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1. 7th Petrochemical Conclave held in New Delhi (Dec. 17, 2022)

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The Government of Indian Maharatna Company **Indian Oil Corporation** limited organised the 7th Petrochemical Conclave in **New Delhi** on 17 December 2022.

The conclave was attended by the Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas **Hardeep Singh Puri**, Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas **Rameshwar Teli** and various experts from the petrochemical fields.

The Conclave aims to provide a comprehensive platform for varied Petrochemical stakeholders to deliberate on the opportunities and challenges with the sector and brainstorm on the impacts of forces like energy transition, Crude Oil to Chemicals, Industry 4.0, emerging Green pathways, and Circular economy.

Theme of the conclave: India's Petchem Future -Sustainable and Atmanirbhar

2. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar host a millet based lunch in New York for Top UN diplomats (Dec. 17, 2022)

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External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** hosted a millets based lunch in **New York** on 15 December 2022 for the United Nations Secretary General **Antonio Guterres** and other top diplomats of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) member states to **commemorate the International Year of Millets 2023** (IYM 2023).

The External Affairs minister was in New York to chair two key UNSC debates being held under the [Presidency of India](#). India is the President of the UNSC for the month of December 2022. India's 2 year term as the non -permanent member of the UNSC ends on **31 December 2022**.

The United Nations General Assembly at its 75th session in March 2021, had adopted an Indian sponsored resolution to declare 2023 as the International Year of Millets.

In his message at the opening ceremony of the International Year of Millets at [Rome](#), the Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that "India will steer the IYM 2023 celebrations worldwide and organise campaigns to promote the cultivation and consumption of millets,"

Millet is one of the oldest known foods to humans .They are called a superfood as they are rich in nutrients such as copper, magnesium, phosphorus, and manganese. They are low on glycaemic index.

3. Opening Ceremony of International Year of Millets 2023 held in Rome, Italy (Dec. 7, 2022)

The United Nations agency Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) hosted an opening ceremony of the International Year of Millets – 2023 (IYM2023) in **Rome, Italy** on 6 December 2022 in a hybrid mode.

An Indian delegation led by **Shobha Karandlaje**, Minister of State, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare along with other senior officials were present at the opening ceremony.

Shobha Karandlaje conveyed PM Modi's compliments to the United Nations for declaring the Year 2023 as the International Year of Millets. PM, through his message, thanked the global community for supporting India's proposal to mark the International Year of Millets (IYM).

PM Modi said that "India will steer the IYM2023 celebrations worldwide and organise campaigns to promote the cultivation and consumption of Millets, both in India and abroad during the next year."

Speaking on the occasion, Director General, FAO Mr. QU Dongyu said the IYM2023 will provide us with a unique opportunity to give visibility to crops that have great potential to strengthen global nutrition, food security.

Millets and India

According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), India is the largest producer of millet in the world.

- The total production of millets in India in 2020-21 was 17.96 million tonnes which was nearly 41% of the world production.
- **Rajasthan** was the largest millet producing state in India.
- Millets are grown in about 21 states in the country including Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Haryana.
- India was **the 5th largest exporter of millet** in the world in 2020 .

FAO (Food and Agricultural Organisation)

- The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger and improve nutrition and food security.
- It was founded in 1945.
- Its headquarters is in Rome (Italy).
- It was conferred with the Nobel Peace Prize in 2020

Director General: QU Dongyu

4. RIL lunches its FMCG Brand 'Independence' (Dec. 16, 2022)

RIL lunches its FMCG Brand 'Independence'

India's largest private sector company Reliance Industries limited (RIL) entered into the highly competitive Indian Fast Moving Consumer Goods(FMCG) market with the soft launch of its "**Independence**" brand in **Ahmedabad** ,Gujarat on 15 December 2022.

The company will offer packaged indigenous consumer goods including processed foods, edible oils, pulses, grains, staples and daily essentials under the Independence brand.

The FMCG business of RIL is being handled by Reliance Consumer Products, a subsidiary of Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd. Reliance Retail Ventures limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of RIL.

Speaking on the occasion, **Isha Ambani**, Director Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd said that soon the 'Independence' brand will be extended all over India.

Some of the top FMCG companies in India are Hindustan Unilever Ltd, Nestle, Dabur, Marico, Parle etc.

What are Consumer durable goods and FMCG?

Consumer goods on the basis of its usage has been broadly divided into durable and non - durable goods.

Consumer non-durable goods or Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) are consumer goods which are almost used daily by the consumer and are generally sold at a low cost so that it is affordable to many. It has a low shelf life and needs to be replenished more frequently. Some of the examples of the FMCG products are tea, biscuit, milks, soaps, perfumes etc.

Consumer durables goods are those goods which are not frequently purchased by the consumers and have longer shell life. For example electronics items like TV, mobile phones, or cars etc.

5. PM Modi inaugurates three National Ayush Institute of eminence in Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and Unani (Dec. 11, 2022)

PM Modi inaugurates three National Ayush Institute of eminence in Ayurveda

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated virtually three National Institutes of eminence in Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and Unani on 11 December 2022. The PM inaugurated the **All India Institute of Ayurveda in Goa, National Institute of Unani Medicine in Ghaziabad**, and **National Institute of Homoeopathy at Delhi** from Goa. All the three institutes will be under the Union Ministry of Ayush.

PM Modi was in Panaji, Goa to participate in the Valedictory ceremony of the 9th World Ayurveda Congress. The 9th World Ayurveda Congress was organised by the Union Ministry of Ayush in Panaji from 8-11 December 2022.

The theme of the 9th World Ayurveda Congress was: **Ayurveda for All**

According to the Ministry of Ayush, these satellite institutes will further strengthen the research, international collaborations and facilitate affordable Ayush services for a larger community. These institutes will help to provide affordable healthcare to every citizen and every region of the country.

National Institute for Ayurveda

All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) is an apex institute for Ayurveda which is being set up in **New Delhi**. It has been set up to make Ayurveda an evidence based treatment and standardize the Ayurveda drugs.

National Institute for Ayurveda Goa is the branch of the AIIA, New Delhi.

National Institute of Unani Medicine

The National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM) was set up in **Bengaluru in 2004** as an autonomous institute under the Ministry of AYUSH,

The National Institute of Unani Medicine, Ghaziabad will be the satellite center of the NIUM Bengaluru. It will be the first such institute in Northern India and cater to patients around Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and other states of India.

National Institute of Homoeopathy at Delhi

National Institute of Homoeopathy (NIH), Delhi is the first of its kind to be established in Northern India for developing the Homeopathic system of medicine and to provide health care facilities.

It will be the satellite center of the **National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata**. The National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata was set up in 1975 as a premier research and academic institution for Homoeopathy.

AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy)

- The Ministry of AYUSH was set up on the 9th of November 2014 to revive the knowledge of traditional Indian systems of medicine.
- It focuses on education and research in the fields of Ayurveda, Yoga Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homoeopathy.
- Minister of AYUSH: **Sarbananda Sonowal**

6. Mopa International Airport Goa named after Manohar Parrikar (Dec. 11, 2022)

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of the international airport at [Mopa](#) in north Goa on 11 December 2022. He named the airport after late Goa Chief Minister and former Union Defence Minister **Manohar Parrikar**.

Manohar Parrikar was a towering leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Goa .He was the Chief Minister of Goa 2000 to 2005, 2012 to 2014 and from 14 March 2017 until his death in March 2019.

Manohar Parrikar was also the **Union Defence Minister** from October 2014-March 2017. He was awarded **Padma Bhushan** posthumously in January 2020.

Mopa Airport

In November 2016, the PM laid Mopa airport's foundation stone. It will be the second airport in the state, the first airport in Goa is at Dabolim.

7. Bengaluru will host the 1st G20 Finance Track meeting under Indian Presidency (Dec. 11, 2022)

Bengaluru will host the 1st G20 Finance Track meeting

According to the Union Ministry of Finance the first meeting under the Finance track agenda of the G-20 meeting will take place in **Bengaluru** from 13th to 15th December 2022. It will be hosted jointly by the **Union Finance Ministry** and the **Reserve Bank of India**. All the 20 members of the G-20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies will participate in the meeting.

India is currently the President of the G-20 and it will hold the G-20 summit meeting in September 2023 in New Delhi.

G20 Finance track and Sherpa track meeting

Before the annual summit meeting of the G-20 countries leaders, there is a series of preparatory meetings held under the Finance Track and Sherpa track to work out the agenda of the annual summit meeting of the leaders of G 20.

Finance Track meeting

The Finance Track meeting is organised by the Union Ministry of Finance and it will organise a number of such meetings on the areas of international financial architecture, financial inclusion and sustainable finance, financing for infrastructure, climate finance and tax matters.

The Sherpa track

The Sherpa track meeting is organised by the Union External Affairs ministry and is chaired by the Indian Sherpa to G 20, **Amitabh Kant**. Around 100 meetings will be held on issues such as employment, health, digital economy, trade, investment & industry, environment & climate etc.

The first G-20 meeting was held at **Udaipur from 4-7 December 2022**.

First Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of the G-20 meeting

The first Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of the G-20 meeting will be held during 23-25 February 2023 in **Bengaluru**. According to the Union Finance Ministry the Indian G-20 Presidency's theme of **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam** or **"One Earth One Family One Future"** "will guide the G-20 Finance Track discussions.

G-20 is a multilateral organisation consisting of the world's major developed and developing countries. It consists of 19 countries and the European Union. The 19 member countries are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, and United States.

It was set up in 1999.

8. PM Modi to inaugurate Goa's 2nd airport, Mopa International Airport on 11 December 2022 (Dec. 10, 2022)

PM Modi to inaugurate Goa's 2nd airport, Mopa International Airport

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally inaugurate Goa's **second international airport at Mopa** on 11 December 2022, According to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) the Prime

Minister during his visit to Goa on 11 December will address the valedictory function of the [**9th World Ayurveda Congress**](#) and later, will inaugurate the Mopa International Airport.

Mopa International Airport will be the **second** Airport of Goa after the Dabolim **airport** which is a civil enclave in a military airbase named INS Hansa. Mopa airport will be the **first cargo carrying airport of Goa**. The Mopa airport will become **fully operation from January 5, 2023**.

The Mopa International Airport has been developed at a cost of around Rs 2, 8700 crore by the **GMR Infrastructure** which also has the right to operate the airport for 40 years with an option of additional 20 years.

The airport has been built on the theme of sustainable infrastructure and has a solar power plant, green buildings, LED lights on the runway, rainwater harvesting, state-of-the-art sewage treatment plant with recycling facilities, among other such facilities.

Goa Chief Minister: **Pramod Sawant**

9. 'Abua Bugin Hodmo-Our Better Health' camp organised at Saraikela Kharsawan, Jharkhand (Dec. 8, 2022)

'Abua Bugin Hodmo-Our Better Health'

The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs organised a free One-Day Mega Health Camp - '**Abua Bugin Hodmo**' ('**Our Better Health**'), at **Seraikela Kharsawan, Jharkhand** on 4th December 2022. This is the second successful health camp organised in the state to offer improved healthcare services to the tribal people after the Khunti camp's success in June.

The Mega Health Camp was jointly organised by the **Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Ayush**, Tata Steel Foundation and the District Administration, envisaging better health and related facilities for the tribal society.

This health camp's primary objective has been to reduce the burden of **three groups of diseases** that seriously impair the health of the members of tribal group.

TB, leprosy, HIV, hepatitis, and other contagious diseases fall under the first category.

Breast and uterine cancer, sickle cell disease, heart disease, skin conditions, nervous system disorders, and dental problems fall under the second category. The third category includes malnutrition and adolescent health, including maternal and child health nutrition (MCHN+A).

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs: **Arjun Munda**

Jharkhand Governor: **Ramesh Bais**

Jharkhand Chief Minister: **Hemant Soren**

10. Universal Health Coverage day 2022 to be celebrated at Varanasi (Dec. 8, 2022)

Universal Health Coverage day 2022 to be celebrated at Varanasi

As a precursor to the “International Universal Health Coverage Day’ which is observed on **12th December**, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is organising a two days conclave “**Universal Coverage Day (UHC) 2022**” on 10th and 11th December 2022 at **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**. Health Ministers of all the states are expected to participate in the event.

The Varanasi event will be inaugurated by the Uttar Pradesh Governor **Anandiben Patel** in the presence of Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya. Chief Minister Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath.

During the event at Varanasi, the **1st Regional Community Health Officers (CHO) Conference for Northern India** will be held. Concerned government officials from the medical field from **Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh** and **Uttarakhand** will take part in the regional conference.

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) aims that ‘all people have access to needed promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health services, of sufficient quality to be effective, while also ensuring that people do not suffer financial hardship when paying for these services’.