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International Relations and Issues

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

- 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 *56 countries in Asia and the Pacific region*.

- 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

- 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

- **MERCOSUR** - It is a trading bloc in Latin America comprising *Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay*.
- It is the 3rd 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 "Hot Rolled Steel Strip, Sheet, and Plates for Welded Steel Pipe for Pipeline Transportation Systems - General Requirements (IS 18384:2023)."
- **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

Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue (VBYLD) Quiz 2026

- **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 multi-track competition, which will be held in New Delhi in January 2026.

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

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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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5 exciting tracks

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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.

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Diaspora Youth Participation.