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❖ **Fourth meeting of G-20 Infrastructure Working Group begins in Madhya Pradesh**

- Under India's G-20 presidency, a two-day, fourth meeting of the G-20 Infrastructure Working Group began at Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh.
- This is the last meeting of the Infrastructure Working Group under the Indian G20 Presidency.
- It has brought together more than 54 delegates from the G20 member countries, guest countries, and international organizations invited by India.
- The forum is deliberating on the key issues in continuation of the discussions held during the previous three IWG meetings.
- The meeting is being hosted and chaired by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India along with Australia and Brazil as co-chairs.
- In the various sessions of the meeting, the challenges faced in mobilizing financial resources along with promoting private investment in urban infrastructure were discussed.

❖ **SBI introduces digital opening of NRE/NRO account setup through YONO**

- State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced a digital facility for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to effortlessly open NRE and NRO accounts (both savings and current accounts) through its mobile app YONO.
- This service is designed for NTB or 'new to bank' customers, providing them with ease and efficiency in the account opening process.
- This initiative fulfils a long standing demand from NRI customers for a hassle free way to open and manage their accounts in India.

➤ An Non-Residential External (NRE) account is a bank account opened in India in the name of an NRI, to park his foreign earnings whereas, an Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) account is opened in India in the name of an NRI, to manage the income earned by him (or) her in India.

❖ **Indian Army and United States Army to host Indo- Pacific Armies Chiefs Conference (IPACC)**

➤ The Indian Army and the United States Army will co-host 13th IPACC, 47th IPAMS and 9th SELF, a three-day conference of Chiefs of Armies and delegates of 35 countries in New Delhi from 25th to 27th September 2023.

➤ The central theme for this forum is “Together for Peace: Sustaining Peace and Stability in the Indo-Pacific Region.”

➤ The conference will provide an opportunity for Army Chiefs and senior-level leaders from land forces, primarily of the Indo-Pacific region, to exchange ideas and views on security and contemporary issues.

➤ The conference will feature plenary sessions and informal meetings in three tiers.

➤ The Army Chiefs conference will discuss issues of mutual interest and areas of cooperation to synergise efforts of all stakeholders for effecting peace and stability in the region.

❖ **Indian Naval Ship 'Nireekshak' successfully conducts vital Mixed Gas Diving training sessions as part of IN-SLN Divex 23**

➤ Indian Naval Ship 'Nireekshak' successfully conducted vital Mixed Gas Diving training sessions as part of IN-SLN Divex 23.

➤ The vessel arrived at Sri Lanka's Trincomalee port where Commanding Officer Jeetu Singh Chauhan, held productive discussions with Rear Admiral PS De Silva.

➤ The ship's crew also engaged in activities such as yoga sessions, interactions with local schoolchildren, and beach cleaning efforts.

➤ The Indian Naval Ship is well-equipped with two six-man recompression chambers and a three-man diving bell.

➤ It possesses the capability to execute submarine rescue operations and train saturation divers.

❖ **World Alzheimer's Day - 21 September**

➤ World Alzheimer's Day, a part of Alzheimer's Month, is observed every year on the 21st of September.

➤ The objective of creating awareness about the misconception of dementia and Alzheimer's and to encourage and support the families of Alzheimer-affected patients to tackle and fight it.

➤ Every year, the entire September month is designated as "Alzheimer's Month."

➤ People across the world, various Alzheimer's societies and organisations come together in support of the people affected with Alzheimer's and dementia.

➤ World Alzheimer's Day 2023 theme is "Never too early, never too late", which underlines not only the pivotal role of Alzheimer's disease risk factors identification but also the espousement of proactive risk reduction measures to hamper, and if possible, prevent the onset of dementia.

❖ **ICC releases official Anthem 'Dil Jashn Bole' for Men's Cricket World Cup**

➤ International Cricket Council released the official Anthem for the Men's Cricket World Cup beginning on the 5th of next month.

➤ The theme of the anthem is Dil Jashn Bole and it features Bollywood superstar Ranveer Singh and other popular social media influencers.

➤ The ICC posted on its social media handle, X, official anthem arriving now on platform 2023, Board the One Day Xpress and join the greatest cricket Jashn ever.

- The music for the anthem has been prepared by Pritam, and the singers are Pritam, Nakash Aziz, Sreerama Chandra, Amit Mishra, Jonita Gandhi, AKASA, and Charan.
- The Cricket World Cup is being held in India after 12 years. It will be played across 10 cities.
- The opening match on 5th October will be played between England and New Zealand at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium.
- India will play its first match against Australia in Chennai.
- ❖ **India to host International Congress on Chemistry of Cement in 2027 in New Delhi**
- India will host the International Congress on the Chemistry of Cement (ICCC) in the year 2027 in New Delhi.
- The Commerce and Industry Ministry today announced that the country won the bid to hold this event on a presentation from the National Council for Cement and Building Materials along with IIT Delhi.
- It was presented at the ongoing 16th ICCC in Bangkok, Thailand. India defeated Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates to win the bid.
- The ICCC is regarded as the largest and the most prestigious event in the area of Cement and Concrete.

❖ **INDIAN NAVAL SHIPS REACH SINGAPORE TO PARTICIPATE IN SIMBEX 23**

- Indian Naval Ships Ranvijay and Kavaratti and submarine INS Sindhukesari arrived in Singapore to participate in the 30th edition of the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX), an annual bilateral Naval exercise between the Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), which is being conducted since 1994.
- SIMBEX holds the distinction of being the longest continuous naval exercise that Indian Navy has with any other country.

- SIMBEX-2023 is being conducted in two phases - Harbour Phase at Singapore from 21 to 24 September 2023, followed by a Sea Phase.
- The Harbour Phase will witness a wide range of professional interactions, cross-deck visits, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEE) and sports fixtures, aimed at enhancing interoperability and mutual understanding between the two navies.
- The Sea Phase of SIMBEX 23 will involve complex and advanced air defence exercises, gunnery firings, tactical manoeuvres, anti-submarine exercises and other maritime operations.

❖ **Swati Nayak selected for the 2023 Borlaug Field Award**

- Odia scientist Swati Nayak selected as the recipient of the Borlaug Field Award 2023.
- Swati Nayak is currently working as a Scientist and South Asia Head for Seed System and Product Management at the Philippines based CGIAR-International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).
- Swati Nayak received the award for her innovative approach to engaging farmers in demand driven rice seed systems, testing, deploying, and promoting access and adoption of climate-resilient and nutritious rice varieties.
- The award was presented to her by the prestigious selection jury of the World Food Prize, highlighting her significant contributions to global food production and combating hunger and malnutrition.

❖ **The Prime Minister will inaugurate 16 Atal Awasiya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh**

- 16 Atal Awasiya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi.
- Built at a cost of over Rs 1,100 crore, these schools aim to provide quality education to laborers, children of construction workers, and orphans affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Each school is spread over 10 to 15 acres and has classrooms, sports facilities, recreational areas, a mini auditorium, hostels, mess halls, and staff accommodation.

➤ The ultimate goal of each of these Awasiya Vidyalayas is to accommodate 1,000 students.

❖ **India Global Forum and World Governments Summit signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**

➤ Manoj Ladwa, Founder and Chairman of India Global Forum and Mohammed Al Sharhan, Managing Director of the World Governments Summit signed the MoU to set up the Emerging Economies Programme.

➤ The event will bring together government officials, business leaders, economists, and experts.

➤ It will facilitate discussion on sustainable economic development, geo-economic perspective, and innovative solutions.

➤ The objective of this partnership is to promote thought leadership in the region.

➤ Emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities related to the Global South will be researched.

➤ The program will also improve field data for the benefit of future governments.

❖ **World Rhino Day - September 22**

➤ World Rhino Day, celebrated on September 22 every year, offers a unique opportunity for organisations, conservationists and wildlife enthusiasts worldwide to come together and celebrate the magnificent rhinoceros.

➤ The day is dedicated to spread awareness and support the conservation efforts to save all five species of the rhinoceros.

➤ The great Indian rhinoceros, also known as the one-horned rhinoceros, holds a vulnerable status and is native to the Indian subcontinent.

➤ According to the State of Rhino Report 2022, released by the International Rhino Foundation, the greater one-horned rhino population India stood at 3,262, with Assam's Kaziranga National Park reporting the highest number of rhinos at 2,613.

❖ **Mukhyamantri Atmanirbhar Asom Scheme launched by the Chief Minister of Assam**

- Mukhyamantri Atmanirbhar Asom Scheme is a government initiative launched by the Chief Minister of Assam, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- Mukhyamantri Atmanirbhar Asom Scheme aims to provide employment opportunities and financial assistance to the unemployed youth of the state.
- Its primary goal is to connect 2 lakh eligible individuals in two years, with a focus on assisting 1 lakh people in the financial year 2023-2024 and another 1 lakh people in the financial year 2024-2025.
- The eligibility standards and other restrictions will be made public on September 23, 2023, when the scheme officially launches.
- The scheme will have an online registration portal launched on September 23, 2023.

❖ **India's Antim Panghal wins bronze medal at World Championships in Serbia**

- Young Indian wrestler Antim Panghal secured a bronze medal in the women's 53 kg category at the ongoing World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia.
- He also secured Paris Olympics 2024 quota for India.
- 19-year-old Antim beat two-time European Champion Emma Jonna Denise Malmgren in the bronze medal bout by 16-6.
- This is India's first medal at the ongoing edition of the tournament.
- Antim has captured India's 23rd medal in the World Championships till date, which includes one gold, five silver and 17 bronze medals.

❖ **Welfare of Cancer Patients Day is celebrated on September 22**

- The Welfare of Cancer Patients Day, also known as World Rose Day, is observed annually on September 22.
- The day is dedicated to individuals who are suffering from cancer across the globe.
- The day commemorates the 12-year-old Canadian cancer patient Melinda Rose, who suffered from cancer and died in 1996.
- This global day is celebrated to support the brave hearts who are going through mental and physical struggles every moment against the deadly disease.
- This day signifies raising awareness regarding the fight against the disease and encourages the sufferers to stay positive.
- This is an occasion to give cancer patients the hope to recover soon.

❖ **International Week of the Deaf (IWDeaf) from 18th to 24th September 2023**

- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in coordination with organizations working under it, is celebrating International Week of the Deaf (IWDeaf) from 18th September, 2023 to 24th September 2023.
- During this period the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) an Autonomous organization under the DEPwD and the nodal institute for research, development, training and spreading awareness about Indian Sign Language (ISL) across the country has been conducting various theme-based activities.
- These themes include awareness about the Declaration of the rights of the Deaf Child, Building Capacity across the globe, realizing the motto of “Nothing without us”, Putting Deaf people on the Agenda, achieving sign language rights for all and focusing on building inclusive deaf communities.