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1. Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, Lawrence Wong meets the Prime Minister Modi (Sept. 19, 2022)

The Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Singapore Lawrence Wong met the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on 19 September 2022. He was accompanied by Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry Mr. Gan Kim Yong and the Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

The leaders discussed ways to boost bilateral ties between India and Singapore, especially in emerging sectors like digital connectivity, green hydrogen, and Fintech.

Mr Lawrence is on his first visit to India from 17 -21 September 2022.

During his India visit he also participated in the first **India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR)** held on 17 September in New Delhi with Nirmala Sitharaman. The ISMR is a new mechanism between the two countries to boost economic cooperation between the two countries.

The Deputy Prime Minister Wong also visited Gujarat during his India visit.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Singapore :

- It is a city state located in SouthEast Asia.
- It was a British colony which joined Federation of Malaysia on its formation in 1963 but later seceded to become an independent state on August 9, 1965.
- Singapore's **Changi airport** is considered as one of the best airports in the world.
- Capital: **Singapore**
- Currency: **Singapore Dollar**
- Prime Minister: **Lee Hsien Loong**

2. 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](#)

3. Bajrang Punia wins Bronze medal at the 17th Wrestling World Championship 2022 (Sept. 19, 2022)

The Tokyo Olympic Bronze medallist Bajrang Punia won a bronze medal at the 17th Wrestling World Championships 2022 by defeating Puerto Rico’s Sebastian Rivera in the men’s 65kg freestyle category on 18 September 2022.

The 17th Wrestling World Championships 2022 was held at **Belgrade, Serbia** from 10 -18 September 2022.

This was the **fourth medal** for Bajrang Punia in the Wrestling World Championships.

Earlier, he won bronze at Budapest (Hungary) 2013, silver at Budapest 2018 and bronze at Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan) 2019.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- **Other Medal winners for India :**
- In the 17th Wrestling World Championship 2022, India won two medals.
- Apart from Bajrang Punia, **Vinesh Phogat** won a bronze medal in women's 53kg freestyle.

4. 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)**

5. Union Social Justice minister Virendra Kumar inaugurates Model District Disability Rehabilitation centers in the country (Sept. 18, 2022)

The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr Virendra Kumar inaugurated model District Disability Rehabilitation centers (DDRC) across the country on 18 September 2022.

He virtually inaugurated 9 model DDRC in **Badaun, Pilibhit, Bareilly, Balaghat, Golaghat, Ahmedabad, Amravati, Kullu and Rampur.**

District Disability Rehabilitation centers (DDRC) have been set up across the country to provide effective rehabilitation services to the persons with disabilities. These centers are run jointly by District Management Team headed by DM/Collector and a reputed NGO (Usually Indian Red Cross Society).

IMPORTANT FACTS -***Model DDRC :***

- The government is upgrading these DDRC to model DDRC. In the model DDRC's services like hearing aids test lab, speech therapy room, visual therapy room, psychologist room, physiotherapist room, gait practice parallel bar and tele-medicine/tele-therapy like facilities shall be available.

6. Ajeet Singh wins gold and Devendra Jhajharia wins silver at the World Para Athletics Grand prix in Morocco (Sept. 18, 2022)

The India duo of Ajeet Singh and Devendra Jhajharia won gold and silver respectively in the F-54 Javelin event at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix held in Marrakech, Morocco on 17 September 2022.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Ajeet Singh won the gold with a throw of 64 meters while the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 silver medallist had to settle for silver with a throw of 60.97 meters.
- 2020 Tokyo Paralympics silver medallist **Nishad Kumar** won the gold medal in men's T47 high jump.
- India has so far won **3 gold medals, two silver** and **a bronze** in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Morocco.
- The World Para Athletics Grand Prix was held in Marrakech, Morocco from 15 - 17 September 2022.

7. Piyush Goyal to Chair first Ministerial Meeting of Economic, Investments Committee in Saudi Arabia (Sept. 18, 2022)

The Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will be on a 2-day (18-19 September 2022) visit to Saudi Arabia to co-chair the inaugural Ministerial Meeting of the Economic and Investments Committee with Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister Prince Abdul Aziz Bin Salman.

Piyush Goel will also discuss with the Saudi minister's ,on ways to speed up the proposed **\$100 billion investment** in India announced by the Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman during his visit to India in February 2019.

The revival of the **West Coast Refinery Project** in **Ratnagiri**, Maharashtra is also expected to be on top of the agenda between the two ministers.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

West Coast Refinery project :

- The 60 million tonnes per annum refinery was announced in 2015. The refinery will be set up jointly by Indian **Oil Corporation Ltd.(IOC)**, **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)** , **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL)** and world's largest oil companies **Aramco of Saudi Arabia** and United Arab Emirates company **Adnoc**.
- Aramco and Adnoc hold 50% stake in the project, while IOC has a 25% stake. The remaining 25% is split equally between BPCL and HPCL.
- The project was announced in 2015 but the project had to be stopped after opposition from the local population and the environmental groups.

8. External Affairs Minister Jaishankar to lead Indian Delegation at the 77th UNGA Session (Sept. 17, 2022)

According to a 17 September press release of the External Affairs Ministry, the External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar will be on an official visit to the United States from 18-28 September 2022.

During his visit to the United States he will be leading the India delegation for the High Level Week at the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The theme of 77th UNGA is "**A Watershed Moment: Transformative Solutions to Interlocking Challenges**".

His other engagements in the United States are as follows :

- To commemorate and showcase Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, EAM would be addressing a special event "**India@75: Showcasing India UN Partnership in Action**" on 24 September, which would highlight India's development journey and its contributions to South-South Cooperation.
- He will host a Ministerial meeting of the **G4 (India, Brazil, Japan, Germany) countries. G4 countries support the inclusion of the member countries as the permanent member of the United Nation Security Council.**
- He will also participate at the High Level Meeting of the **L.69 Group** on "Reinvigorating Multilateralism and Achieving Comprehensive Reform of the UN Security Council".
- The L.69 Group consists of developing countries from Asia, Africa, Latin America, Caribbean and Small Island Developing States, focused on reforms of the UN Security Council.

9. Pranav Anand and A R Ilamparthi crowned champion at the World Youth Chess Championship 2022 (Sept. 17, 2022)

Indian teenager chess prodigy Pranav Anand and A R Ilamparthi won the under -16 and Under -14 categories title respectively in the World Youth Chess championship at Mamaia, Romania on 16 September 2022.

Pranav Anand also became **India's 76th Grandmaster** when he secured the necessary 2500 Elo Rating points while playing in the championship.

The FIDE World Youth Chess championship 2022(under 18,16,14) for boys and girls was held at Mamaia, Romania from 5-17 September 2022.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

FIDE :

- The International Chess Federation or French acronym FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs) is an international organization that was set up on 20 July 1924 in Paris, France.
- It is the international body which governs world chess championships.
- President of FIDE : **Arkady Dvorkovich**
- Headquarters of FIDE : **Lausanne, Switzerland**

10. Sudarsan Patnaik creates Modi sand sculpture with Kulhar on PM's birthday (Sept. 17, 2022)

Famous sand artist and Padam Shri awardee, Sudarsan Patnaik of Odisha has paid tribute to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 72 birthday in his own unique way.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- He made a 5 feet sand statue of the PM with the message 'Happy Birthday Modi ji' by placing 1,213 Kulhar (clay tea cups) at **Puri beach** on 17 September 2022. He used 5 tonnes of sand for the purpose.
- Sudarsan Patnaik has participated in more than 60 international sand art championships and festivals around the world and has won many awards.
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