

# Daily Current Affairs

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## Important News: International

### 1. Quad Summit 2023

**Why in news:** Recently, the Prime Minister of Australia, the Prime Minister of India, the Prime Minister of Japan and the President of the United States met for the 3rd In-Person Quad Leaders Summit.



A. The group of four democracies - India, Australia, the US and Japan - is known as the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or Quad.

B. The group aims to ensure a free and open international order based on the rule of law in the Indo-Pacific region.

C. In the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami, India, Japan, Australia and the US formed an informal alliance to collaborate on disaster relief efforts.

D. It was attended by Prime Ministers/Presidents of all member countries. The summit was hosted by the US. A shorter edition of the Quad summit of India, Japan, the US and Australia was held in Hiroshima.

The Quad International Standards Cooperation Network and the Quad Principles on Critical and Emerging Technology Standards were released. This reflects the quad leaders' support for an industry-led, consensus-based multi-stakeholder approach to the development of technology standards.

E. Joint statement by Quad leaders



- Clearly expressed his deep concern over the Ukraine war
- On the Indo-Pacific region
- Quad Health Security Partnership
- Other regional issues
- Marine Domain
- Quad Investor Network (QUIN)

(SOURCE – LIVEMINT)

## 2.WHO Launches Global Network to Detect Infectious Disease Threat

**Why in news:** The World Health Organization has launched a global network to help rapidly detect the threat of infectious diseases such as COVID-19 and share information to prevent their spread.



A.About IPSN (Objectives, Vision, Area of Work, Results, etc.) About the International Pathogen Surveillance Network (IPSN) The International Pathogen Surveillance Network (IPSN) is a global network of pathogen genomic actors.

B.It aims to accelerate progress on the deployment of pathogen genomics and improve public health decision-making. By strengthening the pathogen genomic surveillance ecosystem, IPSN enables rapid detection of new pathogens and increased tracking of the spread and development of diseases.

C.IPSN supports ongoing disease surveillance and will help detect and fully characterize new disease threats before they become



epidemics or epidemics. A world where every country has equal access to continued capacity for genomic sequencing and analytics as part of its public health surveillance system.

D.Community of practice for solving common challenges – At the heart of IPSN's work is a set of communities of practice that enable exchanges between partners working on pathogen genomics. The first of these is the IPSN Community of Practice on Genomics Data.

E.Its projects and deliverables aim to harmonize data standards and protocols, ensure genomics data tools are fit for purpose, and enhance data and profit sharing.

F.CSUA's projects and delivery aim to create a set of capacity building tools as global goods, and to empower South-South bilateral and sub-regional partnerships for capacity development.

G.With the active participation of countries, partners, regional organizations and WHO, IPSN keeps pathogen genomic surveillance on the global agenda and ensures strategic procurement.

H.The annual forum brings together key players from all IPSN entities involved in pathogen genomic surveillance. The platform will help provide a high-profile platform to build partnerships, introduce innovations, socialize ideas and advocate for political and financial commitments.

**(SOURCE – NEWS ON AIR)**



### 3. PM Modi conferred with the highest honour of Papua New Guinea, Fiji

**Why in news:** Papua New Guinea Governor-General Sir Bob Dadae conferred the Companion of the order of Logohu to PM Modi for championing the cause of unity of Pacific Island countries and spearheading the cause of Global South.



A. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been awarded Fiji's highest honour, the Companion of the Order of Fiji, by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji, Sitivani Rabuka.

B. Papua New Guinea Governor General Sir Bob Dade awarded PM Modi the Companion of the Order of the Logo for the unity of Pacific island countries and for leading the cause of the Global South. Former recipients of this award include former US President Bill Clinton.

C. Forum for India Pacific Island cooperation- is a multinational grouping developed in 2014 for cooperation between India and 14 Pacific islands nations.

D. Papua New Guinea is in southwest Pacific Ocean, with capital Port Moresby.

**(SOURCE – INDIAN EXPRESS)**

Important News: National



## 4. India begins operation Karuna

**Why in news:** India has taken the initiative to assist the people affected by Cyclone Mocha in Myanmar by launching "Operation Karuna".



A. On May 18, three ships, namely Indian Navy ships Shivalik, Kamorta and Savitri, arrived in Yangon with emergency relief materials like food supplies, tents, essential medicines, water pumps, portable generators, clothing and hygiene items.

B. India has always been at the forefront of supporting its neighbours during such disasters, highlighting its commitment to ensure security and development for all in the region.

C. Cyclone Mocha, which recently made landfall in Myanmar, has been classified as an extremely severe cyclonic storm by the IMD and a 'super cyclone' by global weather website Zoom Earth.

D. The storm emerged in the Bay of Bengal and has been recorded as the strongest all-season cyclone to form in the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal since 1982, with a wind speed of 277 kmph. The name of cyclone 'Mocha' has been suggested by Yemen.

**(SOURCE -The Hindu)**



## 5. China and Turkey won't attend the G20 meet in Srinagar

**Why in news:** The third G20 meeting of the Tourism Working Group has begun in Srinagar today, China and Turkey will not attend the important meeting in Kashmir.



A.China's decision can be taken from the objections of its close ally Pakistan, which has claimed that the G-20 meetings are aimed at maintaining India's "illegal occupation" of Jammu and Kashmir.

B.Ahead of the G-20 tourism meeting, Indian Army personnel are patrolling the streets of Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir.

C.Both Pakistan and China have made an inappropriate reference to the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in the past. India has consistently rejected the statements of Beijing and Islamabad on Jammu and Kashmir. India and China have been locked in a three-year-long border standoff in eastern Ladakh.

D.Turkey is also expected to join China's decision to oppose the G20 tourism meeting in Srinagar. However, there has been no official statement from the authorities yet. In recent times, Turkey has criticised the Indian government's handling of the Kashmir issue.

E.Security has been beefed up at sensitive places to avoid any possibility of a terrorist attack during the G-20 meeting. The three-day gathering began on Monday at a sprawling, well-preserved site on the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar.





F.India has the G20 presidency for 2023 and has planned over 100 meetings across the country.

**(SOURCE – INDIAN EXPRESS)**

## 6. Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management (CoE- SLM)

**Why in news:** Recently, the Union Minister inaugurated the Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management at the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) in Dehradun.



**A. Background:** The Prime Minister of India announced the establishment of the CoE-SLM during the 14th Conference of Parties (COP-14) of the United Nations Conference on Combating Desertification (UNCCD) in September 2019.

**B.** To set land degradation neutrality (LDN) targets, develop drought risk and early warning systems, promote mainstream gender considerations, good governance of land tenure and rights, assess the impacts of land degradation on greenhouse gas emissions and loss of biodiversity.

**C.** To facilitate restoration of degraded land through technical assistance, capacity building and knowledge sharing at national and sub-national levels.

**D.** Promote South-South cooperation and address issues of land degradation through sustainable land management practices.



E.Objectives: The COE-SLM has set specific objectives to guide its operations:

- Assessment of land degradation,
- Capacity building on sustainable land management framework aligned with SDGs,
- Strengthen assessment, monitoring and reporting of land-based indicators outlined by UNCCD.

**(SOURCE – ECONOMIC TIMES)**

## Important News: State

### 7.Mega Textile Park at Dhar, MP will open new doors of progress : PM

**Why in news:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a new mega textile park in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh. Which will open the doors of development in the state.



A.Pm Modi said that this new park will strengthen Make in India and create employment opportunities for the youth.

B. To promote Make in India, the Central Government has approved PM Mitra Mega Textile Parks in 7 states of the country. CM Mitra Mega Textile Parks are going to be set up in Tamil Nadu, Sikkim, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.



C. Under the PM Mitra Mega Textile Park, the entire work (i.e. from cloth making to its export) will be done at one place. There will be an investment of about Rs 4425 crore in this.

D. This decision will promote investment in the textile sector and create many employment opportunities. This will create 14 lakh employment opportunities.

**(SOURCE –NEWS ON AIR)**

## Important News: Day

### 8. National ant terrorism day

**Why in news:** India celebrates National Anti-Terrorism Day on May 21 every year. The day commemorates the death of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who was assassinated on this day in 1991.



A. The day is also celebrated to spread awareness about the dangers of terrorism and reaffirm India's commitment to combat terrorism.

B. On National Anti-Terrorism Day, government offices and other public institutions organize special events to celebrate this day. These events often include speeches by government officials, laying wreaths at memorials of victims of terrorism, and reading the anti-terrorism pledge.

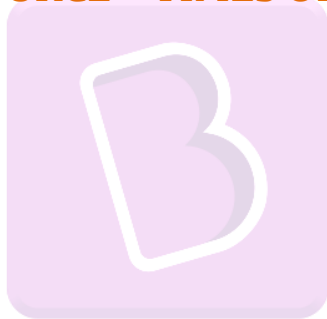


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C. On this day, various programs and activities are organized across the country to educate people about the destructive impact of terrorism and to emphasize the importance of peace, harmony and national security. It aims to raise public awareness about the threats posed by terrorism and promote a sense of solidarity among citizens in combating this global threat.

D. In response to this heinous act of terrorism, the Government of India decided to observe May 21 as National Anti-Terrorism Day. The aim was to raise awareness about the devastating consequences of terrorism and promote unity and resilience in the face of this global threat.

**(SOURCE - TIMES OF INDIA)**



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