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### **1. 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2023 website launched to start online registration ( Oct. 13, 2022 )**

The website for the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention was jointly launched on 13 October 2022 by the External Affairs Minister, **Dr. S. Jaishankar** and the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**.

The launch of the PBD website (pbdindia.gov.in) marks the commencement of online registration for participation in the PBD Convention 2023.

Pravasi refers to the Indians who are working abroad (Non Resident Indians) or persons of Indian origin who have taken up the citizenship of other countries.

#### **17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention**

- The 17th PBD Convention is being organized from 08-10 January 2023 at **Indore, Madhya Pradesh**, in collaboration with the Government of Madhya Pradesh.
- The 17th PBD Convention will be held in a physical format after a gap of four years. The last PBD Convention in 2021 was held virtually during the Covid pandemic.
- The **theme** of PBD Convention 2023 is "**Diaspora: Reliable partners for India's progress in Amrit Kaal**".
- The PBD Convention 2023 will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 09 January 2023.
- The **Youth PBD** will be held on 08 January 2023, in partnership with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- On 10 January 2023, President Droupadi Murmu will confer Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards and preside over the Valedictory Session.

#### **Who organizes the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas**

The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is organised by the **Ministry of External Affairs** in partnership with a **state government** and an **Industry body**, either Confederation of Indian Industry(CII) or Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry(FICCI) . It is normally organised on 9 January.

#### **Significance of 9 January**

- On this day in 1915 the greatest pravasi of India , Mahatma Gandhi returned from South Africa in 1915 from South Africa to India .
- His ship **SS Arabia** docked in Bombay (now Mumbai) on 9 January 1915.To honour and celebrate the occasion the government of India decided to start Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in 2003.

### **2. Meenaskshi Lekhi leads Indian delegation at the 6th CICA Summit meeting at Astana ( Oct. 13, 2022 )**

Union Minister for External Affairs **Meenaskshi Lekhi** led the Indian delegation at the 6th Conference on Confidence Building Measures and Interaction in Asia (CICA) summit held on 12-13 October 2022 at the Kazakhstan capital, **Astana**.

Replying to the Statement of the Prime Minister of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif on Kashmir she said that Pakistan is misusing the CICA for propagating malicious propaganda against India. She said that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India.

### **Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)**

The Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) is a multi-national forum for enhancing cooperation towards promoting peace, security and stability in Asia.

The idea of convening CICA was first proposed by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan **Nursultan Nazarbayev**, on 5 October 1992, at the 47th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

**27 countries including India**, China, and Pakistan are members of CICA.

### **Summit meetings of CICA**

The First summit meeting was held in **Almaty, Kazakhstan** on 4 June 2022. It was attended by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The second CICA summit was held in **Almaty, Kazakhstan** on June 17, 2006

The third CICA Summit was held in **Istanbul, Turkey** on 8 June 2010

The Fourth CICA Summit, was held in **Shanghai, China** on 21 May 2014

The Fifth CICA Summit was held in **Dushanbe, Tajikistan**, on 15 June 2019.

### **3. 5th South Asian GEO India-2022 to be held in Jaipur from 14 -16 October 2022 ( Oct. 13, 2022 )**

The three day (14 -16 October) 5th South Asian Geoscience Conference, GEO India 2022 will be held in the Rajasthan's capital **Jaipur**. The conference aims at sharing the latest research on improved production of natural gas and oil.

The Conference will be inaugurated by the Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Urban Affairs **Hardeep Singh Puri** and will be attended by over 100 experts from across India and other countries including the US, Norway and the European countries.

The conference is being organized by the Association of Petroleum Geologists (APG).

The **theme** of the 5th South Asian Geoscience Conference, GEO India 2022 is : '**Fossil fuels, decarbonization and changing energy dynamics**'.

### **4. All India law ministers conference to be held in Gujarat from 14th - 16th October, 2022 ( Oct. 13, 2022 )**

The Union Ministry of Law and Justice will host an All India Conference of Law Ministers and Law Secretaries at **Ekta Nagar** in the Narmada district of Gujarat from 14th to 16th October, 2022.

Law Ministers and Law Secretaries from States and Union Territories will be participating in the conference. The Union Minister of Law and Justice **Kiren Rijju** will address the conference on 15 October.

The conference will discuss a variety of topics relating to India's legal system so that policymakers may develop a road map for the country's future.

## **5. Two day conference of Power and renewable energy ministers of States ( Oct. 13, 2022 )**

**Power Ministry** to hold a **two day conference of Ministers of Power and New & Renewable Energy** of States and Union Territories in **Udaipur, Rajasthan** on 14 October 2022.

### **Important facts**

- The two-day conference will discuss the emerging issues in the power sector.
- The conference will be inaugurated by **Union Energy Minister RK Singh**.
- The conference is expected to deliberate on strengthening the power sector with a focus on energy conservation, renewable energy and reforms in the power sector.
- In the conference, discussions will also be held on ensuring round the clock power supply through investments, feasibility of state power distribution companies, smart metering, rights of consumers and future power systems.

### **Agenda of discussion**

- Viability of DISCOMs
- Smart Metering
- Renewable Energy and Storage
- Power Sector Reforms
- Ensuring 24 x 7 power supply through timely investment
- Rights of Electricity Consumers
- Future power system in the year 2030
- Energy Conservation

## **6. India to host 3rd WADA Athlete Biological Passport Symposium- 2022” in New Delhi ( Oct. 11, 2022 )**

India will host the 3rd WADA(World Anti-Doping Agency) Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) Symposium- 2022” in **New Delhi** from 12-14 October 2022.The Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** will address the opening session of the Symposium.

The 3rd WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) Symposium-2022” is being organised by the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** and **National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL)**.

The first WADA ABP Symposium was hosted by **Qatar** in 2015 and the second was hosted by **Italy** at Rome in 2018.

Two hundred plus participants from 56 Countries, WADA Officials, representatives and Experts from different National Anti-Doping Organizations, Athlete Passport Management Units (APMUs) and WADA Accredited Laboratories are participating in this Symposium.

### **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) was established in 1999 as an international independent agency composed and funded by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and governments of the world.

Its main aim is to fight against the unauthorized use of performance enhancing drugs (Dope) by the athletes in sports.

WADA’s primary role is to develop, harmonize and coordinate anti-doping rules and policies across all sports and countries.

WADA is an international organisation. It delegates work in individual countries to Regional and National Anti-Doping Organizations.

Headquarters: **Lausanne,Switzerland.**

President: **Witold Bańka**

### **7. 10th India -UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investments held in Mumbai ( Oct. 11, 2022 )**

The 10th meeting of the **UAE-India High Level Joint Task Force on Investments** took place in **Mumbai** on 11 October 2022. It was co-chaired by the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry **Piyush Goyal** and His Highness Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Member of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

The Joint Task Force was established in 2013 to promote trade, investment and economic ties between the UAE and India.

This was the first meeting of the Joint Task Force since the signing of the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and unveiling of the Joint UAE-India Vision Statement in February 2022 during the virtual summit between India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

### **India -UAE Trade relation**

- The United Arab Emirates is the **third largest trading partner of India** after the United States and China in 2021-22.

- In 2021 - 22, total trade between India and the UAE was \$72.8 billion, with India's exports of \$28 billion and imports of \$44.8 billion.
- UAE is a major market for Indian commodities such as basmati rice, tea, electrical equipment, apparel and machinery among others.
- One of the key goals of the CEPA is to increase bilateral trade between the UAE and India over \$100 billion in the next five years, including raising services trade beyond \$15 billion.
- Besides trade, the UAE is a major employment destination for Indians. Of the nearly 90 lakh Indians living in West Asia, Emirates is home for 34 lakh of them, who work there in the finance industry, hospitality, medical sector, oil industry, construction and others.

### **United Arab Emirate (UAE)**

- It is a federation of seven Emirates of Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ras Khaimah, Ajmain, Fujairah, Umm -Al-Quwain. It is an Arabian country.
- Abu Dhabi is the largest of the emirates and is the centre of UAE oil business.
- It is situated in the West Asia /Middle East region of the world in the Arabian Peninsula.
- UAE in its present form came into existence in 1971.

Capital of UAE: **Abu Dhabi**

Currency: **Emirati Dirham**

President of UAE: **Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**. He is the king of Abu Dhabi and the supreme commander of the UAE Armed Forces.

### **8. India has the potential to lead fourth Industrial Revolution; PM Modi ( Oct. 8, 2022 )**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India has the potential to lead the **4th Industrial revolution** and the government is working to make the country a manufacturing hub.

The message of the Prime Minister was read out at the "**Conference on Industry 4.0: Challenges Ahead and Way Forward**", held at **Kevadia, Gujarat** on 7 October 2022.

The Conference was organised by the Union Ministry of Heavy Industry and was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Heavy Industries **Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey**.

On the occasion, Union Minister for Heavy Industries Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey and Minister of State for Heavy Industries Krishan Pal Gurjar flagged off **175 e buses**, 75 from Gujarat and 100 from Karnataka under FAME Scheme

He also inaugurated a **Centre for Industry 4.0 (C4i4) Lab in Pune**.

In 2019, **Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles** in India Phase II (FAME India Phase II)' for promotion of Electric Mobility in the country was approved. Through the scheme, it is planned to support 10 Lakhs e-two wheelers, 5 lakh e-3 wheelers, 55,000 4-wheelers and 7,000 e-buses.

### **Fourth Industrial Revolution**

The Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) is a term coined in 2016 by **Klaus Schwab**, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum.

Incorporating advanced digital production (ADP) technologies into industrial production processes has given rise to the concept of Industry 4.0, also known as the Smart Factory.

In the 4IR, computers are connected and communicate with one another to ultimately make decisions without human involvement.

A combination of cyber-physical systems, the Internet of Things and the Internet of Systems make Industry 4.0 possible and the smart factory a reality.

Ultimately, it's the network of these machines that are digitally connected with one another and create and share information that results in the true power of Industry 4.0.

## **Industrial Revolutions**

Industrial revolution refers to the change in human history from an agrarian society/economy to an economy/society dominated by Industry and machine manufacturing.

The **First Industrial revolution** started in England in about 1750-60. It was based on the use of machines for production which were driven by water and steam.

The **second Industrial revolution** which started in the late 19th century and early 20th century was characterized by the mass production of goods through assembly lines using electricity.

The **third Industrial revolution** was triggered by the use of computers which led to automation in production systems and development of smart and autonomous systems fueled by data and machine learning.

## **9. Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh to lead Indian delegation at the 145th IPU Assembly in Rwanda ( Oct. 9, 2022 )**

Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, **Harivansh** will lead the 12 member Indian Parliamentary delegation to the 145th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to be held in **Kigali, Rwanda**.

The 145th IPU Assembly is being hosted by the Parliament of Rwanda at Kigali from 11-15 October 2022.

The **theme** of the 145th IPU Assembly: **Gender equality and gender-sensitive parliaments as drivers of change for a more resilient and peaceful world.**

Rwanda is the **first country in the world with a female majority in Parliament**. 61.3% members in the Chamber of Deputies and 36% in the Senate are women.

The Parliament of Rwanda consists of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies.

## **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)**

The Inter-Parliamentary Union was set up in 1889. It is a global organization of national parliaments dedicated to promoting peace through parliamentary diplomacy and dialogue.

At present it has **178 member** Parliaments and 14 Associate members.

Headquarters: **Geneva, Switzerland.**

President: Saber Hossain Choudhary of Bangladesh

**Every year 30 June is observed as International Day of Parliamentarians .**

**10. Nitin Gadkari and Yogi Adityanath jointly inaugurates Indian Roads Congress in Lucknow ( Oct. 8, 2022 )**

Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** along with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** jointly inaugurated the 81st annual session of the Indian roads Congress in **Lucknow** on 8 October 2022.

The 81st Indian roads Congress is being hosted by the **Uttar Pradesh government** in Lucknow from 8-11 October 2022.

Speaking on the occasion Nitin Gadkari announced road projects worth eight thousand crore rupees for Uttar Pradesh including 13 Road Over Bridges with the fund of one thousand crore rupees.

Road Congress will discuss modern techniques in road construction and it will have many sessions regarding it.

The Indian Roads Congress (IRC) is the Apex Body of Highway Engineers in the country. The IRC was set up in December, 1934 on the recommendations of the Indian Road Development Committee best known as Jayakar Committee set up by the Government of India with the objective of Road Development in India.