

### 31. News → India hosted Voice of Global South Summit (3rd summit)

- Theme = An Empowered Global South for a Sustainable Future
- 123 countries participated (China & Pakistan ✗)
- India : **Global Development Compact" (GDC)** : reduce debt burden + Trade for development, Capacity building for sustainable growth, Technology sharing, Project specific concessional finance.
- Special fund = \$2.5 Mn for trade promotion.

### 32. News → Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) = 5 years.

- India initiative : EAS (2019) : Bangkok
- Based on 'Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)' vision of 2015.
- non-treaty-based voluntary arrangement.

#### • Pillars

- Maritime Security
- Maritime Ecology
- Maritime Resources
- Capacity Building and Resource Sharing
- Disaster Risk Reduction and Management
- Science, Technology, and Academic Cooperation<sup>1</sup>
- Trade, Connectivity, and Maritime Transport<sup>2</sup>

### 33. News → Turkmenistan-Afghanistan- Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline : Afghanistan and Turkmenistan jointly inaugurated project.

- TAPI Pipeline = 1800 km : to transport natural gas from Galkynysh gas field in southeastern Turkmenistan.

### 34. News → World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

- India participated : International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland.

- WSIS forum is co-organised annually by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD and co-hosted by ITU and Swiss Confederation.
- Aim: Create multi- stakeholder platform to address issues raised by information and communication technologies through inclusive approach at national, regional and international levels.

### International Organizations / Bodies in news

#### 1. News → UN Internal Justice Council : Madan B. Lokur : Chairperson for a four-year term.

- IJC = established by the UN General Assembly to promote independence, professionalism, and accountability within the UN's justice system.
- 5 persons in council : Appointment Process: Members are appointed by the UN Secretary-General. The Chairperson is selected by consensus among the other four members

#### 2. News → UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs : India = chair ship: 68th UNCND

- Estb. by : 1946 resolution of United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- HQ = Vienna, Austria
- primary policy-making body : drug-related issues + Monitors trends + implement conventions.
  - The 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (amended in 1972)
  - The 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances
  - The 1988 UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.
- Member States: 53 countries elected by ECOSOC

#### 3. News → Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) : withdrawal of Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger.

- Treaty of Lagos +

- ECOWAS Commission + ECOWAS Parliament + ECOWAS Court of Justice
- 12 Members now

#### 4. News → United Nation General Assembly (UNGA) : resolution on AI + resolution : admit Palestine in UN.

- AI resolution = promotion of safe, secure and trustworthy AI systems + capacity building and bridging digital divides.
- Admission requires :
  - Application to Secretary-General : state is accepting the UN Charter
  - UNSC : No P-5 should veto + 9 votes
  - UNGA : 2/3 majority
- UNGA :
  - Establishment: 1945, under the UN Charter.
  - Headquarters: New York, USA.
  - Membership: 193 member states (All UN member states are part of the UNGA).
  - Meetings: Annual General Debate (September) + special and emergency sessions.
  - One country, one vote principle.
  - Resolutions are non-binding but carry political significance.

Also : Pm addressed the '**Summit of the Future**' at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

Theme = "Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow."

#### 5. News → UNSC : elected Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia : non-permanent members. + Common pledge initiative + Russia vetoed resolution on a weapon-free outer space (proposed by US and Japan)

- UNSC = 15 member ( 5 Permanent : US, UK, FRC) + 10 (Non-permanent) : Regional distribution
- UNSC = International peace + sec. + binding decisions
- **Common Pledge initiative** : engage mediators, governments, and civil society to ensure women's full, equal, and meaningful engagement in peace processes.

**6. News → NATO : 75 years + Sweden = 32nd member.**

- NATO = Pol + Military alliance : North Atlantic treaty (1949)
- HQ = Brussels, Belgium
- NATO + 5 = NATO + Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Japan and Israel.
- Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA) status : selective support ✓

**7. News → ICC prosecutor : arrest warrants : Israel's PM and Hamas leaders.**

- 124 members of ICC : India = not member
- Founding document = Rome Statute (1998, 2002)
- Binding decisions.

International Court of Justice (ICJ)	International Criminal Court (ICC)
Settles legal disputes between states. Provides advisory opinions on legal questions.	Prosecutes individuals for the gravest crimes of international concern.
Cases between countries regarding border disputes, treaty interpretations, etc.	Prosecutions of individuals for war crimes, genocide, etc.
UN Charter.	Rome Statute.
Principal judicial organ of the UN.	Independent, but has a cooperation agreement with the UN.
HQ : The Hague, Netherlands.	HQ : The Hague, Netherlands.
Relies on states and the UN Security Council.	Relies on state cooperation for arrests and enforcement.


**8. News → The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) : upheld the decision to disqualify Vinesh Phogat from the Paris Olympics.**

- Established in 1984, CAS operates under the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS) and is based in Lausanne, Switzerland, with offices in Sydney and New York.
- Independent body : resolves sports-related disputes through arbitration and mediation.
- Legal Dispute Resolution: CAS resolves sports-related legal disputes, with decisions enforceable like court judgments.
- Mediation Services: CAS can help resolve disputes amicably through mediation when allowed.
- Special Tribunals: CAS sets up tribunals for major events (e.g., Olympics, Commonwealth Games) with event-specific rules.

#### 9. News → International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) : emergency meeting to discuss attacks on the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant.

- Established in 1957 as the world's "Atoms for Peace" organization within the UN.
- Intergovernmental organization : seeks to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy + inhibit its use for any military purpose, including nuclear weapons.
- Operates under Statute of the IAEA
- Reports to both the United Nations General Assembly and UN security council
- Headquarter- Vienna, Austria.
- Implements comprehensive safeguards agreements mandated by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).
- Signature and ratification of the **Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)** are not preconditions for IAEA membership. (178 members)

#### 10. News → International Telecommunication Union (ITU) : World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024 was held in New Delhi (First time)

- Formed in **1865** as the International Telegraph Union.
- Specialized agency of the **United Nations** for digital technology and communication.
- **193 Member States** and over **1,000 organizations**, such as companies, universities, and regional bodies. (India )
- **Role:**
  - Allocates **global radio spectrum** and **satellite orbits**.

- Sets **technical standards** for telecommunication and ICT.
- Promotes access to ICT in **underserved communities** worldwide.
- **Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.**


#### 11. News → UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees : Israel banned UNRWA from operating in Israel and the Palestinian territories.

- Created by the UN General Assembly in 1949 to assist Palestinian refugees : Assistance to Palestinian refugees displaced after the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict.
- Operates in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan.
- Provides education, health, relief, social services, microfinance, and emergency assistance both inside and outside refugee camps.

#### 12. News → 150th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU).

- Department of Posts issued commemorative stamps.
- United Nations specialized agency and the postal sector's primary forum for international cooperation in Global Postal Access and modernization of postal services.
- Established by the Treaty of Bern of 1874.
- It is the second oldest international organization worldwide, after the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), which was formed in 1865.

#### 13. News → International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) : introduced its first Silver Notice + Blue Corner notice for Prajwal Revanna

- Interpol = Estb in 1923 as the International Criminal Police Commission in Vienna, Austria.
- 196 member countries (India  )
- Highest decision-making body = General Assembly.
- Each country has an INTERPOL National Central Bureau (NCB) : In India, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) serves as the designated NCB.
- Silver Notice = to assist nations in tracking and recovering criminally acquired assets such as properties, vehicles, and businesses : Launched at Italy's request.



## TYPES OF INTERPOL NOTICES



**RED NOTICE:** To seek the location and arrest of wanted persons with a view to extradition or similar lawful action.



**YELLOW NOTICE:** To help locate missing persons, often minors, or to help identify persons who are unable to identify themselves.



**BLUE NOTICE:** To collect additional information about a person's identity, location or activities in relation to a crime.



**BLACK NOTICE:** To seek information on unidentified bodies.



**GREEN NOTICE:** To provide warnings and intelligence about persons who have committed criminal offences and are likely to repeat these crimes in other countries.



**ORANGE NOTICE:** To warn of an event, a person, an object or a process representing a serious and imminent threat to public safety.



**INTERPOL-UN SECURITY COUNCIL SPECIAL NOTICE:** Issued for groups and individuals who are the targets of UN Security Council sanctions committees.



**PURPLE NOTICE:** To seek or provide information on modus operandi, objects, devices and concealment methods used by criminals.

Source: [www.interpol.int](http://www.interpol.int)

NATION GRAPHICS

### 14. News → WMO = 2024 as the warmest year on record.

- UN agency focused on meteorology, operational hydrology, and related geophysical sciences.
- **HQ** : Geneva + 193 Members
- Structure
  - World Meteorological Congress
  - Executive Council
  - Secretariat:

### 15. News → OPEC+ : Brazil's entry + decision to extend its deep oil output cuts in 2025.

- OPEC = Baghdad conference : Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela.
- **Now OPEC = 12 countries** : Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Algeria, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Libya, Nigeria, and the United Arab Emirates

- **OPEC+** = formed in 2016 = OPEC + Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Brunei, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Oman, Russia, South Sudan and Sudan
- HQ= Vienna, Austria.

#### 16. News → **UN Peacekeepers (UNPK) + United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)** (alleged attack by Israel Defense Forces IDF)

- UNIFIL recently accused the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) of deliberately destroying an observation tower and the perimeter fence of a UN post in Marwahin.
- UNIFIL = UN peacekeeping mission created by the UN Security Council in 1978 following Israel's invasion of southern Lebanon
- India-led Group of Friends (GOF) launched a new database designed to record crimes against Peacekeepers
- UNPK helps maintain peace & security in conflict zones by deploying military, police, and civilian personnel.
- Started in 1948 in West Asia + deployed by the UN Security Council.
- The budget and resources : General Assembly approval + Members are obligated to pay.
- The Department of Peace Operations (DPO) of the UN provides political and executive direction to peacekeeping operations.

#### 17. News → **FATF's (Financial Action Task Force) Mutual Evaluation Report**

- **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** plenary in Singapore adopted the Mutual Evaluation Report (MER) of India.
- MER = Assesses country's measures to combat: Money laundering + Terrorist financing + **proliferation of WMD : Peer-reviewed by FATF members.**
- India now belongs to the prestigious '**regular follow-up**' category ( with only four other G20 nations)
- FATF = 1989 : 40 members ( 38 + GCC + European comm.)
- Black List / Grey list = high risk jurisdictions.



**18. News → Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) : 33rd session concluded.**

- Steps to combat Transnational Organised Crimes (TOC)
- **Generation Justice (GenJust) initiative** : engage youth in crime prevention and criminal justice.
- **CCPJ = Under United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** : primary organ guiding the UN's activities in crime prevention and criminal justice + 40 members

**19. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime : Annual Report on World Drug Day + World Wildlife Crime Report 2024**

- Most Affected Regions = Triple Frontier Area: Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay.
- Golden Triangle (renamed as Death Triangle): Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand.
- Golden Crescent (renamed as Death Crescent): Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran.
- HQ = Vienna + all UN members.

**20. News → International Narcotics Control Board : Jagjit Pavadia has been re-elected for a third term to INCB.**

- **Estb = 1968** : independent + quasi-judicial body responsible for monitoring the implementation of the United Nations international drug control conventions.
- 13 members elected by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

**21. News → United Nations Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund : India recently donated \$500,000.**

- Established in 2009 and integrated into the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) in 2017.
- Provides a framework for addressing evolving challenges related to global terrorism through international cooperation and capacity building in vulnerable regions.
- India's recent financial contribution is specifically aimed at:
  - Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT)
  - Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CTTP)

## 22. News → United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

**(UNESCAP) report : Asia-Pacific region is projected to miss the 2030 target for achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 32 years.**

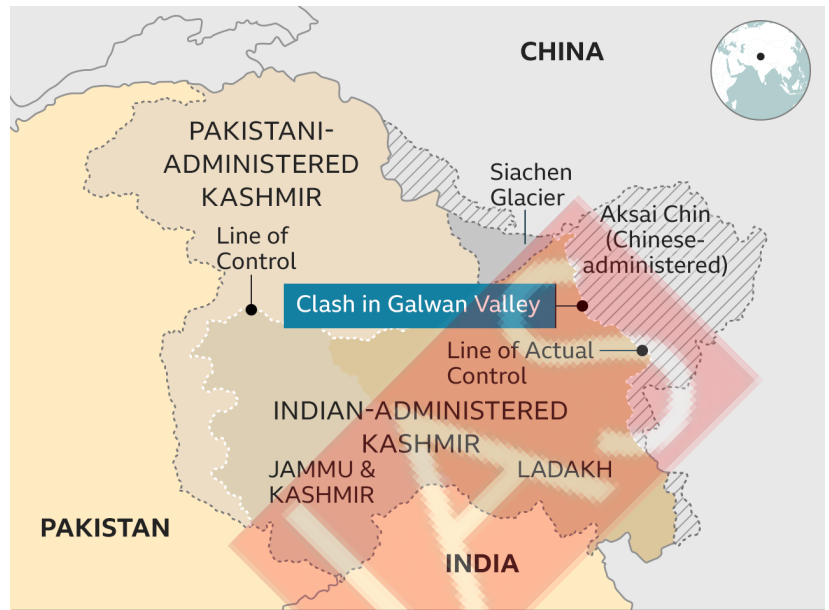
- UNESCAP = is one of the five regional commissions of the United Nations.
- Aim = promote cooperation among countries for economic and social development.
- HQ = Bangkok, Thailand : 53 member States and 9 associate members.

## 23. News → Africa Club : launched during 37th African Union Summit : Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

- alliance of African Multilateral Financial Institutions that are African-owned and controlled.
- To enhance Africa's influence in the global financial system by aligning its operations with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the African Union's Agenda 2063.
- **AU** = intergovernmental organization : 55 member states from Africa.
- **Successor to the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) established in 1963.**
- Aim: To build an Integrated, Prosperous, and Peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens.

## Neighbours

1. News → India and China agreed resumed patrolling in the Depsang Plains and Demchok areas.



2. Nepal cabinet has recently approved printing of new currency notes featuring a map that includes Indian territories of Limpiyadhura, Lipulekh, and Kalapani.




### 3. PM visited Bhutan : "Order of the Druk Gyalpo", the highest civilian honor in Bhutan.

- Bhutan = planning international city- Gelephu Mindfulness City- that will connect its border with Assam.
- India constructed four major hydroelectric projects in Bhutan which are supplying electricity to India- Kurichhu, Tala, Chukha and Mangdechhu.

### 4. President of Maldives made bilateral state visit to India

- adoption of vision for "Comprehensive Economic and Maritime Security Partnership".
- Currency Swap Agreement (CSA) to help Maldives in managing their foreign exchange reserves.

Exercises / Joint operations			
Exercise	Participants Country	Place where exercise held	Notes
Desert Cyclone	India – UAE	Rajasthan, India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The exercise aims to enhance interoperability by learning &amp; sharing best practices in <b>Urban Operations</b>.</li> </ul>
EX Cyclone	India -Egypt	Anshas, Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exercise CYCLONE aims to familiarise both forces with operating procedures in <b>desert and semi-desert terrains</b>, emphasising special operations.</li> </ul>
KhanJar	India and Kyrgyzstan	Himachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aim of the exercise is to exchange experiences and best practices in <b>Counter Terrorism and Special Forces Operations in Built-up Area and Mountainous Terrain</b>.</li> </ul>
Sada Tanseeq	India and Saudi Arabia	Rajasthan	The primary objective is to train troops for <b>Joint Operations in Semi-Desert terrain</b>
Dharma Guardian	India and Japan	Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>annual exercise</b> conducted alternatively in India and Japan.</li> <li>▪ focus on a high degree of physical fitness, joint planning, joint tactical drills and basics of special arms skills.</li> </ul>
Samudra Lakshmana	India and Malaysia	Visakhapatnam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ aimed to reinforce ties and promote interoperability between the two navies.</li> <li>▪ The other exercises between India and Malaysia are:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Exercise Udarashakti: Air Force</b></li> <li>○ <b>Exercise Harimau Shakti: Army</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Tiger Triumph	India and USA	Kakinada	The <b>first-ever India-US joint tri services Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise</b>
Lamitiye 2024	India and Seychelles	Seychelles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LAMITIYE, meaning 'Friendship' in Creole language (one of the official languages in the Seychelles), has been a <b>biennial training event since 2001</b>.</li> <li>Enhance interoperability in Sub-conventional Operations in Semi-Urban environments</li> </ul>
Dustuk 2024	India and Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exercise DUSTLIK is a <b>yearly event alternately conducted in India and Uzbekistan</b>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>aims to <b>foster military cooperation</b>, enhance combined capabilities, focus on joint operations in mountainous and semi-urban terrain, develop interoperability, and enhance bilateral relations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Shakti	India and France	Meghalaya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>biennial training event conducted alternatively in India and France. The last edition took place in France in November 2021.</li> <li>aims to enhance joint military capability of both sides to undertake multi-domain operations</li> <li><b>Other Joint Exercises between France and India: Exercise Varuna, Exercise Garuda, and Exercise Desert Knight.</b></li> </ul>

Exercise Name	Army/Navy Air force	Countries
Austra Hind	Army	India and Australia
Ausindex	Navy	India and Australia
Sampriti	Army	India and Bangladesh
IN-BN Corpat	Navy	India Bangladesh
Table top Ex	Airforce	India and Bangladesh
Hand in Hand	Army	India and China
Varuna	Navy	India and France
Garuda	Airforce	India and China
Garuda Shakri	Army	India and Indonesia
Ind-Indo Corpat	Navy	India and Indonesia
Samudra Shakti	Navy	India and Indonesia
Dharma Guardian	Army	India and Japan
Jimex	Navy	India and Japan

Prabal Dostyk	Army	India and Kazakhstan
Khanar	Army	India and Kyrgyzstan
Ekuverin	Army	India and Maldives
Nomadic	Army	Monogolia
Imbex	Army	India and Myanmar
Imcor	Navy	India and Myanmar
Suriya Kiran	Army	India and Nepal
Al- Nagah	Army	India and Oman
Naseem-Bahr	Navy	India and Oman
Eastern Bridge 4	Air Force	India and Oman
Indra	Army	India and Russia
Indiranavy	Navy	India and Russia
Indra	Air force	India and Russia
Lamitiye	Army	India and Sychelles
Mitra Shakti	Army	India and Sri lanka
Slinex	Navy	India and Sri lanka

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