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### **1. NIA to host 3rd 'no Money for Terror' ministerial Conference in November 2022 ( Nov. 8, 2022 )**

No Money for Terrorism

India will host a 2 day **"No Money for Terrorism"** ministerial conference on 18 and 19 November 2022 in New Delhi. The conference will be hosted by India's premier anti-terrorism agency, **National Investigation Agency (NIA)**. Ministers, diplomats, and counterterrorism experts from the Egmont Group member states are likely to attend this third conference

The first meeting of this kind took place in **Paris, France**, in 2018, and the second one took place in **Melbourne, Australia**, in 2019. India was to host the third conference but it was postponed due to covid-19 pandemic.

#### **Egmont Group**

The Egmont group is an association of more than 150 countries. It consists of member countries' Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU). The main aim of the Egmont group is to strengthen information-sharing mechanisms among its members to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and associated predicate crimes.

#### **What is Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)?**

Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) serve as national centres for the receipt and analysis of suspicious transaction reports and relevant money laundering information, and terrorist financing. FIUs are also responsible for sharing such information amongst the law enforcement agencies of the country.

In India the FIU comes under the **Income tax department** under the Union ministry of Finance.

This will be the second major international conference on terrorism to be hosted by India. For the first time the **United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee** meeting was held outside New York was held in India on 28 and 29 October 2022.

### **2. COP27: First time Compensating poor countries for climate disasters ( Nov. 8, 2022 )**

COP27

The **27th Conference of the Parties 9COP** to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (COP27) is being held in **Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt** on 31 October to 13 November 2022.

#### **Important facts**

- In this, various countries have agreed to provide financial assistance to poor countries to deal with the loss and damage caused by climate change.
- The participating countries agreed on a **20-point provisional agenda**.

### **What is Loss and Damage?**

- It refers to the economic and non-economic impacts of climate change, including extreme events in countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.
- The demand for loss and damages is quite old, but it has faced strong resistance from rich and developed countries.
- The term was introduced in 1991 as a demand by the island country of Vanuatu, representing the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

### **What is Conference of Parties (COP)?**

- The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (**UNCED**), also known as the '**Earth Summit**', was held in Rio de **Janeiro, Brazil**, from 3-14 June 1992.
- The conference focused on the impact of human socio-economic activities on the environment.
- The countries assembled here agreed to work together to deal with issues of sustainable development and climate change .
- The Rio Earth summit agreed to create the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) where the member countries can discuss issues related to global warming and climate change and take steps to deal with these problems .
- It entered into force on 21 March 1994, and has been ratified by 197 countries and territories .
- The countries which has ratified the UNFCCC are called as Parties
- Every year they meet to discuss climate change related issues . These meetings are called Conference of Parties(COP) .
- The first COP was held in 1995 in Berlin, Germany .

### **3. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar to lead India at the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit in Cambodia ( Nov. 7, 2022 )**

#### ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit

According to the Ministry of External Affairs press release issued on 7 November 2022 the Vice President of India **Jagdeep Dhankhar** will visit Cambodia from the 11t-13th of November 2022 to attend the **ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit** and the **17th East Asia Summit**. The Vice President will be accompanied by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.

During his three day official visit, the Vice President will attend the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit in Phnom Penh on 12th November 2022.

He will also participate in the 17th East Asia Summit on 13th November 2022.

This year marks the **30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations** and is being celebrated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year.

He will also have bilateral engagements with the Cambodian leadership and leaders from other countries.

### **India -ASEAN meeting**

As per the Look East foreign policy of the Narasimha Rao government in 90s, the government of India focussed on increasing trade and investment with East Asia with special focus on ASEAN.

### **Evolution of India -ASEAN relationship**

India was initially made a **sectoral partner** by ASEAN in 1992. With the increasing depth in the relationships the status was changed to a **Dialogue Partner** in 1996.

In 2022 the relationship was further upgraded to **Summit level**

And finally in 2012 it was elevated to **Strategic partnership**.

### **Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN)**

It was set up in 1967 as a group of South-East Asian nations.

At present there are 10 members in the group. They are

**Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.**

The headquarters of ASEAN: **Jakarta, Indonesia.**

### **East Asia Summit**

The East Asia Summit is a regional forum set up by ASEAN (Association of SouthEast Asian Nations) with Regional powers of the Asia-Pacific region including United States and Russia to further cooperation on strategic and economic cooperation in the region.

The EAS has **18 member countries**. It includes all the 10 ASEAN countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) and **Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Russia** and the **US**.

Whichever ASEAN country is the chairman of ASEAN hosts the EAS related meeting in its country. Currently **Cambodia** is the chairman of ASEAN.

## **4. India to participate in the World Travel Market 2022 London to boost tourism in India ( Nov. 6, 2022 )**

India to participate in the World Travel Market 2022

The Union Ministry of Tourism will represent India at the World Travel Market (WTM) 2022 being organized in London, England from 7th to 9th November 2022 to boost [international tourism](#) in India. The World Travel Market is one of the largest international travel exhibitions.

With the opening of the tourism sector by the government of India, the government wants to showcase it as a safe international tourist destination.

The Indian delegation is being led by **Arvind Singh**, Secretary (Tourism), Government of India

Theme of the World Travel Market 2022: **The Future of Travel Starts Now'**

According to the government of India, before the Covid pandemic, the contribution of the tourism sector to the Indian economy was 5.19%.

According to the government of India in 2021, foreign exchange earnings from tourism were **US \$ 8.797 billion.**

## **5. G-7 Foreign ministers meet held in the historic town of Muenster , Germany ( Nov. 5, 2022 )**

G-7 Foreign ministers meet

The Group of 7 (G7) Foreign Minister's meeting was held at the German town of **Muenster** on 4th and 5th November 2022. The historic Treaty of Westphalia was signed in 1648 in the city, which not only ended the 30 years' war in Europe but also laid the foundation of the modern nation - state system.

German foreign minister **Annalena Baerbock**, hosted the foreign ministers of, United States, France, the United Kingdom, Japan, Italy and Canada. Germany is currently the President of the G-7 group.

Germany invited Ghana, Kenya and the African Union to join the G7 meeting for discussions on climate change, infrastructure, democracy and addressing conflict and humanitarian crises.

At the end of the meeting the foreign ministers agreed to provide aid to **Ukraine** so that it can deal with the harsh winter climate. Around 30% of Ukraine's electricity grid has been destroyed due to the Russian Invasion of the country since 24 February 2022.

They also urged **China** to abstain from issuing "threats, coercion, intimidation, or the use of force," in the Taiwan straits. The United States considers China as a serious rival and wants the G7 countries to take a tough stand against China's policy on Taiwan and its trade policy.

Interestingly the German Chancellor **Olaf Scholz** was on a one day visit to China to meet the Chinese leader **Xi Jinping**, the day the G-7 foreign minister's meeting started in Germany. He is the first G7 leader to visit China since the covid-19 pandemic.

### **G-7 or Group of Seven countries**

The G7 (Group of Seven) is an organisation of the world's seven largest advanced economies, which dominate global trade and the international financial system.

- They are Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.
- Russia joined in 1998, creating the G8, but was excluded in 2014 for its annexation of the Crimea region of Ukraine.
- It has no permanent secretariat.

- The 2021 summit meeting was held in England
- The 2022 summit meeting was held in Germany.
- The 2023 summit will be held in Japan .

## **6. Army Commanders' Conference to take place from November 7 in New Delhi ( Nov. 5, 2022 )**

Army Commanders' Conference

The **Army Commanders' Conference** will be held in **New Delhi** from 7-11 November to deliberate on the current and emerging security and administrative aspects and to chart the future for the Indian Army.

### **Important facts**

- During the conference, the top leadership of the Indian Army will deliberate on current/emerging security and administrative aspects to chart the future for the Indian Army.
- Other activities planned during the conference will also include talks by eminent subject matter experts on "**Contemporary India-China Relations**" as well as "**Technical Challenges to National Security**".
- During the conference, Defense Minister **Rajnath Singh** will address and interact with Army Commanders on 10 November 2022.
- The Chief of Defense Staff and the Chiefs of the Indian Navy and Indian Air Force will also address the senior leadership of the Indian Army to promote tri-services synergy.

### **About Army Commanders' Conference**

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- It is also a formal forum for the senior leadership of the Indian Army to interact with senior officials from the Department of Military Affairs and the Department of Defence.

## **7. Union Environment minister Bhupendra Yadav to lead Indian delegation at the COP27 meeting in Egypt ( Nov. 4, 2022 )**

COP27 meeting in Egypt

Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Bhupender Yadav** will be leading the Indian delegation to attend the 27th Session of Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 27) scheduled to be held at **Sharm El-Sheikh**, Egypt from 6-18 November,

2022. The last , COP 26 was held in **Glasgow**, United Kingdom from 31 October to 13 November 2021.

The COP 27 conference is being organized by the **Bonn**, Germany based **United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** with Egypt being the host country.

### **Agenda of the conference**

The COP 27 will focus on delivering action on a number of issues critical to tackling the climate emergency like;

- urgently reducing greenhouse gas emissions,
- building resilience and adapting to the inevitable impacts of climate change, and
- delivering on the commitments to finance climate action in developing countries.

The **theme** of the COP 27 is **Delivering for People and Planet**.

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- The next COP 27 will be held in **Sharm el-Sheikh ,Egypt in 2022**.

## **8. Vice President Dhankhar inaugurates the 15th CII Agro Tech -2022 ( Nov. 4, 2022 )**

15th CII Agro Tech

The Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the 15th CII Agro Tech -2022 at **Chandigarh** on 4 November 2022. The CII Agro Tech 2022 has been organised by the [Confederation of Indian Industries \(CII\)](#) in partnership with Haryana and Punjab government from 4-7 November 2022.

The CII Agro Tech -2022 is India's premier international initiative exclusively focused on strengthening the Indian Agriculture and Food Processing sector through technology interventions, discussions, and nurturing partnerships.

**Theme** of the 15th CII Agro Tech -2022: '**Digital Transformation for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security**'.

### **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**

### **9. Indonesia officially hands over G-20 Religious forum Presidency to India in Bali ( Nov. 3, 2022 )**

Indonesia officially hands

Indonesia on 3 November 2022 handed over the Presidency of the **R20 summit**, the religious grouping of the Group of 20 Forum, to India which New Delhi will host in 2023.

Indonesia, which is the host country of the 17th G- 20 summit 2022, introduced the R 20(Religion Forum) event as part of the G 20 meeting for the first time. Indonesia has the largest muslim population in the world.

It was held on 2 and 3 November 2022 at Bali to mobilize global leaders to help ensure that religion functions as an open and dynamic source of solutions, rather than problems, in the 21st century.

The R20 Summit was inaugurated by the Indonesian **President Joko Widodo**.

India will assume the Presidency of the Group of Twenty (or G20) for one year from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023.

### **Group of 20 or G-20**

G-20 is a group of 19 countries as well as the European Union. The member countries are ;Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

### **Indonesia**

It was earlier known as Dutch East Indies(Netherland East Indies) and it became Independent from the Netherlands on 17 August 1945.

It is the world's largest archipelago consisting of 17,500 islands.

Borneo island of Indonesia is the third largest island in the world after Greenland and New Guinea.

There are more than 100 active volcanoes in the country and the most famous being Krakatoa and Mount Merapi.

It has the world's largest muslim population .

Capital : **Jakarta**

Currency : **Rupiah**

President : **Joko Widodo**

## **10. 15th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Expo 2022 to be held in Kochi, Kerala ( Nov. 3, 2022 )**

15th Urban Mobility India (UMI)

The Union **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** in collaboration with the Government of **Kerala** will organise the 15th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Expo 2022 in **Kochi**, Kerala from 4-6 November 2022.

The Conference will be jointly inaugurated by the Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs **Hardeep Singh Puri** and Chief Minister of Kerala **Pinarayi Vijayan**.

The genesis of UMI is from the National Urban Transport Policy of the Government of India, 2006 (NUTP), which lays a very strong emphasis on building capabilities at the State and city level to address the problems associated with urban transport and undertake the task of developing sustainable urban transport systems.

### **Theme of the conference**

Theme of the 15th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Expo 2022 : "**Azadi@75 - Sustainable AatmaNirbhar Urban Mobility**".

The conference will focus on designing and implementing efficient, high quality and sustainable transport systems in the cities.