Daily Current Affairs 14/10/2021

1. PM Modi participates in 'G20 Extraordinary Summit' on Afghanistan

Why in News

- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the '**G20 Extraordinary Summit' on Afghanistan.**
- The Meeting was convened by **Italy**, which currently holds the G20 Presidency, and **chaired** by **Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi.**
- Issues under consideration at the meeting related to the humanitarian situation; concerns relating to terrorism; and human rights in Afghanistan.

Key Points

- The Prime Minister mentioned that over the last two decades, India has contributed to promoting socio-economic development and capacity building of youth and women in Afghanistan.
- Over 500 development projects have been implemented by India in Afghanistan.
- He also underlined the need to ensure that Afghan territory does not become a source of radicalization and terrorism, regionally or globally.
- He conveyed support for the important role of the United Nations in Afghanistan and called for renewed support of the G20 for the message contained in UN Security Council Resolution 2593 on Afghanistan.

Source: PIB

2. Global Girlhood Report 2021: Girls' Rights in Crisis

Why in News

- Recently, **Save the Children** released the **"Global Girlhood Report 2021: Girls' Rights in Crisis"** on 'International Day of the Girl Child' (11th October).
- **Save the Children** is India's leading independent **child rights' NGO,** which works in 18 states of the country.

Key Points

Key Findings of the Report:

- **Child marriage** kills more than 60 girls a day globally and six girls a day in South Asia.
- South Asia sees 2,000 child marriage-related deaths every year (or six every day), followed by East Asia and the Pacific with 650 deaths (or two every day),

and Latin American and the Caribbean, with 560 annual deaths (or nearly two a day).

- More than an estimated 22,000 girls a year are dying from pregnancy and childbirth resulting from child marriage.
- However, West and Central Africa has the highest rate of child marriage in the world and accounts for nearly half (9,600) of all estimated child marriage-related deaths globally, or 26 deaths a day.
- Although nearly 80 million child marriages globally have been prevented in the last 25 years, progress had stalled even before the COVID-19 pandemic, which has only worsened inequalities that drive child marriage.
- A further 10 million girls are now expected to marry by 2030, leaving more girls at risk of dying.

Related India's Initiatives:

- Child Marriage Restraint Act of 1929
- Special Marriage Act, 1954
- Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006
- Prevention of Child Marriage is a part of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 5

Source: Indian Express

3. Second Phase of Multilateral Maritime Exercise Malabar 2021

Why in News

- The Indian Navy (IN) participated in the Second Phase of Multilateral Maritime Exercise Malabar 2021 along with the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF), Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the United States Navy (USN).
- The exercise is being conducted in the Bay of Bengal from 12 – 15 Oct 2021.
- **First Phase** of the Malabar exercise was conducted in the Philippines Sea from 26 – 29 Aug 2021.

Key Points

- The Indian Navy's participation includes INS Ranvijay, INS Satpura, P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft and a Submarine.
- The Second Phase of the exercise would build upon the synergy, coordination and inter-operability developed during the First Phase of the exercise and would focus on advanced surface and anti-submarine warfare exercises, seamanship evolutions and weapon firings.

About Malabar Exercise:

- The Malabar series of exercises began as an annual bilateral naval exercise between India and the US in 1992.
- In 2015, Japan Maritime Self Defence Force joined Malabar as a permanent member.
- The 2020 edition witnessed the participation of the Royal Australian Navy.

Source: India Today

4. Two long haul freight trains 'Trishul' and 'Garuda'

Why in News

- **Indian Railways** has successfully operated two long haul freight trains **"Trishul" and "Garuda"** for the first time over **South Central Railway (SCR).**

Key Points

- Long haul trains, which are twice or multiple times longer than the normal composition of freight trains, provide a very effective solution to the problem of capacity constraints in critical sections.
- **Trishul** is SCR's first long haul comprising three freight trains, i.e., 177 wagons. This train was started from Kondapalli station of Vijayawada division to Khurda division of East Coast Railway.
- SCR followed it up with the running of yet another similar one named **Garuda** from Raichur of Guntakal division to Manuguru of Secunderabad division.

Source: PIB

5. Naval Exercise 'Milan'

Why in News

- **India** is set to host its largest **Naval Exercise 'Milan'** in February 2022 for which 46 countries have been invited.

Key Points

- The exercise will see the participation of all **Quad countries (United States, India, Japan and Australia)** with the U.S. being invited for the first time.

About Milan:

- Milan, which began in 1995, is held biennially and brings together Navies of all the countries in the region.
- It has so far been held at Port Blair but is now being shifted to Visakhapatnam which offers more space and infrastructure.
- The invitees include all Indian Ocean littoral states and countries from South East Asia among others.
- For the 11th edition in 2020, 40 countries were invited but the exercise was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.

Source: The Hindu

6. Astronautical Society of India (ASI) confers Aryabhata Award 2021 to G Satheesh Reddy

Why in News

- **Secretary DDR&D and Chairman DRDO Dr G Satheesh Reddy** has been conferred the prestigious **Aryabhata Award 2021** by **Astronautical Society of India (ASI)** for his outstanding life-time contribution to the promotion of astronautics in India.

Key Points

- **G Satheesh Reddy** is a pioneer in the area of R&D of advanced avionics, navigation and missile technologies.

About Astronautical Society of India (ASI):

- It was set up in 1990 to foster the development of astronautics in the country.
- It is engaged in the dissemination of technical and other information related to astronautics by conducting technical meetings, bringing out technical publications and organising exhibitions.

Source: PIB

7. Telugu filmmaker B Gopal chosen for Satyajit Ray Award 2021

- Well-known Telugu filmmaker B Gopal, alias Bejawada Gopal, has been chosen for the Satyajit Ray Award 2021for his overall contribution to Indian cinema.
- Telugu filmmaker B Gopal has directed 2 Hindi movies and 30 Telugu movies in his long career.

About Satyajit Ray Award:

- Satyajit Ray Award is an award instituted by the Satyajit Ray Film Society Kerala which is a state-based organization.
- The Award includes Rs 10,000 cash prize, plaque, and a memento.
- The Award has been named after legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray.

Source: The Hindu

8. 12th Social Entrepreneur of the Year (SEOY) Award - India 2021

Why in News

- **Pranshu Singhal, Karo Sambhav founder,** won the 12th Social Entrepreneur of the Year (SEOY) Award - India 2021, presented by Prof. K. VijayRaghavan, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India.

Key Points

- **Karo Sambhav** is an organisation that works on improving recycling and waste management by helping a mostly informal workforce engaged in it have access to more formal mechanisms.
- It is awarded by the **Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship**, the sister organisation of the World Economic Forum and the Jubilant Bhartia Foundation, a nonprofit of the Jubilant Bhartia Group.

Source: HT

9. Former IAS officer Amit Khare appointed as PM Modi's advisor

Why in News

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of **Amit Khare** as adviser to **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** for two years on contract basis.

Key Points

- **Amit Khare**, a 1985 batch (retired) IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre, had retired on September 30, 2021.
- He took charge as the Higher Education Secretary in December 2019.
- Earlier he served as Information and Broadcasting Ministry secretary.

Source: HT

10. October 14, World Standards Day

Why in News

- World Standards Day, also known as International Standards Day, is observed globally every year on October 14.

Key Points

- The **theme** for the World Standards Day 2021 is **"Shared Vision for a Better World".**
- This day aims to create awareness about the importance of standardization to the global economy among the consumers, regulators and industry.

History:

- The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) was created in 1947 but this day was first celebrated in 1970.

Source: India Today