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International Relations and Issues

<u>India in United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP)</u>

India elected as Co-Chair of the Regional Committee of UN-GGIM-AP.

India represented by - Surveyor General of India.

Term - 2025-2028.

Election conducted - During the 14th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP.

Held in - Goyang-si, Republic of Korea,

Hosted by - National Geographic Information Institute (NGII), Republic of Korea.

Significance - It highlights *growing leadership of India in the global geospatial arena* and acknowledges its contribution in advancing innovation, capacity building, and regional collaboration.

UN-GGIM-AP

It is one of the 5 regional committees of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM).

It is the apex inter-governmental mechanism for making joint decisions and setting directions with regard to the production, availability and use of geospatial information within national, regional and global policy frameworks.

Represents - National Geospatial Information Agencies of <u>56 countries in Asia and the Pacific region.</u>

Aim - To address global challenges regarding the use of geospatial information, including in the development agendas, to serve as a body for global policymaking in the field of geospatial information management.

India-Brazil Joint Declaration

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Recalling the Framework Agreement signed between India and MERCOSUR.

Aim - To strengthen relations and promote the expansion of trade in conformity with the rules and disciplines of WTO, they agreed that:

Significant share of bilateral trade to benefit from tariff preferences.

Cover both tariff and non-tariff issues related to trade and economic partnership.

Active participation of the private sector and other stakeholders to support the negotiation process should be promoted.

Parties should endeavour to conclude the negotiations within one year from the launch of negotiations.

Establishment of a technical dialogue between the Parties, including the holding of a meeting of the Joint Administration Committee created under Article 23 of the PTA.

MERCOSUR

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MERCOSUR - It is a trading bloc in Latin America comprising <u>Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay</u> <u>and Paraguay.</u>

It is the 3^{rd} largest integrated market after the European Union (EU), North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Formed in - 1991.

Objective - To facilitating the free movement of goods, services, capital and people among the four member countries.

78th Session of the WHO Regional Committee of South-East Asia

India renews Commitment to Healthy Ageing at this Session.

Held in - Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Theme - "Healthy Ageing through strengthened primary health care."

India's Commitment - To promoting *Healthy Ageing* through strengthened Primary Healthcare, based on a comprehensive and people-centric system for the elderly.

Significance - Reaffirming India's alignment with the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030).

G20 Environment Ministers' Meeting

Union Environment Minister represents India at the G20 Environment Ministers' Meeting.

Held at - Cape Town, South Africa.

Theme - 'Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability'.

Aim - To tread the path of building a world united in purpose, equal in right and resources, committed to the planet.

Economy

Advanced Night Vision factory

Established at - *Nimmaluru*, Andhra Pradesh by *Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)*.

Objectives - To meet the demands of Armed Forces as also for Export purposes for

Various electro-optical devices (Advanced Night Vision Devices),

Infrared Seekers for various indigenously developed missiles and

Different types of drone guard systems for protection from rogue drones, UAV and other aerial threats.

Significance - It reinforces Aatmanirbharta in defence & promotes skilled employment in the region.

NMDC Steel Limited (NSL)

NSL - It is a 1st company in the country to receive an Indian Standards (IS) license for <u>"Hot Rolled Steel Strip, Sheet, and Plates for Welded Steel Pipe for Pipeline Transportation Systems - General Requirements (IS 18384:2023)."</u>

Presented by - Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) during the World Standards Day 2025 celebration, organized by BIS.

Aim - To reinforces NSL's vision to produce world-class steel products that meet the most demanding standards of safety and performance in the petroleum and natural gas sectors.

Significance - It highlights NMDC Steel's focus on technological advancement, superior product quality, and sustainable manufacturing practices.

Miscellaneous

<u>Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue (VBYLD) Quiz 2026</u>

VBYLD Quiz - It is the 1st stage of the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue 2026.

Conducted through - My Bharat Portal.

Aim - To help young people test their knowledge about India and share their ideas for a developed India by 2047.

Winners - Top 10,000 winners will receive MY Bharat goodies and move to the next stage of the VBYLD 2026.

Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue 2026

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VBYLD 2026 - It is a <u>multi-track competition</u>, which will be held in New Delhi in January 2026.

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It brings together over 3,000 dynamic young leaders nationwide.

National Youth Festival 2025 was reimagined as *The Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue* (VBYLD).

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Conducted by - Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

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Aim - To foster collaboration and develop policy proposals with actionable solutions aligned with Viksit Bharat 2047.

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Cultural and Innovation Track.

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Viksit Bharat Challenge Track.

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Design for Bharat Track.

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Hack for a Social Cause Track.

Diaspora Youth Participation.

