

International

Asia Clean Energy Summit 2024

About News:-

On October 22–24, 2024, Singapore will host the 11th edition of the Asia Clean Energy Summit (ACES), a major event of the yearly Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW). This flagship conference and expo brings together policymakers, developers, and experts to promote clean energy solutions in Asia.



Key Points:

- ❖ The Asia Clean Energy Summit (ACES) 2024 was held in Singapore from October 22 to 24 as part of Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW).
- ❖ Co-organized by the Solar Energy Research Institute of Singapore (SERIS) and the Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N).
- ❖ It is encouraged by notable institutions such as Enterprise Singapore, the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB), the Asian Development Bank, and the Energy Market Authority (EMA).

Summit Objectives and Topics

- ❖ To create a sustainable future for the Asia-Pacific area, ACES 2024 seeks to unite world leaders.
- ❖ Put your attention on creating sustainable energy plans, pushing for net-zero goals, and encouraging advancements in clean energy technology.
- ❖ A focus on combining technology, finance, and policy to promote sustainability and climate action.

Key Subjects and Goals

- ❖ Net-Zero Targets: Talks about redefining and realigning net-zero goals to slow down global warming.

- ❖ Corporate and National Commitments: Assessment of national and corporate pledges to achieve carbon neutrality.
- ❖ Policy and Technological Innovation: Information about cutting-edge renewable energy technology and new policies that are intended to achieve net-zero emissions.
- ❖ Funding Sustainable Development: Investigating funding sources and collaborations to assist clean energy initiatives and investments in Asia.

National

India & Germany to hold 7th Intergovernmental Consultations on Oct 25-26

About News:-

- ❖ On October 25, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who was in New Delhi, co-chaired the 7th Intergovernmental Consultations between India and Germany. On October 24–26, 2024, Chancellor Olaf Scholz will travel to India for three days.
- ❖ Olaf Scholz visited India for the third time since taking office as German Chancellor in 2021. In February 2023, he made a bilateral trip to India, and in September 2023, he returned to attend the G20 summit.
- ❖ Olaf Scholz will travel to Goa following his meeting with senior Indian government officials. As part of their Indo-Pacific deployment, the German naval frigate "Baden-Wuerttemberg" and combat support ship "Frankfurt am Main" are stopping by the Goa port.
- ❖ Originally primarily an economic partnership, India and Germany are now evolving into a strategic alliance. The "Focus on India" paper was accepted last week by Germany, which views India as a strategic partner and seeks to strengthen its ties with the country.



7th Intergovernmental Consultations

- ❖ To strengthen their bilateral relations, India and Germany decided to establish an Intergovernmental Consultation framework in 2011. Ministers from both sides discuss their various fields throughout the two-day Intergovernmental Consultation, and then report back to their leaders, Scholz and Modi, on the results of their discussions.
- ❖ The two leaders released a joint statement following the end of the 7th Intergovernmental Consultation Conference.
- ❖ The two leaders decided that the two nations' relationship will be defined by technology and innovation, labor and talent, migration and mobility, climate action, green and sustainable development, and economic, defense, and strategic cooperation.
- ❖ The two parties also signed numerous memorandums of understanding (MoUs) and agreements.

Agreements/MoUs between India and Germany

- ❖ A Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty in Criminal Matters was signed by both nations.
- ❖ An agreement to exchange and protect classified information.
- ❖ The Road Map for Indo-German Green Hydrogen.
- ❖ Innovation and Technology Road Map.
- ❖ Memorandum of Understanding on Collaboration in Vocational Education and Training and Skill Development.
- ❖ The Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) for Collaboration in Advanced Materials Research and Development
- ❖ JDI on the Indo-German Partnership for Green Urban Mobility for All
- ❖ JDI in the labor and employment domain. The German chancellor declared that the country would raise the annual number of skilled Indian visas it grants from 20,000 to 90,000.

State

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel inaugurates "17th Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo-2024" at Gandhinagar



About News:-

Today, the 17th Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo-2024 was officially opened by Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel in Gandhinagar, Gujarat's Mahatma Mandir Convention Centre. The conference, which takes place from October 25 to 27, 2024, brings together more than 2,000 academics and professionals to talk about India's urban transportation future. The conference's theme is "Standardization and Optimisation of Urban Transport Solutions," intending to improve urban mobility via creative approaches and integrated methods.

Key Points:-

- ❖ **Government Participation:** Among the notable guests at the inauguration were Shri Srinivas R. Katikithala, Secretary of MoHUA, and Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Minister of State for Home and Transport.
- ❖ **Economic Context:** In his speech, Chief Minister Patel emphasized India's rise to the fifth-largest economy, pointing to notable developments in the urban, social, and economic spheres that open up possibilities for environmentally friendly transportation.
- ❖ **Triple S Principle:** Sustainable, Sensitive, and Smart are the Triple S principles upon which Minister Harsh Sanghavi stressed a dedication to urban transportation.
- ❖ **Integration of Transport Modes:** Frameworks for integrating various urban mobility modes and funding opportunities in line with the Make in India policy will be the main topics of discussion.

- ❖ Creative Solutions: The development of an E-Bus ecosystem, the use of big data in transportation planning, and methods for cost benchmarking in metro systems are among the subjects covered.
- ❖ Best Practices Recognition: On October 27, 2024, the conference will come to an end with a closing ceremony where prizes for the "Best Practices Project in Urban Transport" will be given out in nine categories, honoring achievement among state and local officials.

Economic

ADB approves USD 434.25 million loan for 500 MW solar facility in Assam

About News:-

To boost Assamese energy security and expand renewable energy capacity, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has authorized a USD 434.25 million loan.

Key Points:

- ❖ On Thursday, the ADB announced that the Assam Solar Project will build a 500 MW grid-connected solar photovoltaic (PV) facility in the Karbi Anglong area.
- ❖ In order to maintain grid stability and satisfy peak power demand, the project will assist in the development of a battery energy storage system that is connected to the grid.
- ❖ The Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) and the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. Tripura Power Company Ltd. will form a joint venture to develop this storage system.
- ❖ By bolstering the state's public-private partnership (PPP) structure and increasing its ability to create and oversee renewable energy PPP projects, ADB will also assist in luring private sector investment into renewable energy. In the Karbi Anglong district, the project will assist in establishing a PPP deal for the construction of an additional 250 MW solar PV facility.
- ❖ By installing new distribution transformers and substituting aerial-covered conductor wire for overhead power distribution lines, the project will enhance the distribution of

electricity across the solar PV facility and surrounding rural areas.

- ❖ To enhance project implementation, awareness-raising, and capacity building for the APDCL and neighboring communities, ADB will additionally award an extra USD 1 million technical assistance grant from its Clean Energy Fund through the Clean Energy Financing Partnership Facility.
- ❖ While continuing its efforts to end extreme poverty, ADB said it is dedicated to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific.
- ❖ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) was founded in 1966 and currently has 69 members, 49 of them are from Asia.

Appointment

RBI approves re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry as MD & CEO of Axis Bank for three years

About News:-

Axis Bank has officially announced the reappointment of Amitabh Chaudhry as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for a new three-year term, effective from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027.



Key Points

- ❖ The re-appointment was approved by shareholders during the bank's 30th Annual General Meeting in July.
- ❖ The final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was granted on October 24, 2024.
- ❖ Chaudhry has been leading Axis Bank since 2019, following a successful nine-year tenure at HDFC Life.
- ❖ He has been instrumental in expanding the bank's retail banking services and enhancing its digital capabilities.
- ❖ His leadership has strengthened Axis Bank's market position in a competitive landscape.

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India Ranks 176 Out Of 180 In Global Nature Conservation Index



About News:-

According to the newly published first Global Nature Conservation Index, 2024, India is among the top five underperforming nations. Out of 180 nations, India came in at number 176 for its dedication to protecting the environment. The top-ranked nation was Luxembourg, a small European nation. The Pacific island nation of Kiribati, on the other hand, came in last on the Global Nature Conservation Index.

The Global Nature Conservation Index is created by whom?

- ❖ The first Global Nature Conservation Nature Index was created and published in collaboration with the non-profit website BioDB.com and the Goldman Sonnenfeldt School of Sustainability and Climate Change at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel.
- ❖ In October 2024, the inaugural Global Nature Conservation Nature Index was published.

About the Global Nature Conservation Index

The Nature Conservation Index demonstrates how nations are safeguarding their natural resources and ecosystems. The index ranks nations based on a variety of criteria, including the quantity and caliber of protected areas, the health of habitats, the number of endangered plant and animal species, and the success of conservation initiatives.

Four major pillars were used to rate the nations:

- ❖ Threats to Biodiversity,
- ❖ Land Management,
- ❖ Governance and Capacity, and
- ❖ Future Trends.

- ❖ Twenty-five performance indicators were used to evaluate these pillars. The World Bank and the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) provided the data for the Index.

India's current situation

- ❖ India was placed 176th out of 180 countries with a total score of 45.5 out of 100. India's poor land management and growing biodiversity concerns have earned it a low ranking.
- ❖ India is ranked 154th in the Land Management category with a score of 42.
- ❖ 177 with a score of 54 in the Threat to Biodiversity category. India received a score of 60, placing it at number 115 in the Capacity and Governance area, and a score of 35, placing it at number 133 in the Future Trends category.

Defence

Abhay Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC)

About News:-

'Abhay', the seventh Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) being built by M/s GRSE for the Indian Navy, was launched on 25 Oct 24 at M/s L&T, Kattupalli. The Launch Ceremony was presided over by VAdm Rajesh Pendharkar, FOC-in-C (East). In keeping with maritime tradition, Mrs Sandhya Pendharkar, President NWWA, Eastern Region, launched the ship.

Key Points:-

- ❖ The contract for building eight ASW SWC ships was signed between MoD and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata on Apr 19.
- ❖ The Arnala class of ships will replace the in-service Abhay class ASW Corvettes of the Indian Navy and are designed to undertake anti-submarine operations in coastal waters, Low-Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO), and Mine Laying Operations.
- ❖ The ASW SWC ships are approx 77 m long, with a maximum speed of 25 knots & endurance of 1800 NM.

- ❖ The launch of Abhay highlights the nation's resolve towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat in shipbuilding.
- ❖ The ASW SWC ships are designed with over 80% Indigenous content, thereby ensuring that large-scale defence production is executed by Indian manufacturing units, generating employment and capability enhancement within the country.

Sport

Women's hockey legend Rani Rampal retires as player

About News:-

- ❖ On October 24, 2024, Rani Rampal, the 30-year-old former captain of the Indian women's hockey team and dubbed the "queen of Indian hockey," declared her retirement from the sport. As a tribute to Rani Rampal, Hockey India, the Indian hockey governing body, has chosen to retire the No. 28 jersey. When Rani played for India, he wore jersey number 28.
- ❖ The nation's first Indian women's hockey player to have a stadium named in her honor is Rani Rampal. The Indian Railway's Modern Coach Factory's Raebareli stadium is now known as Rani's Girls Hockey Turf.
- ❖ Rani Rampal scored 120 goals for India in 254 international games.

Rani Rampal's Career Record and Achievements

- ❖ In 2008, Haryana native Rani Rampal made her Indian debut at the age of 14 during the Olympic qualifying tournament in Kazan, Russia.
- ❖ She played for India at the 12th Women's Hockey World Cup in Argentina in 2010 at the young age of 15. She scored five of the seven goals the Indian team scored during the competition. She won the "Young Player of the Tournament Award" for her outstanding performance.
- ❖ Rani Rampal was a member of the Indian squad that won a bronze medal at the 2014



Incheon Asian Games in South Korea and a silver medal at the 2009 Asia Cup.

- ❖ Rani was selected as the Indian women's hockey team's captain in 2018. Under her direction, the Indian squad advanced to the World Cup quarterfinals in London, United Kingdom, and took home a silver medal from the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta.
- ❖ She guided India to an unprecedented fourth-place finish at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

India's Hockey Queen

- ❖ Another name for Rani Rampal is the "queen of Indian women's hockey." She accepted a coaching position after retiring from hockey.
- ❖ She was appointed coach of India's under-17 squad in 2023.
- ❖ She has also been appointed mentor and coach of the Hockey India League's Soorma Hockey Club.

Award

- ❖ The Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, India's top athletic honor, was given to Rani Rampal in 2020.
- ❖ In 2020, Rani received the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honor.

Obituary

Padma Shri Gussadi dancer Kanaka Raju passes away



About News:-

- ❖ On October 25, 2024, the renowned Gussadi folk dancer Kanaka Raju, popularly known as Gussadi Raju, passed away from age-related illnesses. He was eighty-four.
- ❖ Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed their condolences for the passing of the renowned Gussadi folk dance teacher Kanaka Raju.

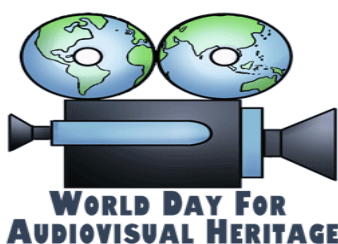
- ❖ Kanaka Raju was born in Telangana's Marlawai village in the Komaram Bheem Asifabad district's Jainoor mandal.
- ❖ Kanaka Raju, a member of the Raj Gond tribe, watched his tribal community do the Gussadi dance when he was eight years old and began learning it on his own.

About the Gussadi Dance

- ❖ Only male bachelors from the Raj Gond tribe are allowed to perform the Gussadi dance. The Dandari festival features a dance, which is connected to a local deity. Following Deepawali, the Dandari festival lasts for around ten days.
- ❖ In the Raj Gond tribes' matriarchal society, the Gussadi dance is a wooing ritual that aims to impress the potential bride and her family.
- ❖ The dancers, also called Ghusaraks or Ghusadi Tado, wrap animal skin around their waists and don a headdress composed of about 1,500 peacock feathers, called mal boora. The dancers imitate cows, horses, snakes, tribal people, dandari, and their deities throughout the performance.
- ❖ Kanaka Raju has preserved the ancient tribal folk dance by teaching thousands of young tribal dancers the Gussadi dance form.
- ❖ In 2021, he received the Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian honor in the nation, for his work preserving the dancing tradition.
- ❖ Kanaka Raju was appointed main dance master of the Kanaka Raju School of Gussadi Dance, which was established by the Telangana State government in the Adilabad area.

Important Day

World Day for Audiovisual Heritage - 27 October



About News:-

Every year on October 27, we commemorate the World Day for Audiovisual Heritage, which honors the work of organizations and experts in audio-visual preservation who strive to save our cultural legacy for coming generations. This day, which was created by UNESCO in 2005, emphasizes the need to protect audiovisual artifacts, such as movies, sound recordings, and broadcasts, which are particularly vulnerable to threats including chemical deterioration and technological obsolescence.

2024 theme "A window to the world."

History:-

- ❖ The origins of the World Day for Audiovisual Heritage date back to 1980 when UNESCO recommended the preservation of audiovisual records due to their vulnerability to decay and obsolescence.
- ❖ The adoption of Resolution 53 at UNESCO's 33rd General Conference led to the formal establishment of the World Day for Audiovisual Heritage on October 27.
- ❖ The day was first observed in 2005 as a call to action for nations and cultural institutions worldwide to recognize the importance of audiovisual heritage.
- ❖ UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme, launched in 1992, aligns closely with the objectives of World Day for Audiovisual Heritage.
- ❖ The goal of the Memory of the World Program is to record, conserve, and make accessible the documentary legacy of humanity, including delicate audiovisual items that could otherwise be lost as a result of resource scarcity, environmental degradation, or technology obsolescence.

