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## ❖ **India defeated Pakistan to win Junior Men's Asia Cup Hockey in 2023**

- The Indian hockey team defeated Pakistan in the final of the Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023, held at the Sultan Qaboos Youth Complex Stadium in Salalah, Oman.
- This was India's fourth title at Men's Junior Asia Cup, after winning in 2004, 2008, and 2015.
- With this title win, India has become the most successful country in the history of the Men's Junior Asia Cup.
- While Pakistan is the second-most successful team in the tournament with three titles.
- It is an international under-21 field hockey tournament organized by the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF).
- The tournament has been held annually since 1988 and serves as a qualifying event for the men's FIH Hockey Junior World Cup.
- To participate in the tournament, players must be under 21 years of age as of 31 December of the year preceding the tournament.

## ❖ **OTT platforms mandated to show anti-tobacco warnings**

- The Union health ministry has amended the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2004, to mandate the display of anti-tobacco warnings and disclaimers on over-the-top (OTT) platforms.
- India has become the first country to make it mandatory for OTT platforms.

- To display anti-tobacco health spots of a minimum of 30 seconds each at the beginning and middle of a program. An audio-visual disclaimer of a minimum of 20 seconds on the ill effects of tobacco use.
- India has implemented measures to reduce tobacco use including 85% pictorial warnings on cigarette packets since 2018.
- India's data from the Global Youth Tobacco Survey shows that tobacco use has declined by 42% among school-going children aged 13-15 over the past decade.
- The decision was taken by the Health Ministry after consultations with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) and other stakeholders.

### ❖ **NGEL, UPRVUNL collaborate for development of Renewable Energy Power Parks**

- NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (UPRVUNL) signed an MoU in Lucknow.
- Aim: To collaborate in the development of Renewable Energy Parks and Projects
- Signed by: Mohit Bhargava (CEO, NGEL) and Nidhi Kumar Narang (Director (Finance) UPRVUNL)
- NTPC is India's largest Power Utility, with a total installed capacity of about 72 GW.
- UPRVUNL was constituted to set up and operate Power-generating stations in UP.

### ❖ **RBI, IIT Madras to launch voice-banking solution**

- Reserve Bank Innovation Hub has partnered with IIT Madras Research Park and Incubation Cell to launch voice-banking solutions to eliminate language barriers.
- It will assist the illiterate and the visually impaired in their banking needs.
- Aim: To conduct the basic banking transactions through voice controls in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, and English, in the initial stage.
- SBI, Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra, and IDFC First conducted a code fest on voice banking called 'Vault Voice'.

### ❖ **India's GCC market size to hit \$60 billion by 2025: Report**

➤ According to the report titled "GCC 4.0 – India Redefining the Globalization Blueprint", released by NASSCOM – Zinnov, India's Global Capability Centre (GCC) ecosystem will expand with over 1,900 GCCs and a market size of \$60 billion by 2025.

➤ As of FY23, India is home to 1,580 unique GCCs, with several global MNCs opting to establish their first global center outside of their headquarters in India.

➤ The GCC market size in FY23 was \$46 billion

### ❖ **IIT-Kharagpur partners HCLTech for collaboration in petroleum engineering**

➤ IIT Kharagpur and HCLTech signed an MoU for collaboration in the field of petroleum engineering and earth sciences.

➤ Aim: To develop innovative and sustainable solutions to address critical challenges of the petroleum industry, which include reduction of carbon footprint, and provide significant sustainable solutions towards net zero

➤ HCLTech will provide opportunities to IIT-Kharagpur students and research scholars to undertake projects and internships at the company.

### ❖ **P Upadhyay INAS takes over as Director General of Naval Armament**

➤ INAS, P Upadhyay assumed charge as Director General of Naval Armament (DGONA). and replaced KSC Iyer, who superannuated.

➤ He is an alumnus of the Naval Defence College of NDC-53.

➤ He belongs to the 1987 batch of the Indian Naval Armament Service.

➤ He joined the Naval Armament Organization of the Indian Navy in 1989.

➤ He is specialized in Missile and Torpedo Maintenance besides having vast knowledge of the disposal of ammunition.

### ❖ **NHPC, VUCL sign MoU for Phukot Karnali Hydroelectric Project**

➤ NHPC Limited and Vidhyut Utpadan Company Limited (VUCL), Nepal signed an MoU in New Delhi for the development of the Phukot Karnali Hydro Electric Project (480MW) in Nepal.

➤ The MoU was signed in the presence of PM Modi and Nepal PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'.

➤ The project will use the flow from the Karnali River for power generation and the generated power will be fed into the integrated power system of Nepal.

➤ The installed capacity of the project shall be 480 MW.

### ❖ **India conducts successful training launch of Agni-1 ballistic missile**

- India successfully launched the Medium-Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-1 from the APJ Abdul Kalam Islands, Odisha.
- It was carried out by the Strategic Forces Command, which is responsible for the management and administration of the country's tactical and nuclear assets.
- Agenda: To validate all operational and technical parameters of the missile.
- Agni series of missiles includes Agni-1(700km), Agni-2 (2000), Agni-3 (3000), Agni-4 (4000), and Agni-5 (5000).

### ❖ **BIS introduces 31 Indian standards related to Ayush**

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has introduced 31 Indian standards related to Ayush, encompassing 30 herbs and one product, the stainless steel neti pot.
- BIS has established an additional department with a dedicated focus on Ayush for strengthening its standardization framework.
- A Working Group on 'Traditional Medicine' established within the ISO/TC-215 'Health Informatics'.
- BIS also initiated efforts to formulate international standards in collaboration with ISO.
- By taking this step towards standardization in the field of Ayush, BIS aims to enhance the quality and credibility of Ayush products and services.
- The Ministry of Ayush states that the implementation of these standards will facilitate international trade by ensuring the quality of Ayush products and services.

### ❖ **India's Esow Alben wins bronze medal in Bahnen-Tournee cycling 2023**

- Indian cyclist Esow Alben has bagged the bronze medal in the elite men's keirin event at a UCI Class 1 Event-Finale Bahnen-Tournee 2023 cycling competition in Germany.
- He has also listed himself in being the first cyclist from India to participate in the UCI Champions League.
- Alben was also the first Indian who won a medal in a cycling world championship.
- Apart from Alben, Indian cyclist Ronaldo Singh Laitonjam finished 10th in the men's sprint event at Germany meet.

### ❖ **Union Minister For Jal Shakti launched portal for GOBARdhan**

- The Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has launched the Unified Registration Portal for GOBARdhan.

- Aim: One-stop repository to assess investment and participation in the Biogas/CBG sector at the pan India level and streamline the process of setting up CBG/Biogas plants.
- GOBARdhan refers to Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan.
- It is an initiative of the Government of India, that aims to convert waste to wealth towards promoting a circular economy.