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## **1. 2nd G20 Culture Group (CWG) Meeting in Odisha ( May 15, 2023 )**

The **2nd-G20-Culture-Group second G20 Culture Group meeting**, also known as the **CWG meeting**, took place on 14 May in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.

### **Purpose of the meeting**

- The CWG meeting aims to facilitate discussion and cooperation among G20 member states on cultural issues, heritage conservation, creative industries and cultural diplomacy.

### **Cultural Heritage Protection**

- The meeting addressed the importance of preserving and protecting cultural heritage, including tangible and intangible cultural properties.
- The discussions included topics such as heritage conservation, cultural tourism and promotion of cultural diversity.

### **Creative Industries and Economic Development**

- The meeting explored the role of creative industries such as art, design, film, music and fashion in economic growth, job creation and innovation.
- Participants shared best practices and discussed policies to support the growth of the creative sectors.

### **Cultural Diplomacy and Soft Power**

- The meeting recognized the role of cultural diplomacy in building bridges between nations and enhancing mutual understanding.

### **Youth Engagement and Cultural Education**

- The meeting emphasized the importance of involving youth in cultural activities and promoting cultural education.

### **Outcome and Collaboration**

- The outcome of the CWG meeting will be the adoption of joint statements, recommendations or action plans for cultural cooperation among G20 member states.
- These outcomes may include collaborative projects, capacity building initiatives, or cultural exchange programs.

### **What is the G20 Culture Group?**

- The G20 Culture Group is a forum within the G20 framework that focuses on cultural cooperation and exchange.
- It brings together representatives of G20 member states to promote dialogue and cooperation in the cultural field.

## **2. S Jaishankar meets Sweden's Defence, Foreign Ministers during his Stockholm trip ( May 15, 2023 )**

### **S-Jaishankar-meets-Sweden's-Defence**

During his visit to **Stockholm, Sweden**, External Affairs Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar** held a meeting with the Defense Minister and Foreign Minister of Sweden.

#### **Purpose of meetings**

- Discuss bilateral relations
- Strengthen diplomatic ties
- To explore opportunities for cooperation between India and Sweden in defense and foreign affairs.

#### **Highlights of the meeting**

##### **Bilateral Relations**

- Discussion on enhancing overall bilateral relations between India and Sweden including areas such as trade, investment, defense cooperation and cultural exchanges.

##### **Defence Cooperation**

- Defense cooperation, joint military exercises, defense equipment procurement and sharing of defense technologies discussed in the meeting with the Defense Minister of Sweden.

##### **Security Cooperation**

- The discussions included issues of regional and global security concern, counter-terrorism efforts and information sharing to address common security challenges.

##### **Foreign Affairs and Diplomacy**

- Discussion on regional and global issues of mutual interest, multilateral cooperation and coordination on matters such as climate change, sustainable development goals and human rights.

##### **Economic and trade relations**

- Ways were explored to enhance economic and trade ties between India and Sweden including investment opportunities, technology partnership and trade facilitation.

### **Cultural and people-to-people exchanges**

- The meetings emphasized the importance of cultural exchanges, academic cooperation and people-to-people interactions to deepen mutual understanding and strengthen ties between the two countries.

### **About Sweden**

- It is located on the **Scandinavian Peninsula** in northern Europe.
- The ancient name of the country was **Svitiod**.
- Prime Minister - **Ulf Kristersson**
- Capital - **Stockholm**
- Currency - **Swedish krona**
- King - **Carl XVI Gustaf**

### **3. Ministry of Defence approves fourth positive indigenization list ( May 15, 2023 )**

The **Defence Ministry** approved the **fourth positive indigenization list**, which includes **928 strategically important line replacement units**, sub-systems, spares and components.

#### **An Overview of the News**

- The list aims **to promote self-reliance ('self-reliance')** in the defence sector and reduce imports by Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs).
- The import **substitution value of the approved list is Rs 715 crore.**
- The Defence Public Sector Undertakings will indigenize these items through various routes including '**Make**' category and in-house development through the capabilities of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and private Indian industry.

#### **Ministry of Defence (India):**

Formed - **1776**

Predecessor Ministry - **Department of Defence (1938-47)**

Headquarters - **Secretariat Building Raisina Hill, New Delhi**

Defence Minister - **Rajnath Singh**

#### **4. Minister of State Dr L Murugan to lead delegation to Cannes Film Festival ( May 15, 2023 )**

Minister-of-State-Dr-L-Murugan

Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting **Dr L Murugan** will **lead the Indian delegation** to the **Cannes International Film Festival** from May 16 to 27.

##### **An overview of the news**

- They will also be joined by filmmaker **Guneet Monga** of The **Elephant Whispers** fame, Indian actresses **Manushi Chhillar, Esha Gupta** and acclaimed Manipuri actor **Kangabam Tomba**.
- The India Pavilion is being conceptualised and designed by **National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad** with the theme - '**Showcasing India's Creative Economy**' to the global community.
- The pavilion design has been inspired by the **Saraswati Yantra**, the abstract representation of goddess Saraswati.
- Four Indian films, including **Kanu Behl's Agra** and **Anurag Kashyap's Kennedy**, have made it to the official selection in the Cannes Film Festival.
- Apart from these, many Indian films will be screened in **Marche du Films**.
- A Manipuri film '**Ishanhau**' will be showcased in the '**Classics**' section.

##### **About Cannes Film Festival**

- The Cannes Film Festival is one of the most prestigious international film festivals held annually in Cannes, France.

##### **History and significance**

- The festival was first established in 1946 and has since become a prominent event in the global film industry.
- It serves as a platform for showcasing and promoting a wide range of films from different countries and cultures.

##### **Film screenings and competitions**

- The festival includes various competitive sections, such as the Palme d'Or for the best film, which is one of the most coveted awards in the industry.

##### **Impact on filmmakers and films**

- The Cannes Film Festival serves as a launching pad for many acclaimed films and emerging talents.
- Winning an award or receiving critical acclaim at Cannes can significantly boost a filmmaker's career and bring global recognition to their work.

## **5. G7 Ministerial Meeting on Health Innovation in Nagasaki, Japan ( May 15, 2023 )**

G7 Ministerial Meeting on Health Innovation

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya** addressed the **G7 Health Ministerial meeting on Global Health Architecture in Nagasaki, Japan** on 13th May.

### **An overview of the news**

- The meeting was organized to discuss the **global health challenges** and ways to ensure preparedness, prevention and response to future health emergencies.
- The health ministers of the G7 countries and the "**Outreach 4**" countries of **India, Indonesia, Vietnam and Thailand** were invited to the meeting.

### **Objectives of the meeting**

- To foster collaboration and exchange ideas on health innovation.
- Addressing global health challenges, and promoting advancements in healthcare research, technology, and policies.

### **Topics discussed**

- The G7 health ministers discuss various pressing health issues such as infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance, vaccine development, healthcare accessibility, digital health, and the use of artificial intelligence in healthcare.

### **Sharing best practices**

- The meeting provides an opportunity for G7 countries to share best practices, success stories, and lessons learned in healthcare innovation and delivery.

### **About G7**

- The G7 is a group of seven major industrialized countries, including **Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States**.
- The G7 holds annual meetings to discuss various global issues, but these meetings are usually held in different locations each year.
- The **48th G7 summit** was hosted by Germany in 2022.

## **6. PM Modi visits 'Jana Shakti Art Exhibition' at National Gallery of Modern Art in Delhi ( May 15, 2023 )**

**Jana-Shakti-Art-Exhibition**

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on 14th May visited '**Jana Shakti Art exhibition**' at the **National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Delhi**.

**An overview of the news**

- Amazing samples of art based on some episodes of **Mann Ki Baat** have been displayed in the exhibition.
- This is an exhibition of wonderful samples of art based on some episodes of Mann Ki Baat. He congratulated all the artists who have enriched the exhibition with their creativity.
- Artists who have contributed to Jan Shakti include top names like **Manu and Madhavi Parekh, Atul Dodiya, Paresh Maity, Iranna GR, Jagannath Panda** and others.

**About National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA)**

- NGMA is a prominent art museum **located in New Delhi, India**.
- NGMA aims to **preserve, document, and promote modern and contemporary art in India**.
- It serves as a platform for showcasing and appreciating **various forms of artistic expression**.
- NGMA houses an extensive collection of artworks, including **paintings, sculptures, prints, photographs, and installations**.
- NGMA organizes regular exhibitions and educational programs to engage visitors and promote art appreciation.
- Apart from the main gallery in New Delhi, NGMA has **regional branches in Mumbai and Bengaluru**. These branches showcase regional art and provide a platform for local artists.

**7. RINL launches "Open Challenge Program (OCP) 2.0" ( May 14, 2023 )**

On 11th May 2023 **Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)** launched "**Open Challenge Program (OCP) 2.0**" as part of a series of OCP programs by **Kalpataru-CoE (Center for Entrepreneurship)**.

**An Overview of the News**

- The objective of this program is to select startups specialising in **Industry 4.0 technologies for collaboration with RINL**.
- The startups' technologies are expected to provide faster return on investment for RINL, contribute to energy savings and enhance process safety.
- The "**Center of Excellence (CoE) on Industry 4.0**" project involves collaboration between STPI (Software Technology Parks of India), MeitY (Ministry of Electronics & IT), RINL and Government of Andhra Pradesh.

- Over a period of 5 years, the CoE plans to incubate around **175 startup companies**, of which **50** are incubated in physical mode and 125 are incubated in virtual mode.

### **Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL):**

- It is a government body that oversees the operations of the **Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP)**, India's first shore-based integrated steel plant.
- The VSP plant was **commissioned in 1992** and initially had a capacity **to produce 3.0 MTPA of liquid steel**.

Establishment - **18 February 1982**

Headquarters - **Visakhapatnam, India**

CMD - **Atul Bhatt**

### **8. UAE's Sharjah Police launches 'Stay in your lane' campaign ( May 14, 2023 )**

On 11 May, the **UAE's Sharjah Police** launched a **traffic campaign** called "**Stay in Your Lane**" to tackle road violations.

#### **An Overview of the News**

- The campaign aims **to improve traffic culture among drivers and other road users** by increasing awareness and promoting adherence to traffic rules and instructions.
- The campaign includes the dissemination of awareness messages in three different languages through the social networking sites of Sharjah Police.

### **About United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

- Location:** It is located in **Western Asia**.
- Geographical Boundaries:** It shares borders with Oman and Saudi Arabia.
- Maritime Borders:** It also has maritime borders with Qatar and Iran in the Persian Gulf.
- Religion:** Islam is the dominant religion in the UAE, with the majority of the population being Sunni Muslim.

Capital - **Abu Dhabi**

Official language - **Arabic**

Government - **Federal Islamic parliamentary elective semi-constitutional monarchy**

President/Crown Prince - **Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**

Prime Minister - **Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**

Vice President - **Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan**

### **9. MyGov, IHM, Pusa launch 'Young Talent - Culinary Talent Hunt' ( May 14, 2023 )**

**MyGov and IHM, Pusa** collaborated to launch '**Yuva Pratibha - Culinary Talent Hunt**' on 12th May, 2023.

#### **An Overview of the News**

- The primary objective of this competition is to celebrate and promote the **rich culinary heritage of India to a global audience.**
- It strives to revive lost recipes and to highlight the **culinary talents of young chefs and home cooks.**
- The United Nations designated 2023 as the '**International Year of Millets**' in response to India's proposal to establish itself as a global millet hub.
- The objective of the competition is to increase the production and consumption of millets while creating awareness about the versatility and health benefits of millets.

#### **Institute of Hotel Management Catering and Nutrition (IHM) Pusa:**

- It is a renowned hospitality management institute in **New Delhi, India.**
- It is located in **Pusa Institutional Area, New Delhi.**
- IHM Pusa has been consistently ranked as the top hotel management institute in the country for the last 10 years.
- IHM Pusa is governed by the National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology under the **Ministry of Tourism**, Government of India.
- Establishment - **1962**

### **10. RBI invites firms to participate in Greenwashing TechSprint ( May 14, 2023 )**

**RBI** has announced its participation in the **Global Financial Innovation Network (GFIN) greenwashing techsprint.**

#### **An overview of the news**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has **invited firms to participate in the Greenwashing TechSprint** to develop technology solutions to detect incidents of greenwashing in financial products.
- TechSprint is part of RBI's efforts to promote **sustainable finance and ensure that financial products marketed as green or sustainable** are actually aligned with environmental objectives.

- TechSprint is open to firms and individuals who can provide **innovative technology solutions** to detect greenwashing in financial products using technologies such as **natural language processing and artificial intelligence**.
- Techsprint can provide a platform for collaboration between **tech firms, financial institutions and regulators** to develop solutions that can increase transparency and trust in the market for sustainable finance.
- The RBI has identified **sustainable finance as a key priority area**, and has taken several initiatives to promote green finance and integrate environmental considerations into financial decision making.

### **What is Greenwashing?**

- Greenwashing refers to the **practice of making false or misleading claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service**.
- It is a marketing tactic used by companies to make their products appear **more environmentally friendly or sustainable**.
- Greenwashing can take various forms, such as **using vague or exaggerated language, making unsubstantiated claims, or highlighting minor environmental benefits** while ignoring significant environmental harms.
- Greenwashing can be harmful as it can mislead consumers into making purchasing decisions based on false or incomplete information, leading to negative environmental impacts.

### **About Global Financial Innovation Network (GFIN)**

- This is an **international network of financial regulators** that seeks to foster innovation in the financial services sector.
- It was **established in 2018 by a group of 12 financial regulators**, including the **UK Financial Conduct Authority, the Monetary Authority of Singapore, and the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**.
- It aims to provide a platform for regulators to collaborate and share best practices on **innovative financial products and services**, as well as regulatory approaches to innovation.