

### International

#### Agreements under the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)

India has signed the first-of-its-kind agreements focused on a Clean Economy, Fair Economy, and the overarching Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) in Delaware, USA. These agreements were exchanged under the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF).

The Agreement on Clean Economy intends to promote technical cooperation, workforce development, capacity building, and research collaborations.

#### Special Session of G7 ministers' meeting on culture.

The Indian delegation led by Shri Arunish Chawla, Secretary Ministry of Culture, participated in the Special Session of G7 ministers' meeting on culture, held on 21st September 2024 in Naples, Italy.

Mr. Chawla said that India made a significant pledge of one million dollars to strengthen capacity building in small island developing states (SIDS), least developed countries (LDCs), and the African region, reaffirming its commitment to supporting Africa's rich heritage initiatives.

#### Ukraine bans govt and military officials from using Telegram on state-issued devices.

Ukraine has banned government and military officials from using the Telegram messaging app on state-issued devices. This decision comes amid growing concerns about Russian surveillance.

75 percent of Ukrainians use the app for communication, and that 72 percent see it as a key source of information. Based in Dubai, UAE, Telegram was founded by Russian-born Pavel Durov.

### Important Days

#### World Rhino Day: 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

World Rhino Day is celebrated on September 22 every year.

The day commemorates the global effort to protect rhinos and raise awareness about the five species of rhinoceros: Black, White, Greater One-Horned, Sumatran, and Javan rhinos.

#### World Rivers Day 2024: 22nd September.

World Rivers Day is observed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of September. In 2024, it falls on 22 September.

The day highlights the importance of rivers and generates awareness and encourages people to improve and save water, rivers around the world. It is necessary to care for our water resources.

### National

#### Prime Minister Narendra Modi attends Quad Leaders Summit in Delaware, US.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the sixth Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware hosted by the President of the United States of America, Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Prime Minister of Australia, Anthony Albanese and Prime Minister of Japan, Fumio Kishida also participated.

The Prime Minister stressed that the grouping is not against anyone and supports rules-based international order, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, and peaceful resolution of all issues. He said that a free, open, inclusive, and prosperous Indo-Pacific is a shared priority and a shared commitment of Quad countries.

#### India pledges 40 million doses of cancer vaccine for Indo-Pacific nations under GAVI and QUAD initiatives.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India will contribute 40 million vaccine doses for Indo-Pacific countries under GAVI—the Vaccine Alliance—and QUAD initiatives.

The initiative aims at the implementation of innovative strategies to prevent, detect, and treat cancer.

The PM reiterated India's vision of One Earth, One Health and announced the support of

sampling kits, detection kits, and vaccines worth 7.5 million dollars. PM Modi also said that India will cooperate in radiotherapy treatment and capacity building. The PM also lauded Quad for its human-centric approach.

### **Centre issues advisory to States and UTs to combat tobacco use among youth.**

The Centre has issued an advisory to States and Union Territories to combat tobacco use among youth.

The goal is to protect future generations by raising awareness of the harmful effects of tobacco use and promoting tobacco control measures within educational institutions.

The government advisory underscores the alarming effects of tobacco consumption, particularly on children and adolescents. The survey said 55 percent of lifelong tobacco users initiate the habit before the age of 20.

### **Business and Economy**

#### **India, Korea hold discussions on upgrading trade pact.**

India and Korea held discussions on upgrading the existing free trade agreement, balancing two-way commerce and promoting investments between the two countries.

The two countries are holding review meetings to upgrade the CEPA, which was operationalised in January 2010.

The two countries have sought greater market access for certain products that are under the negative list of the agreement. No customs duty concessions are granted for the goods under this list.

### **Sports**

#### **Nazira Banoo wins Gold in Taekwondo at Khelo India Women's League.**

Nazira Banoo clinched gold medal in the individual Poomsae under-30 category at the 1st Khelo India Women's Taekwondo League Phase 1, held in Vadodara, Gujarat.

The tournament, organised by the Taekwondo Federation of India in collaboration with Khelo India.

Nazira's gold-medal performance earned her a spot in the upcoming Khelo India Women's League Nationals Phase-III, scheduled to take place in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

#### **India defeated USA in penultimate round of Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary**

In the ongoing Chess Olympiad, India is on the cusp of winning two gold medals after the men's team defeated the second-placed USA in Budapest, Hungary.

The women's team also beat China to return to the top of the standings with one round to go in the tournament.

Gukesh triumphed over World No. 2 Fabiano Caruana, while Arjun outplayed Leinier Dominguez Perez.