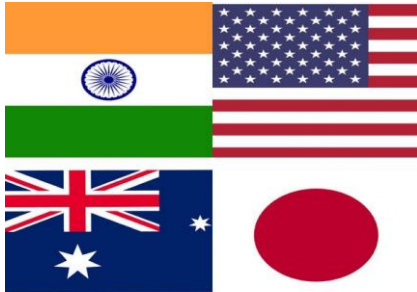


## Daily Current Affairs 28/09/2021

### 1. Quad Leaders' Summit 2021



#### Why in News

• **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** along with his counterparts from **Australia and Japan** on September 24, 2021 attended the **first in-person meeting of Quad leaders** hosted by **US President Joe Biden**.

#### Key Points

#### Major Highlights of the Quad Summit:

- Discussed Afghanistan and agreed to deepen their cooperation in South Asia
- Quad Vaccine Initiative
- Building on the G7's announcement of Build Back Better World (B3W)
- Launch the Quad Infrastructure Coordination Group
- Form a Green-Shipping Network
- Establish a Clean-Hydrogen Partnership
- **Launch the Quad Fellowship:** The Fellowship will sponsor 100 students per year—25 from each Quad country—to pursue masters and doctoral degrees at leading STEM graduate universities in the United States.
- Launch a Quad Senior Cyber Group

#### About Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad):

- It is a strategic dialogue between the United States, India, Japan and Australia.
- It was initiated in 2007 by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

**Note:** Quad Leaders' virtual summit was held on March 12, 2021.

**Source: Indian Express**

### 2. PM Modi addresses 76th session of United Nations General Assembly



#### Why in News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the **76th session** of the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** in New York on September 25, 2021.

**Key Points**

- The **theme** for the event was ‘Building Resilience through hope to recover from COVID-19, rebuild sustainably, respond to the needs of the planet, respect the rights of people, and revitalize the United Nations.’

**About United Nations General Assembly (UNGA):**

- It is one of the 6 principal organs of the United Nations (UN).
- The UNGA is responsible for the UN budget, appointing the non-permanent members to the Security Council, appointing the Secretary-General of the United Nations, receiving reports from other parts of the UN system, and making recommendations through resolutions.

**Note:**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on September 24, 2021 met **US President Joe Biden** at the White House for their **first bilateral meeting** and discussed a wide range of priority issues.
- The Joint statement between India and USA was released with the title ‘**A partnership for Global Good.**’

Source: India Today

**3. Assam’s rice wine Judima and Naga Cucumber from Nagaland gets GI tag**  
**Assam’s rice wine Judima:**



- **Judima, a home-made rice wine of Assam’s Dimasa tribe** has become the first traditional brew in all of northeast to bag a **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**.

- This is the second product from the hill districts of Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao to get GI tag. Back in 2007, the ginger of Karbi Anglong was awarded

- the GI tag.
- Made from sticky rice, which is steamed and mixed with traditional herbs, the wine has a distinct sweet taste and takes around one week to prepare.

**Other Recent GI Tagged Products from Assam:**

- Kaji Nemu (a type of lemon) and Chokuwa Rice

### Naga Cucumber:



- Nagaland's **Naga Cucumber** was awarded a **Geographical Identification (GI) tag**.

- Naga cucumbers are juicy, soft and sweet and are grown completely organically.

- Cucumber has been

traditionally cultivated by Naga farmers in their Jhum fields as a mixed crop mainly during the Kharif season.

**Note:** Earlier, **Manipur's Tamenglong orange and Hathei chilli**, grown in the hill districts of Tamenglong and Ukhrul respectively, were granted GI tag.

### Geographical Indication (GI) Certification:

- Geographical indication (GI) is a name or sign used on certain products which corresponds to a specific geographical location or origin (e.g., a town, region, or country).
- The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 seeks to provide for the registration of geographical indications relating to goods in India.
- The Geographical Indications Registry is located at Chennai.
- It is also a part of the WTO's Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).

**Note:** Darjeeling tea became the first GI tagged product in India, in 2004–2005.

Source: HT

### 4. "Promotion of Medical Device Parks" Scheme



India.

#### Why in News

- The **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers** has launched the "Promotion of Medical Device Parks" Scheme.

#### Key Points

#### Objectives:

- The scheme will support the medical devices industry in

**Financial Assistance:**

- The total financial outlay of the scheme is Rs. 400 crore and the tenure of the scheme is from FY 2020-2021 to FY 2024-2025.
- Based on the evaluation, the proposals of the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have been given “in-principle” approval under the scheme.

**Note:** In 2020, Kerala established MedSpark, one of the first medical device parks in the country.

**Medical Devices Sector in India:**

- The Medical Devices industry in India is valued at USD 5.2 billion, contributing about 4-5% to the USD 96.7 billion Indian Healthcare Industry.
- India currently imports 80-90% of medical devices.
- America, Germany, Japan, China and Singapore constitute the 5 largest exporters of medical equipment to India.

**Source: PIB**

**5. MyGov launches Planetarium Innovation Challenge for Indian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs**



**Why in News**

- **MyGov India**, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), has launched the **Planetarium Innovation Challenge** for Indian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs.

**Key Points**

- The challenge aims to bring together the tech firms and Start-ups (based out of India) with the potential to build an indigenous planetarium system software using latest technologies including Augmented Reality (A.R.), Virtual Reality (V.R.) and Merged Reality (M.R.).

**About MyGov:** It is a citizen engagement platform launched by the Government of India on 26th July 2014 to promote the active participation of Indian citizens in their country's governance and development.

**Source: PIB**



## 6. 'Ek Pahal' Campaign



### Why in News

- The **Ministry of Law and Justice** has launched a Pan-India Special Campaign 'Ek Pahal' for Justice Delivery at doorstep.

### Key Points

- The **Department of Justice** and **National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)** launched it across the country from 17th September 2021 till 2nd October 2021 to encourage mass registration under Tele-Law.
- The medium of Tele Law effectively provides pre-litigation advice / consultation to beneficiaries by Panel Lawyers through a huge network covering 51,434 Common Service Centres in 50,000 Gram Panchayats in 633 districts across 34 States and UTs.

Source: PIB

## 7. 510 MW Teesta-V Power Station, Sikkim conferred with 'Blue Planet Prize' 2021



### Why in News

- NHPC's **510 MW Teesta-V Power Station, Sikkim** has been conferred with the 'Blue Planet Prize' 2021.

### Key Points

#### About 'Blue Planet Prize':

- It was presented by the **International Hydropower Association (IHA)**, a London based non-profit membership association operating in 120 countries.

- It is awarded to hydropower projects that demonstrate excellence in sustainable development.

**Note:** 510 MW Teesta-V Power Station has been built, owned and being operated by NHPC Limited and is located on Teesta River.

**Source: PIB**

## 8. UNESCO World Book Capital for 2023



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization

### World Book Capital

#### Why in News

- The Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, has named **Accra (Ghana)** as UNESCO World Book Capital for 2023.

#### Key Points

- Accra is the 23rd city to be named UNESCO World Book

Capital for 2023.

- The year of celebrations will start on 23 April 2023, on World Book and Copyright Day.

#### Note:

- UNESCO World Book Capital for 2021: Tbilisi (Georgia)
- UNESCO World Book Capital for 2022: Guadalajara (Mexico)

**Source: UNESCO**

## 9. September 28, International Day for Universal Access to Information



#### Why in News

- The International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) is observed globally on 28th September every year.

### Key Points

- The **theme** for 2021 is '**Building back better with access to information**'.

### Background:

- On 17 November 2015, the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** declared 28 September as International Day for Universal Access to Information.
- The **UN General Assembly** also adopted 28 September 2019 as the International Day for Universal Access to Information.

**Source:** [un.org](http://un.org)

byjusexamprep.com