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1. India to host special meetings of UNSC on terrorism (Oct. 11, 2022)

India will host **UN Security Council diplomats** along with other member countries for an important meeting of the **Anti-Terrorism Committee in Mumbai** and New Delhi on 28-29 October 2022.

Important Facts:

- At present, India is the chairman of the UN Security Council's Anti-Terrorism Committee for the year 2022.
- India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations **Ruchira Kamboj** said during a press conference in **New York** on 8 October that the members of the UN CTC would pay tribute to the victims of the **26/11 terror attack in Mumbai**.
- In the meetings, there will be a brainstorming on the topic of countering the challenges of 'Using New Technologies in Terrorism'.
- Terrorism is the most serious threat to the international community.
- Three important techniques used by terrorists will be discussed in these meetings. These include the Internet, social media and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS).

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- In the year 2008, more than 160 people were killed in the terrorist attacks in Mumbai. The plot of this attack was hatched in Pakistan.
- The terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Taiba was involved in this attack.
- India's two-year term as an elected non-permanent member of the UNSC will end in December this year.

2. Tele-MANAS Initiative (Oct. 11, 2022)

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Important facts

- 'Tele Manas' will serve as the digital arm of the '**District Mental Health Programme**' with the objective of providing access to mental health support.
- Tele-MANAS aims to provide free tele-mental health services across the country.

- The program includes a network of **23 Tele-Mental Health Centers of Excellence, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bengaluru and National Health System Resource Center (NHRSC)** to provide technical support.
- The government aims to open at least one tele-manas cell in each State/UT.
- A toll-free, 24/7 **helpline number (14416)** has been launched across the country.
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Important facts

- It is organized under the framework of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure (RATS)**.

- This is the **Phase 2** of the exercise, "**Phase-1** of the exercise was conducted from **27 July to 1 August** by the National Anti-Terrorist Forces of the SCO member countries in their respective territories.
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About SCO

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Important facts

- **The theme** for SMDS-XI is '**Harnessing tourism for sustainable mountain development**'.
- The main focus of the summit is to reduce the negative impacts of tourism, while harnessing its positive contribution in building climate and socio-ecological resilience and sustainability.
- Bhupendra Yadav highlighted the establishment of **Govind Ballabh Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment** and its regional center at **Leh** under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- This regional center is entrusted with the task of research and development activities especially with regard to the sustainability of the Himalayan environment.

About Sustainable Mountain Development Summit (SMDS)

- It is a flagship annual event of the **Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI)**, a working and civil society-led forum in the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR), comprising **10 mountain states, two union territories and four hill districts**.

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8. NMDC Signs MoU with RailTel for ICT and Digital Solutions (Oct. 11, 2022)

Mining major National Mineral Development Corporation (**NMDC**) and **RailTel Corporation** of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 10 October covering NMDC's ICT and Digital Transformation services at their corporate offices and mining premises.

Important facts

- This partnership will focus on optimum utilization of resources and will pave the way for a robust digital transformation in the mining sector.
- As India's leading miner, NMDC has been an early user of automation and digitalization.
- RailTel will provide consultancy, project management and execution services which will enhance efficiency and transparency.

- This is a big step towards retaining NMDC in the top league.
- This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) builds on NMDC's already existing partnership with National Railway Telecom.
- Under this, MPLS VPN at 11 locations of NMDC and Internet Leased Lines (ILL) at 7 locations of NMDC and High-Definition Video Conferencing solutions are being provided for the last 7 years.

9. Home Minister unveil statue of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan at Sitabdiara in Saran district, Bihar (Oct. 11, 2022)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah presides over a function to mark the birth anniversary of socialist icon **Jayaprakash Narayan** at **Sitabdiara** in Bihar's Saran district on October 11, 2022.

Important facts

- He addressed a public meeting after unveiling the **statue of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan** at Sitab Diyara.
- The event was organized by the Union Ministry of Art and Culture.
- This is Amit Shah's second visit to Bihar after the BJP was ousted from power in the state during the political turmoil in Bihar in August this year.

About Jayaprakash Narayan

- On **October 11, 2022**, the birth anniversary of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan was celebrated across the country.
- He was born on **11th October, 1902** in Sitabdiara, Bihar.
- He was Influenced by **Marxist ideas and Gandhian ideology**.
- He was educated at universities in the United States where he became a supporter of Marxist ideology.
- On his return to India in the year 1929, he joined the **Indian National Congress**.
- In the year **1932**, he was sentenced to **one year's imprisonment** for participating in the civil disobedience movement against British rule in India.
- In the year **1948**, he left the Congress party along with most of the socialist leaders of the Congress and formed the Praja Socialist Party in the year 1952.
- He soon became dissatisfied with politics and announced in 1954 that he would devote his life to the **Bhoodan movement** which was founded by **Vinoba Bhave**.
- **In 1959**, he introduced the concept of 'reconstruction of Indian politics' **through a four-tier hierarchy of village, district, state and union councils**.

- In the **year 1974**, he started a program against corruption for social change which was termed as **total revolution**.
- A total revolution is a combination of political, social, economic, cultural, ideological or intellectual, educational and spiritual revolutions.
- Jayaprakash Narayan was **posthumously** awarded India's highest civilian award, the **Bharat Ratna (1999)**, for his invaluable contribution to the freedom struggle, upliftment of the poor and downtrodden.
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