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Important News: International

Indian students received the highest number of student visas from the US in 2022

Why in News:

- Indian students received the most student visas from the US in 2022, according to information made public by the US Embassy.



Key Points:

- The US granted a record 82,000 student visas to Indian students in 2022, more than any other year.
- More Indian students than those from any other nation have been granted US student visas this year.
- From May through August, the US Embassy in New Delhi and the consulates in Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Mumbai give priority to student visa applications in order to allow as many qualified students as possible to enroll in their programs of study on time.

- About 20% of all foreign students in the US are from India, according to data made public by the US Embassy.
- According to the Open Doors Report, which was published in 2021 as well, 167,582 Indian students were given visas to study in the US for the academic year 2020-21.
- Don Heflin asserts that the movement of foreign students is essential to American diplomacy and that India is the country where students contribute most.
- In order to draw Indian students in 2020, the US government and higher education institutions have already taken steps to safely welcome international students using in-person online, and hybrid learning methods.

Source: Jansatta

Important News: National

E-FAST- India's first National Electric Freight Platform launched by NITI Aayog, WRI

Why in News:

NITI Aayog and the World Resources Institute have introduced India's first national electric freight platform, dubbed e-Fast India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport-India) (WRI).



Key Points:

- With the help of the World Economic Forum, CALSTART, and RMI India, the National Electric Freight Platform aims to unite numerous stakeholders.
- The Electric Freight Platform, which is supported by a ground-level demonstration pilot and research-based data, intends to increase public awareness of freight electrification.
- In order to speed up the electrification of freight in India, the Electric Freight Platform will also support scalable trials and provide information for policies.
- Important representatives from the auto industry, logistics firms, development banks, and fin-tech firms also attended the opening of e-Fast India.
- WRI India's Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) Evaluator has also been launched following the launch of e-Fast India.

Source: Livemint

Important News: Defence

Singapore honors Lanba, former Navy Chief of India with the 'Medhavi Seva Medal'

Why in News:

- Admiral Sunil Lanba, a former commander of the Indian Navy, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (Military) (MSM(M)), Singapore's highest military honor, by President Halima Yacob.



Key Points:

- The award was given to Admiral Lanba in recognition of his remarkable contribution to strengthening the long-standing and strong bilateral defence ties between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy.
- The framework for Navy-to-Navy exchanges and areas of common interest were formed by the two nations' signing of the Bilateral Agreement for Naval Cooperation in November 2017 and the Implementation Arrangement for Mutual Coordination, Logistics and Services Support in June 2018. expanded collaboration in areas like information sharing, support for logistics, and submarine rescue.

- With the assistance of the former Navy Chief Lanba, the two navies also conducted the Silver Jubilee of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise earlier in 2018.
- Both armies successfully completed the Singapore-India-Thailand Maritime Exercise (SITMEX) in September 2019.

Source: PIB

Important Appointment

Volker Turk set to become next UN human rights chief

Why in News:

- Volker Turk, a citizen of Austria, has been appointed as the UN General Assembly's human rights representative by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.



Key Points:

- Chilean politician Veronica Michele Bachelet Jeria, who held the position of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) from 2018 to 2022, is replaced by Volker Turk.

- Turk, who is the assistant secretary-general for policy at the moment.
- Volker Turk previously held the position of Assistant High Commissioner for Security at the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), Geneva.
- Volker Turk has worked tirelessly and effectively to improve human rights on a worldwide basis.
- Volker Turk has also collaborated with the United Nations Refugee Agency in Kuwait, Malaysia, Kosovo, and Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- A contentious report that China is mistreating Muslim minorities and committing crimes against humanity against the Uyghur people would be Volker Turk's first obstacle.
- The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Establishment was established in December 1993.

Source: Indian Express

King Charles III ascends to the throne of the United Kingdom

Why in News:

- Prince Charles, the late Queen Elizabeth II's son, succeeded as the new monarch of Britain.



Key Points:

- Following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Charles succeeded her as the monarch of the United Kingdom, becoming King Charles III.
- Prince Charles Philip Arthur George is Charles' full name; he was born in Buckingham Palace.
- After graduating from Trinity College at Cambridge University in 1971 and earning his master's degree there in 1975, Prince Charles became the first member of the royal family to hold a college diploma.
- Prince Charles had previously served from 1971 to 1976 in the Royal Navy.
- King Charles will succeed Queen Elizabeth as the new monarch of the 14 Commonwealth nations that Queen Elizabeth formerly presided over.
- On February 6, 1952, Queen Elizabeth II succeeded her father, King George VI, who had passed away at the young age of 25.
- Queen Elizabeth II was the British monarch who reigned the longest.

Source: Times of India

Important Days

World Suicide Prevention Day observed on 10 September

Why in News:

- The global community observes World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) on September 10 each year.



Key Points:

- World Suicide Prevention Day in 2022 will have as its subject "Creating Hope through Action."
- The World Health Organization wishes to convey a message that those who are considering suicide should not give up hope in any way through the programs that will be held on this day.
- The World Health Organization and the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) both support World Suicide Prevention Day (WHO).
- The main objective of World Suicide Prevention Day is to increase global awareness of suicide prevention.

- On World Suicide Prevention Day, participants are encouraged to work together and feel empowered to prevent suicide and self-harm.
- The International Association for Suicide Prevention and the World Health Organization launched World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) in 2003. (WHO).

Source: Livemint

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