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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

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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

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- 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

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About Sweden

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4. PM Modi meets Doug McMillan, CEO of Walmart (May 15, 2023)

PM-Modi-meets-Doug-McMillan

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** held a meeting with **Doug McMillan, CEO of American multinational retail corporation Walmart.**

An overview of the news

- The purpose of the meeting between PM Modi and Doug McMillan was **to discuss and explore potential areas of collaboration, investment and partnership between the Government of India and Walmart.**
- The meeting reflects the importance of the economic relationship between India and Walmart. The discussions covered topics such as trade, investment opportunities and promoting a conducive business environment in India.
- The meeting discussed opportunities to leverage **digital technologies and innovation in the retail sector.**
- The discussion centered around **sustainable business practices, environmental initiatives and social responsibility.**

Significance of the meeting

- The meeting between PM Modi and Walmart CEO Doug McMillan highlights the importance of promoting economic partnership and exploring investment opportunities between India and Walmart.
- It highlights the potential for cooperation in various sectors, **employment generation, economic growth and contribution to sustainable development in India.**

About Walmart

- It is an **American multinational retail corporation** that operates a chain of **hypermarkets, discount department stores, and grocery stores.**
- It was **founded in 1962 by Sam Walton.**
- It has grown to become one of the **world's largest retail chains.**
- It operates thousands of stores **globally, serving millions of customers.**
- It offers a wide range of **products, including groceries, apparel, electronics, household goods,** and more.

5. 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**

6. 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.

7. 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.

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

Jana-Shakti-Art-Exhibition

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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.**
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10. 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**