow from **USD 3 billion to USD 18 billion level.**

### **Important facts**

- He was addressing the gathering at the 6th Confederation of Indian Industry, CII, AYUSH Conclave 2022 in New Delhi.
- He emphasised on how AYUSH can play a vital role in realising the dream of 'New India' by providing holistic health care and medical care to its citizens.
- Sonowal pointed out that several reforms are underway in research strategies, nature of practice and education, which will lead to growth in this field.
- He urged the new generation to study AYUSH systems in depth.
- The Ministry of AYUSH, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), has established a number of standards for the AYUSH system.
- These benchmarks will be beneficial for all the stakeholders, especially the industry related to AYUSH systems.

### **6th CII Ayush Conclave 2022**

- The **6th CII Ayush Conclave 2022** was organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) with the support of the Ministry of Ayush in New Delhi.
- Key stakeholders of the AYUSH system discussed topics such as regulatory roadmap, research and development in the AYUSH sector, branding, promotion and marketing of AYUSH products.

### **Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)**

- It is a business lobby group of top business houses in India.
- It was set up in **1895**.

- It works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the growth of industry in India, partnering industry and government alike through advisory and consultative processes.
- Headquarters: **New Delhi**
- President: **Sanjiv Bajaj**

## **7. JNPA inaugurates Continuous Marine Water Quality Monitoring Station ( Nov. 23, 2022 )**

JNPA inaugurates Continuous Marine Water

One of the best performing **Continuous Marine water Quality Monitoring Station (CMWQMS)** in India at **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)** in collaboration with the Department of Civil Engineering, **IIT Madras** was inaugurated on 21 November 2022.

### **Important facts**

- Along with this, the **Electric Driven Environment Monitoring Vehicle (EV)** was formally launched.
- JNPA is committed to achieving sustainability and creating value for the business, which is reflected in economic, social and environmental parameters.
- The continuous water quality system and electrically powered monitoring vehicle will assist in sea water and air quality management in the port area and improve the environmental quality within the port area.
- JNPA will be able to reduce **green-house gas emissions** from vehicles.
- Apart from this, it will also be possible to monitor the compliance of **environmental quality** around the port estate.
- This work will be done through water quality station data, water temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, ammonia, conductivity, nitrate, salinity, TDS of sea water etc.
- The TDS of seawater is based on the sea water quality database.
- This is essential for maintaining sanitary standards in the marine environment.
- **E-Vehicles** will also monitor the existing air and noise level in JNPA.

### **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)**

- Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) located in **Navi Mumbai** is the major **container handling port** in India.
- Commissioned on **26 May 1989**, the port has grown from a bulk-cargo terminal to a major container port in the country in three decades.

- JNPA is connected to over **200 ports in the world** and is ranked **26th in the list of top 100 Container Ports globally.**

## **8. Ayush Ministry to set up an Academic Chair in Ayurvedic Science at Western Sydney University, Australia ( Nov. 22, 2022 )**

Ayush Ministry to set up an Academic Chair

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### **Union Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy)**

- The Ministry of AYUSH was set up on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2014 to revive the knowledge of traditional Indian systems of medicine.
- It focuses on education and research in the fields of Ayurveda, Yoga Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homoeopathy.
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**10. Canada's Brampton city gets first turbaned Sikh Harkirat Singh as deputy mayor ( Nov. 22, 2022 )**

Canada's Brampton city

Brampton city in the [Canadian](#) province of Ontario got its first turbaned Sikh deputy mayor with the appointment of **Harkirat Singh**. A release by the Brampton City Council said that Harkirat Singh, who represents wards 9 and 10, has been appointed deputy mayor from 2022-26. The deputy mayor presides at council and other committee meetings and assumes ceremonial and civic event duties on behalf of the mayor if the mayor is absent or unavailable.

Prior to his role as councillor, he served a four-year term as school trustee at the Peel District School Board.

In the present Canadian Parliament there are **18 Sikhs members**. Currently **Harjit Sajjan, Bardish Chagger** are the two Sikhs who are ministers in the **Justin Trudeau** government in Canada.