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India expels six Canadian diplomats, asks them to leave by October 19



Key Points:

- ❖ In one of the most significant escalations of tensions between India and Canada, New Delhi ordered the expulsion of six Canadian diplomats on Monday and announced the withdrawal of its High Commissioner to Canada, along with other “targeted diplomats.”
- ❖ Diplomatic relations between India and Canada had started deteriorating in September 2023, when Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged that “agents” of the Indian government might be responsible for the murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Canadian citizen, on its soil.
- ❖ Hardeep Singh Nijjar was born in the district of Jalandhar in the North Indian state of Punjab. As a young man in 1997, he moved to Canada, where he married, had two sons and worked as a plumber.
- ❖ Settled in the province of British Columbia, he also made a name for himself as a vocal advocate for the creation of Khalistan - a separate homeland for Sikhs, who are a religious minority that makes up 2% of India's population.
- ❖ He had been labelled a terrorist by India, accused of, among other activities, being the “mastermind” behind the Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF), a banned militant group in the country. He was 45 years old when he was shot and killed by two gunmen wearing dark clothes with hoods outside a Sikh temple in a Vancouver suburb on a June summer evening last year.

Sikh population in Canada

- ❖ According to the 2021 census, the population of Canada is 3.70 crore. Of this, 16 lakh or about four per cent are of Indian origin. Sikhs in Canada number approximately 7,70,000.
- ❖ But in the last 20 years, the population of Sikhs in Canada has doubled. Most of them have migrated from Punjab for higher studies and jobs.

How Sikhs Influence Canadian society

- ❖ Sikhs are among the fastest growing groups in Canada. After Christians, Muslims and Hindus, Sikhs are the fourth largest religious group in the country.
- ❖ Their population is concentrated in Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta. Also, Punjabi is the third most popular language in Canada after English and French
- ❖ Out of the 388 MPs in Canada, 18 are Sikhs. Of these, eight seats are completely controlled by Sikhs and they play a significant role in 15 others. This is the reason why no political party wants to displease the community.

Who is Canadian politician Jagmeet Singh?



- ❖ Singh became the first person of a visible minority to lead a major Canadian federal political party.
- ❖ The Leftist NDP, led by Jagmeet Singh with its 24 MPs, entered into a

'confidence-and-supply agreement' to support Trudeau's government in fending off any no confidence votes.

Maharashtra To Vote On Nov 20, Jharkhand In 2 Phases, Results On Nov 23

GENERAL ELECTION TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MAHARASHTRA, 2024		GENERAL ELECTION TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF JHARKHAND, 2024	
POLL EVENTS		PHASE I (24 ACs)	PHASE II (28 ACs)
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	22.10.2024 (Tuesday)	18.10.2024 (Friday)	23.10.2024 (Tuesday)
Last Date of Making Nominations	25.10.2024 (Tuesday)	25.10.2024 (Friday)	26.10.2024 (Tuesday)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	30.10.2024 (Wednesday)	28.10.2024 (Monday)	30.10.2024 (Wednesday)
Last Date For Withdrawal Of Candidatures	04.11.2024 (Monday)	30.10.2024 (Wednesday)	01.11.2024 (Friday)
Date of Poll	20.11.2024 (Wednesday)	12.11.2024 (Wednesday)	20.11.2024 (Wednesday)
Date of Counting	23.11.2024 (Saturday)	23.11.2024 (Saturday)	
Date Before Which Election Shall Be Completed	25.11.2024 (Monday)	25.11.2024 (Monday)	

Key Points:

- ❖ The Maharashtra and Jharkhand Assembly elections will be held across two phases beginning November 13, the Election Commission said Tuesday.
- ❖ Jharkhand will vote in two phases - on November 13 and November 20, and Maharashtra will vote in one phase - on November 20.
- ❖ Counting of votes for both states will take place on November 23, the poll panel said

Hindi Language Museum to be set up in Kashi, Uttar Pradesh



Key Points:

- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government of Yogi Adityanath will set up the country's first museum of Hindi literature in Kashi (Varanasi).

- ❖ The museum will be the country's first museum dedicated to a language. There is a literary museum in Kolkata dedicated to Rabindranath Tagore, but the proposed museum in Kashi will be the first languagebased museum in the country.
- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government has allocated Rs 25 crore for the project.
- ❖ The museum will conserve and display the works of all the eminent Hindi scholars' old manuscripts and books.
- ❖ Along with the work of famous Hindi litterateurs, their photographs, important documents, and related literature will also be available in the museum.
- ❖ The museum will also have statues of the Hindi scholars, an amphitheatre and an auditorium.

UP government releases Rs 163.151 crore as compensation to farmers



Key Points:

- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government has released Rs 163.151 crore as compensation to farmers of the state whose crops have been damaged due to recent floods.
- ❖ In Uttar Pradesh the state government provides compensation to the farmers for crop losses exceeding 33 percent due to unseasonal rains, hailstorms, and floods.
- ❖ Around 1,10,989.26 hectares of crops in 34 districts in the state have been affected due to the release of excess water from Nepal and the overflowing rivers from the hilly areas of Uttarakhand.

Rivers and flooding of district

- ❖ Lakhimpur Kheri is the most affected district of the state, where the

Sharda and Ghaghra rivers have caused massive flooding and destroyed standing paddy crops. The farmers of the Lakhimpur Kheri have also received the highest compensation from the state government.

- ❖ The Narayani (Gandak) River has caused floods in Kushinagar, the Ghaghra River has caused floods in Barabanki, Ayodhya, and Ballia; the Rapti River in Gorakhpur; the Budhi Rapti in Siddharth Nagar; and the Kuwano River in Gonda.
- ❖ The other affected district are Ambedkarnagar, Auraiya, Azamgarh, Badaun, Bahraich, Balrampur, Banda, Barabanki, Basti, Bulandshahr, Farrukhabad, Hamirpur, Hardoi, Hathras, Jalaun, Jhansi, Kanpur Dehat, Kushinagar, Mau, Mirzapur, Pilibhit, Rampur, Saharanpur, Shahjahanpur, Shravasti, Sitapur, and Varanasi.

Acemoglu, S Johnson & James Robinson wins 2024 Economics Nobel Prize



Key Points:

- ❖ The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden, has selected Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James Robinson for the 2024 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.
- ❖ These three economists were chosen for their groundbreaking studies showing how the political and economic systems introduced by colonisers can determine whether a country is rich or poor today.

- ❖ The three economists will share the 11 million kroner prize at a ceremony to be held in Stockholm, Sweden on 10 December 2024.
- ❖ 10 December is the death anniversary of Alfred Nobel in whose name the prize has been instituted.

Work of the Nobel Prize winner

- ❖ Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James Robinson researched the role of European colonisation in making a country rich or poor.
- ❖ The Nobel Prize-winning economist found that societies with a weak rule of law and having state institutions that exploit the population failed to prosper.
- ❖ The European colonists introduced political and economic institutions into these colonies.
- ❖ The countries where the European coloniser introduced an exploitative system and exploited the Indigenous population and resources for their own benefit experienced low growth after independence.
- ❖ Slavery and serfdom are some examples of exploitative systems introduced by the colonisers where the powers were concentrated in a few hands. In colonies, where the colonists introduced inclusive institutions, those countries prospered.
- ❖ An inclusive system means that the colonisers introduced the rule of law, modern education systems, progressive social policies, etc.

About the Nobel Prize winners

- ❖ All three winners of the Nobel Prize are America-based economists.
- ❖ Daron Acemoglu is a Turkish-born American citizen who presently teaches at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the United States of America.

- ❖ Simon Johnson is a British economist who teaches at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and James Robinson is a British-American economist who teaches at the University of Chicago, United States of America.

About Nobel Prize in Economic Science

- ❖ The Nobel Prize in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Peace and Literature was instituted by the Nobel Foundation in 1900 as per the will of Alfred Nobel. These prizes were given for the first time in 1901.
- ❖ In 1968, the Swedish central bank, the Sveriges Riksbank, established the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.
- ❖ The prize, popularly called the Nobel Prize in Economics, was first given in 1969.
- ❖ The Sveriges Riksbank donated money to the Nobel Foundation in 1968, and from that donation, prize money was given to the winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics.
- ❖ The Nobel Prize in Economics has been given 56 times to 96 economists.
- ❖ The first winner was Ragnar Frisch of Norway and Jan Tinbergen of the Netherlands in 1969. ▪ Only three women have been awarded the prize, and the first woman was Elinor Ostrom of the United States in 2009.
- ❖ 2023 prize winner -Claudia Goldin of the United States

DG Paramesh Sivamani appointed 26th D G of Indian Coast Guard



Key Points:

DG Paramesh Sivamani has taken over as the 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard. Before his elevation as the Director General, DG Paramesh Sivamani was given the additional charge of Director General of the Coast Guard in August 2024 after the death of the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard, Rakesh Pal, on 18 August 2024 in Chennai.

About DG Paramesh Sivamani

- ❖ DG Paramesh Sivamani is an alumnus of the National Defence College, New Delhi and Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ He is considered a specialist in Navigation & Direction and commanded all the major vessels of the Indian Coast Guard.
- ❖ Sivamani, over the last three and half decades, has served in various capacities in onshore and offshore appointments with distinction.
- ❖ His key staff assignments include being the commander of the Eastern Coast Guard Region and Western Coast Guard Region.
- ❖ DG Paramesh Sivamani was promoted to the rank of Additional Director General in September 2022 and posted at the Coast Guard Headquarters in New Delhi.
- ❖ During his illustrious career, DG Paramesh Sivamani was honoured with the Tatrakshak Medal in 2014 and the President's Tatrakshak Medal in 2019.
- ❖ He was also awarded the DG Coast Guard Commendation in 2012 and the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (East) Commendation in 2009.

About the Indian Coast Guard

- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard was established on 1 February 1977 on the recommendation of the K.F. Rustamji committee.

- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard comes under the Union Ministry of Defence.
- ❖ The Coast Guard is responsible for preventing smuggling on high seas, preventing and controlling marine pollution, preserving and protecting the marine environment, and enforcing maritime laws, among other things.
- ❖ The first Director General of the Indian Coast Guard was Vice-Admiral V.A. Kamath.

Command Structure of Coast Guard

The headquarters of the Indian Coast Guard is in New Delhi. The Indian Coast Guard has five Regional Command Centers. They are as follows.

Serial number	Regional Command Center	Headquarters
1.	North -West	Gandhinagar, Gujarat
2	West	Mumbai, Maharashtra
3	East	Chennai
4	North-East	Kolkata
5.	Andaman and Nicobar	Port Blair

Indian Coast Guard Motto: "Vayam Rakshamah"
Indian Coast Guard Foundation Day- 1st February

Odisha bags the Best state award in the 5th National Water Award 2023



Key Points:

- ❖ Odisha has bagged the best state award in the 5th National Water Awards 2023, which was announced by the Union Minister for Jal Shakti Chandrakant Raghunath Paatil on 14 October 2024 in New Delhi.
- ❖ The winner of the awards in various categories will be conferred in a function to be held on 22 October 2024 in New Delhi. The award functions will be presided over by President Droupadi Murmu.

About the National Water Awards

- ❖ The National Water Awards was instituted by the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation under the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti. The award was instituted to create awareness among the people about the importance of water and to adopt the best water usage practices.
- ❖ The first Prize was given in 2018, and thereafter, it was given in 2019, 2020 and 2022.

PM Modi inaugurates WTSA 2024 and 8th India Mobile Congress 2024



Key Points:

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) - World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024 at New Delhi on 15 October 2024.
- ❖ The Prime Minister also inaugurated the 8th edition of the India Mobile Congress 2024, which is being held along with the WTSA 2024 in New Delhi
- ❖ During the inaugural address of the Prime Minister, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Minister for Communication, Chandrasekhar Pemmasani, Union Minister of State for Communication, Ms Doreen BogdanMartin, Secretary General of ITU, and other dignitaries were present.
- ❖ The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) - World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024 and the Global Standards Symposium (GSS 2024) is being held in New Delhi from 14-24 October 2024.

About the ITU- WTSA 2024

- ❖ ITU plays a major role in providing inputs and formulation of policies related to the Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) in the world.
- ❖ The work of the ITU in this regard has been divided into three sectors, the Radiocommunication Sector, the Telecommunication Standardization Sector, and the Telecommunication Development Sector.
- ❖ The Telecommunication Standardization Sector studies the technical, operating, and tariff questions related to the telecommunications sector and adopts recommendations to standardize telecommunications. ▪ The ITU-WTSA is held after every four years.
- ❖ For the first time the ITU-WTSA is being held in India and the Asia -Pacific region.
- ❖ Around 3,000 industry leaders, policy-makers and experts from over 190 countries, representing telecom, digital, and Information and Communications technology (ICT) sectors, are participating in the WTSA.
- ❖ The ITU-WTSA provides a platform for countries to discuss and decide the future of standards for next-generation critical technologies, such as 6th-generation technology, artificial intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data, cybersecurity, etc.

About the Indian Mobile Congress

- ❖ The Indian Mobile Congress is Asia's largest digital technology forum, which brings together the industry, government, academia, and others to discuss, deliberate, demonstrate, and display the latest trends in Telecom, Media, and Technology (TMT) and ICT.
- ❖ At the 8th Indian Mobile Congress, participants from 120 countries will showcase the latest technology and

discuss future trends in mobile telecommunications. Over 400 exhibitors and around 900 startups will also participate in the Congress.

Organiser of the 8th Indian Mobile Congress

- ❖ The 8th Indian Mobile Congress has been organised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), the Union Ministry of Communication and the Cellular Operator Association of India (COAI).
- ❖ It is being held in New Delhi from 15-18 October 2024.
- ❖ The first Indian Mobile Congress was held in 2017, and since then, it has been held annually.

Theme of the 8th India Mobile Congress

- ❖ 'Future is Now' is the theme of the 8th India Mobile Congress.

About the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

- ❖ The International Telecommunication Union was set up in 1865. In 1948, it was made a specialised agency of the United Nations for information and communication technologies (ICTs) ▪ Members: 194 countries
- ❖ Headquarters: Geneva. Switzerland
- ❖ Secretary General: Doreen Bogdan-Martin

EAM Jaishankar launches eMigrate V2.0 web portal & mobile app



Key Points:

- ❖ External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has inaugurated the eMigrate V2.0 web portal and Mobile App in Delhi.

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HAL becomes 14th Maharatna CPSE in India



Key Points:

- ❖ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) will now be the 14th 'Maharatna' company among Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE), the Finance Ministry announced.
- ❖ This status will give more autonomy to the company in terms of financial and strategic matters. HAL is a Department of Defence Production (DoDP) CPSE with an annual turnover of ₹28162 crore and a net profit of ₹7595 crore for FY2023- 24.

