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1. PM Modi attended FIPIC summit in Papua New Guinea (May 24, 2023)

India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC)

PM Modi attended the **third India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) Summit** in **Papua New Guinea** 23 May. **14 countries from the Pacific Islands (PICs)** attended the summit.

An overview of the news

- The summit was led by Papua New Guinea's **PM James Marape and PM Modi**.
- As part of **India's Act East Policy**, the Prime Minister of India announced a **12-point development plan** for the Pacific Island Nations.
- The 12-point development plan focuses on a number of areas including health care, renewable energy and cyber security.
- The two leaders also launched a translation of the Tamil classic '**Thirukkural**' to the Tok Pisin language of Papua New Guinea.
- The translated book is co-authored by linguist Subha **Sasindran and Sasindran Muthuvel**, Governor of West New Britain Province of Papua New Guinea.

PM Modi's 12-point action plan

- A 100-bed regional super specialty hospital in Fiji
- Setting up a regional IT and cyber security training hub in Papua New Guinea
- Sagar Amrut Scholarships-100 scholarships in the next five years
- Jaipur foot camp in Papua New Guinea in 2023
- FIPIC SME development project,
- A solar project for government buildings
- Provide desalination units for drinking water
- Supply sea ambulances
- Set up dialysis unit
- Emergency helpline number
- Set up Jan Aushadi kendras
- Set up yoga centres.

Pacific Island nations

- The Pacific Islands are island geographic regions of the **Pacific Ocean**.

- Pacific Island nations include the **Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, the Republic of Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.**

About India Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC)

- It was launched during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Fiji in November 2014.
- FIPIC includes India and 14 of the island countries – **Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.**

About FIPIC summit

- FIPIC-I, in 2014, took place at **Suva, Fiji's capital city.**
- India announced various development assistance initiatives and other cooperation projects in areas of **climate change, trade, economy, telemedicine and tele education, IT, grants for community development projects, etc.**
- **FIPIC-II summit** took place in 2015 in **Jaipur.**
- In 2019, the Leaders of the **Indo-Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS)** meeting (consisting of delegations from 12 of the 14 Pacific Island countries) was held in **New York** on September 24, 2019.

2. 76th World Health Assembly at Geneva (May 23, 2023)

76th-World-Health-Assembly-at-Geneva

Union Health Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** will represent India in the **76th World Health Assembly at Geneva, Switzerland** to be held from 21st to 30th May 2023.

An overview of the news

- In line with India's commitment to a healthier world, the Union Health Minister will deliver the keynote address at the side events of '**Heal in India and Heal by India**' as well as '**Together We Fight Against TB**'.
- During his stay till 24 May 2023, Mandaviya will participate in **various bilateral meetings with countries across the world.**
- He will promote opportunities for health-related cooperation among the participating countries.
- The bilateral meetings will engage representatives from **Singapore, France, Netherlands, USA, Bangladesh, Argentina, Brazil, Qatar and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.**
- Additionally, a multilateral meeting is also scheduled with representatives from **BRICS (Brazil, Russia, China and South-Africa).**

Key agenda for assembly

- Discussions and deliberations on the issues of Universal Health Coverage.
- Public Health Emergencies
- Health & Well-Being
- Emphasising the importance of global collaborations and partnerships for building resilient global health architecture.
- Collectively striving to achieve Universal Health Coverage through value-based healthcare.

About World Health Assembly

- The **World Health Assembly** is the **decision-making body of WHO**.
- It is attended by delegations from all WHO Member States and focuses on a specific health agenda prepared by the **Executive Board**.
- The main functions of the World Health Assembly are to determine the policies of the Organization, appoint the Director-General, supervise financial policies, and review and approve the proposed programme budget.
- The Health Assembly is held annually in **Geneva, Switzerland**.

3. 2nd Trade and Investment Working Group meeting begins in Bengaluru (May 23, 2023)

2nd Trade and Investment Working Group meeting begins in Bengaluru

On 23 May, the **second Trade and Investment Working Group meeting** under the G20 India Presidency began in **Bengaluru**.

An Overview of the News

- It is a three-day meeting and is attended by **75 delegates from G20 countries**, invited countries and regional/international organisations.
- The objective of the Bengaluru meeting is to address issues related to international trade and investment and seek agreeable solutions.
- Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry **Som Prakash** inaugurated the seminar.
- The meeting discussed reforming the multilateral trading system and finding agreeable solutions for international trade and investment.
- An exhibition of Indian Startups is also a part of the event.
- The first Trade and Investment Working Group meeting was held in Mumbai.

About the G20

- It is an **international forum of the world's leading economies established in 1999.**
- Its **primary objective** is to promote international financial stability and sustainable economic growth.
- The G20 serves as a forum to discuss and coordinate policies related to a wide range of economic and financial issues such as trade, investment, employment, energy and climate change.

Karnataka:

- It is a state in southwest India and is bordered by **Maharashtra to the north, Goa to the northwest, Andhra Pradesh to the east, Tamil Nadu to the southeast, and Kerala to the southwest.**
- **Bengaluru, the capital of Karnataka,** is known as the "**Silicon Valley of India**" and is a major centre of technology and innovation.
- Hampi, located in northern Karnataka, was once the capital of the **Vijayanagara Empire** and is now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site.**
- Kannada is the official language of Karnataka, although English and Hindi are also widely spoken.

Chief minister - **Siddaramaiah**

Governor - **Thawar Chand Gehlot**

Official Animal - **Indian Elephant**

Official Bird - **Indian Roller**

Official Dance - **Yakshagana**

Official Song - **Jaya Bharat Jananiya Tanujate**

4. Second G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group meeting begins in Mumbai (May 23, 2023)

The **second meeting of the G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG)** began on 23 May in **Mumbai.**

An Overview of the News

- **The objective** of the meeting is to reduce the impact of disasters on vulnerable communities.
- **The meeting aims** to identify opportunities and examine creative financing mechanisms for disaster risk reduction.
- Government officials, industry experts, private sector representatives and stakeholders from more than twenty countries participated in the three-day meeting.

- The meeting is based on the theme of "**Financing for DRR**" from the first DRRWG meeting held in Gandhinagar.
- The Coastal Road Project in Mumbai was discussed during the DRRWG meeting.

About Maharashtra

It is a state located in the **western part of India** and covers a significant part of the Deccan Plateau.

Chief Minister - **Eknath Shinde**

Governor - **Ramesh Bais**

Official Animal - **Indian giant squirrel**

Official Bird - **Yellow-footed Green Pigeon**

Official Dance - **Lavani**

5. Third meeting of G-20, Tourism Working Group begins in Srinagar (May 22, 2023)

Third-meeting-of-G-20

The **third meeting of the G-20, Tourism Working Group** began on 22 May in **Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir**.

An Overview of the News

- The meeting focused on five key priority areas: **Green Tourism, Digitization, Skilling, MSME and Destination Management**.
- The priorities aim to grow the tourism sector and achieve the **Sustainable Development Goals by 2030**.
- The objective of the meeting is to **strengthen economic growth, preserve cultural heritage and promote sustainable development**.
- This is the third meeting of the Tourism Working Group after the previous meetings in **Gujarat and West Bengal**.

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6. India to host 44th ISO COPOLCO Plenary (May 22, 2023)

India-to-host-44th-ISO-COPOLCO-Plenary

India will host the **44th edition of the annual ISO COPOLCO Plenary** from May 23-26, 2023, by the **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**.

An overview of the news

- The event to be held in **New Delhi** will be inaugurated by Commerce and Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal**.
- COPOLCO President **Sadie Denton**, ISO Secretary General **Sergio Mujica** and other high ISO officials will also attend the event.
- Organized by the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**, the grand event will include interactive sessions and workshops on relevant topics, apart from various activities aimed at enhancing consumer engagement in the standardization process.
- It will also feature a distinguished presence of leaders from government and business sectors, as well as an international delegation of eminent global stakeholders.

About ISO COPOLCO

- ISO COPOLCO, known as the **Committee on Consumer Policy**, is a vital committee under the **International Organization for Standardization (ISO)**.
- It is responsible for advocating consumer interests in the **standardization process and ensuring that standards are developed with consumers'** needs in mind.
- It provides a forum for the exchange of information and experience on consumer involvement in **ISO's international standardization** work.
- COPOLCO's membership consists of **128 ISO member countries**, represented by representatives of these countries' national standards bodies and consumer organizations.

Themes of the Plenary

- 'Challenges and Good Practices for Consumer Engagement', 'Empowering Consumers for a Sustainable Future' and 'Consumer Protection and Legal Framework'.

International Standards Organisation (ISO)

- It is an international body with **168 member countries**.
- It plays a crucial role in developing standards that impact a wide range of business and social sectors worldwide.

7. Panel discussion on 'Role of G20 in creating global economic stability' (May 21, 2023)

A recent panel discussion held in **Dubai** highlighted the **important role of the G20 in creating global economic stability**.

An overview of the news

- A panel discussion held in Dubai shed light on the vital role of the G20 in creating global economic stability.
- The event took place on the sidelines of the International Conference jointly organized by the Indian Institute of Management Rohtak, Academy for Global Business Advancement, and Council for Strategic Affairs.

Importance of the G20

- The panelists highlighted the significance of the G20 in the current international order.
- The group plays a multifaceted role in creating global economic stability, fostering inclusive growth, ensuring financial stability, promoting balanced and sustainable growth, and effectively managing and preventing crises.

Panelists and insights

- The panel consisted of Manjeev Singh Puri, former ambassador of India to Nepal, Prof Tatiana Karabchuk from UAE University, and Prof Mayssa Banat from Rafik Hariri University in Lebanon.
- They provided valuable insights into the G20's role and its impact on global economic stability.
- The discussion was moderated by Prof. Dheeraj Sharma, the Director of IIM Rohtak.

G20 as a platform for decision-making

- Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri highlighted the G20's ability to bring together leaders from the world's largest economies and facilitate effective decision-making and implementation through national and multinational systems.
- Despite lacking de jure power, the G20 possesses significant de facto power, making it influential in driving positive change globally.

Specific areas of impact

- The panelists delved into specific areas where the G20 can make a significant impact.
- Prof Tatiana Karabchuk emphasized the importance of public opinion polls for informed decision-making and suggested the G20's role in implementing necessary changes in online education.
- Prof Mayssa Banat emphasized the power of language education in overcoming barriers and shaping global economic policies.

G20's contribution to global economic stability

- The panel discussion showcased the diverse aspects of the G20's role in fostering cooperation among major economies and driving sustainable development.
- The group's focus on inclusive growth, financial stability, crisis management, and balancing de jure and de facto power within global institutions is essential for global economic stability.

8. Department of Pharmaceuticals to organise International Conference on 'India Pharma and India Medical Devices' (May 20, 2023)

India-Medical-Devices

Department of Pharmaceuticals, **International Conference on 'India Pharma and India Medical Devices'** will be organised on 26th May and the **8th edition** of this conference will be inaugurated by **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**, Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilisers.

An Overview of the News

- The Department of Pharmaceuticals is partnering with the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)** for the event.
- The aim of the conference is to showcase India as a manufacturing hub for high quality medical products in the pharmaceutical and medical devices sector.
- During the conclave, Dr. Mandaviya will launch the **National Medical Devices Policy-2023** and **Export Promotion Council for Medical Devices**.
- A new scheme called '**Medical Device Clusters for Common Facilities (AMD-CF)**' will also be launched, focusing on strengthening or setting up of common infrastructure and testing facilities for medical devices.

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI):

- It is a **non-governmental trade association** and advocacy group based in India.
- **Subhrakant**, Managing Director of Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Limited has been appointed as the President of FICCI for 2022-2023.
- He took over from **Sanjiv Mehta** during the 95th **Annual Convention held in New Delhi**.

Formation - **1927**

Founder - **Ghanshyam Das Birla, Purushottamdas Thakurdas**

Headquarters - **New Delhi**

9. Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference 2023 (May 19, 2023)

Asia-Petrochemical-Industry-Conference-2023

Union Minister of Health, Chemicals and Fertiliser **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya** presided over the **Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference 2023 in New Delhi** on 19th May.

An overview of the news

- The **Chemical and Petrochemicals Manufacturers Association (CPMA)** of India hosted the 41st edition.
- The theme of the event was “**Ushering in a Sustainable Future**”.
- Over 1200 delegates from seven member nations as well as participants from **Europe, China, America, Mid East and other Asian Countries** and global partners participated in the conference.
- Mansukh Mandaviya said that the Indian chemical manufacturing industry has indeed been one of the emerging global manufacturing hubs for petrochemicals.
- India is determined to be a trusted partner in the **global supply chain of chemicals and petrochemicals** to the world.

Objective of Conference

- The main objective of the conference is to spur discussion and co-operation on the issues of the day being faced by the industry related to growth, trade, investment, and sustainability, in Asia-Pacific and also around the world.

About Asia Petrochemical Industry Conference

- The conference is hosted on a rotational basis by the seven member countries—**Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan and India**.
- It is a prominent event held annually in Asia that brings together **industry professionals, experts, and stakeholders** from the petrochemical sector.
- The conference aims to facilitate **knowledge exchange, foster collaborations, and address challenges and opportunities** in the petrochemical industry across the Asian region.

About CPMA

- It is the apex forum in the country representing the **Indian Chemicals & Petrochemicals Industry**.
- It was **established in 1993**.
- It offers its members a podium to collectively present their ideas, voice their concerns and offer suggestions on industry issues.
- It provides a linkage between the **industry, the Government and the society at large**.

10. First Inter-Ministerial Committee Meeting held on World Food India 2023 (May 19, 2023)

First Inter- Ministerial Committee Meeting

Secretary, Food Processing Industries (FPI) **Anita Praveen**, chaired the **First Inter-Ministerial Committee Meeting** with senior representatives from Ministries/Departments/Boards on 16th May 2023 in **New Delhi**.

An overview of the news

- The agenda of the committee meeting was to apprise the officials about the preparations made so far for **World Food India 2023** and to discuss the participation of concerned Ministries/Departments/Organizations in the event.
- This was in continuation of the series of interactions held to apprise them of the **Ministry's action plan** for the upcoming World Food India 2023 and discuss possible areas of collaboration.
- The meeting was attended by senior officials from key Ministries and Departments of the Central Government.
- In the meeting, the stakeholders were requested to share the specific action plan regarding the **mega food event to be held in Delhi from 3rd to 5th November 2023**.
- The next meeting of the **Inter-Ministerial Committee** is expected to be held in **June 2023** to strengthen the partnership/participation of various stakeholders.

About World Food India

- World Food India (WFI) is a **global event** to facilitate partnerships between **Indian and international businesses and investors**.
- It is a gateway to the Indian food economy and an opportunity **to showcase, connect and collaborate**.
- It is organized by the **Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India**.
- WFI is the largest gathering of **investors, manufacturers, producers, food processors, policy makers** and organizations from the global food ecosystem.
- It aims to provide investment and business opportunities in the food processing sector for leading Indian and international companies.
- World Food India 2023 theme is "**Processing for Prosperity**".