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### **1. Dhar wind project commissioned by Adani Green Energy ( Sept. 20, 2022 )**

The Adani Green Energy Limited has commissioned a 325 megawatt wind energy plant in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh. In a statement issued by the company on 19 September 2022 the total operational capacity of the company has now increased to 6.1 gigawatt (GW).

#### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

##### ***Wind Energy in India :***

- India has the **fourth largest** installed wind power capacity in the world after China, U.S and Germany.
- The Government of India has set a target of **140 GW of installed wind power capacity by 2030.**
- According to the Government of India the current installed capacity in India was **40.13 GW** (source PIB).
- **Tamil Nadu** has the largest installed wind power capacity in the country followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- Tamil Nadu has the country's **biggest onshore wind farm** in the form of the **1,500 MW Muppandal facility** located in Kanyakumari district.

### **2. Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur inaugurates All India Police Judo Cluster in New Delhi ( Sept. 20, 2022 )**

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur inaugurated the 7th edition of the All India Police Judo Cluster 2022 at the Indira Gandhi Stadium Complex in New Delhi on 19 September 2022.

#### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- The event is being organized by **Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF)** and will be held from 19-24 September 2022.
- More than 1,500 players from 41 teams are participating in the competition.

### **3. Union Bank and Federal Bank starts RBI Digital KCC pilot Project in MP and Tamilnadu respectively ( Sept. 20, 2022 )**

The public sector bank Union Bank of India and the private banks Federal Bank have launched a pilot project to digitize Kisan credit Card (KCC) to transform

**rural credit delivery systems and to improve the quality of credit delivery in the rural areas .**

Public sector lender Union Bank of India started the pilot from **Harda district in Madhya Pradesh** while private sector lender **Federal Bank** began the project from **Chennai, Tamilnadu**.

The pilot project of the banks is part of the RBI initiative for end-to-end digitalisation of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) lending, developed by the [Reserve Bank Innovation Hub \(RBIH\) Bengaluru](#).

Under the project the banks will issue KCC to the eligible farmers without insisting on physical records such as land documents and in person visits to the branch.

### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

#### ***Union Bank of India :***

- It is a public sector bank owned by the government of India
- It was set up as a private bank in 1919 and was nationalized in 1969.
- Andhra Bank and Corporation bank was merged with Union Bank on 1 April 2020.
- Headquarters : **Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- MD and CEO: **A. Manimekhalai**
- Tagline of the Bank : **Good people to Bank with**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -**

#### ***Federal Bank :***

- It is a private sector bank which was set up in 1931.
- Headquarters : Aluva, Kochi, Kerala
- Chief Executive Officer : Shyam Srinivasan
- Tagline : **Your Perfect Banking Partner**

## **4. Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Tomar inaugurates the 9th Session of Governing Body of the ITPGRFA ( Sept. 19, 2022 )**

**Union Agriculture and Farmer Welfare minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the 9th Session of the Governing Body (GB9) of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) in New Delhi on 19 September 2022. The 9th session will be held from 19-24th September, 2022.**

### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- The 8th Session of the Governing Body (GB9) of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) was held in **Rome, Italy** in 2019.
- The **theme** of the 9th Session of the Governing Body (GB9) of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture: **Celebrating the Guardians of Crop Diversity: Towards an Inclusive Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework**".

- [Kindly also see 16 September 2022 post](#)

## **5. Union Minister Jitendra Singh to lead Indian delegation at the Global Clean Energy Action Forum meeting in America ( Sept. 18, 2022 )**

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh will lead a Joint Indian Ministerial official delegation of Ministry of Power, New & Renewable Energy and the Ministry of Science & Technology on a 5-day (19-23 September) visit to USA, to participate in Global Clean Energy Action Forum. The delegation includes Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy R K Singh.

### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

#### ***Meeting in the United States of America :***

- They will take part in the joint convening of the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM13) and Mission Innovation (MI-7) which will take place from 21st to 23rd September at **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, United States of America.**
- They will also participate in the **1st Roundtable on Sustainable Bioenergy and Bio-refineries** and the **2nd Roundtable on Net Zero Built Environment with Connected Communities.**
- At the Clean Energy Action Forum the ministers are likely to underline India's commitment to a low-carbon future that aims to transform the energy landscape of the country by accelerating clean energy innovations.

#### ***India's commitment on clean energy :***

- The government of India has committed itself to reach **500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030** and increase the contribution of **renewable energy in total energy to 50%.**
- It has also committed to **reduce carbon emissions by one billion tons**, reduce carbon intensity of the economy **by 45 per cent** over 2005 levels and finally achieve **net zero emissions by 2070.**

## **6. Bengaluru FC wins the 131st Durand Cup beating Mumbai City FC ( Sept. 18, 2022 )**

Bengaluru Football Club (FC) won its first Durand cup title by beating Mumbai City FC by 2-1 in the final of the 131st Durand Cup held at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (also known as Salt Lake Stadium), Kolkata on 18 September 2022.

N. Sivasakthi and Alan Costa scored the goals for Bengaluru while Lalengmawia Ralte scored for the Mumbai City club.

**IMPORTANT FACTS -*****Three trophy for the winner :***

- **The winner of the Durand Cup is given three trophies. They are the Durand Cup** (a rolling trophy and the original prize), the **Shimla Trophy** (also a rolling trophy and first given by the residents of Shimla in 1904) and the **President's Cup** (for permanent keep and first presented by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, India's first President, in 1956).
- The Bengaluru Football club was presented with all the three trophies for its win.

***131st Durand Football tournament :***

- It was hosted by three states, Assam, Manipur and West Bengal.
- Assam and Manipur hosted the tournament for the first time.
- This year 20-top teams of the country, including all 11 teams from the Indian Super League (ISL) participated as compared to 16 teams that participated last year.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -*****Durand Cup :***

- Durand football tournament or Durand cup is the **oldest football club tournament in Asia.**
- It was started in 1888 and the first tournament was held in Shimla.
- Initially it was a football tournament for different regiments of the British army and it was later opened to the civilians.
- The Tournament is organised by the **Indian Army and All India Football Federation.**
- The winner is given three trophies, Durand Cup, Shimla Trophy and the President's cup.
- The Cup is named after the **foreign secretary of British India, Mortimer Durand.**
- **FC Goa was the 130th Durand Cup winner.**

**7. Anupriya Patel represents India at the East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' meeting in Cambodia ( Sept. 18, 2022 )**

**Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Anupriya Patel, attended the East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting on 17 September 2022 in Siem Reap City of Cambodia.**

She earlier attended the [19th India -ASEAN \(Association of SouthEast Asian Nation\)](#) economic ministers meeting held in Siem Reap City of Cambodia.

The East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting from all 10 ASEAN countries as well as eight partner countries including Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Russia and the US.

The Ministers exchanged views on global and regional economic developments including the outcomes of the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference, post-pandemic economic recovery efforts,

measures adopted to mitigate the impact of global supply chains disruptions and strong inflation pressure.

**IMPORTANT FACTS -*****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.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -*****Kingdom of Cambodia :***

- It was earlier called as **Kampuchea**
- It lies in South -East Asia
- Prime Minister: **Hun Sen**
- Capital: **Phnom Penh**
- Currency: **Riel (KHR)**

**8. Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur inaugurates National Conference of tourism ministers ( Sept. 18, 2022 )**

**The Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur inaugurated a three-day (18-20 September) national conference of tourism ministers from various states and Union territories at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh on 18 September 2022.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Union Minister for Culture and Tourism **G Kishan Reddy** was the Chief Guest.
- The conference in Dharamshala is being attended by tourism ministers from various states and Union Territories and other officials related to the tourism sectors.
- With India assuming the Presidency of the [G20](#) for one year from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023, Tourism-related aspects of the G20 leaders' summit will be discussed at the event.
- India is expected to host over 200 G20 meetings during its year-long Presidency of the influential group, which will culminate with an annual summit on September 9 and 10 next year.

## **9. Tajikistan -Kyrgyzstan border clash at 'Vorukh' leaves at least 54 people dead ( Sept. 18, 2022 )**

**The old border dispute at Vorukh area between the two former Soviet Central Asian republics of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan flared up again on 16 September leading to the death of at least 54 persons. The bloody clash in the Vorukh area has seen frequent clashes between the two sides.**

Both the sides accused each other of using tanks, mortars, rocket artillery and assault drones to attack outposts and nearby settlements.

The border clash came at the time when the leaders of both the countries, **Tajik President Emomali Rakhmon** and **Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov** were attending the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit meeting in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

#### ***Border Dispute :***

- Both Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan were part of the Soviet Union. Both gained Independence in 1991 after the collapse of the Soviet Union.
- The current boundary dispute between the two countries lies in the demarcation of boundaries during the Soviet era.
- **Vorukh is an enclave of Tajik territory surrounded by Kyrgyzstan.** Many times there have been clashes over the issue of the access of the Tajiks living in Vorukh to Tajikistan. The Tajiks living in the Vorukh territory has to cross the Kyrgyz territory to go to Tajikistan.
- Tajikistan has proposed an exchange of territory with Kyrgyzstan so that Vorukh can have access to Tajikistan but so far Kyrgyzstan has refused to accept this offer.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -**

#### ***Kyrgyzstan :***

- Capital: **Bishkek**
- Currency: Kyrgyzstan **Som**
- President: **Sadyr Japarov**
- **Tajikistan**
- Capital: **Dushanbe**
- Currency: **Somoni**
- President: **Emomali Rakhmon**

## **10. Kazakhstan renames its capital to Astana and bars second term for President ( Sept. 18, 2022 )**

**The Parliament of Kazakhstan voted to amend the constitution on 16 September 2022 to revert back the name of the nation's capital to Astana. It also extended the term of the President and barred a person from becoming President more than once.**

### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

#### ***Term of the President :***

- The term of the President has been extended **to seven years** from the present **five years**.
- Also a person can become the President of Kazakhstan **only once**. Earlier a person can become the President for a maximum two consecutive times.

#### ***Renaming of the Capital :***

- It also passed a constitutional amendment to change the name of the capital to **Astana** from **Nur-Sultan**.
- Kazakhstan moved its capital from Almaty to **Astana in 1997** after it became an Independent country in 1991. In Soviet times Astana was called Tselinograd.
- Later when Kazakhstan first **President Nur Sultan Nazarbayev** resigned after being in power for almost thirty years in 2019, his successor the current President **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev** renamed Astana to Nur-Sultan in honour of the ex-leader.
- However, now again the name has been changed back to Astana.

#### ***Parliament of Kazakhstan :***

- The Parliament of Kazakhstan is bicameral. It consists of the upper house **senate** and a lower house called **National Assembly (Mazhilis)**.

#### ***Republic of Kazakhstan :***

- Kazakhstan was part of the Soviet Union which gained Independence on 16 December 1991, after the disintegration of the Soviet Union.
- It lies in Central Asia. It is the largest country in central Asia and 9th largest country in the world.
- It has the **Baikonur Cosmodrome**, which is the world's first spaceport. The Soviet Union used to launch its space rocket from here.
- The **first Indian astronaut Rakesh Sharma** was launched into space from here on the Soviet Soyuz T-11 rocket on 3 April 1984.
- Now it has been leased to the Russians.
- Capital: Astana
- Currency: **Tenge**
- President: Kassym-Jomart Tokayev