

Current Affairs : 13th November 2024

National

1. **PM Modi to Visit Nigeria, Brazil, and Guyana**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a three-nation visit starting on 16th November 2024. The visit includes:

- **Nigeria**: 16th to 17th November, marking the first visit by an Indian PM to Nigeria in 17 years. Focus on strengthening strategic partnerships, particularly in the energy, defense, and economic sectors.
- **Brazil**: 18th to 19th November, to attend the G20 summit where India will contribute to ongoing discussions on global issues.
- **Guyana**: 19th to 21st November, marking the first visit by an Indian PM since 1968. PM Modi will also engage with leaders of CARICOM (Caribbean Community) during this visit.

2. **India at COP 29**



India is participating in COP 29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, hosting side events in collaboration with the UN and other multilateral organizations. India is focused on ensuring climate finance is accessible and addressing the needs of developing nations for energy transitions.

3. **Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction (CoDRR) Workshop**



Dr. P K Mishra, Principal Secretary to the PM, addressed the workshop on "Strategies for Glacial Lakes Outburst Flood (GLOF) Risk Reduction." The discussions focused on mitigating the risks of glacial lakes, particularly in areas like Sikkim.

4. ****India Among Top 10 for Patents and IP****



India ranks 6th globally for patent filings with 64,480 applications, marking significant progress in intellectual property (IP). The country also saw a sharp increase in industrial design applications, highlighting the growing emphasis on design and manufacturing.

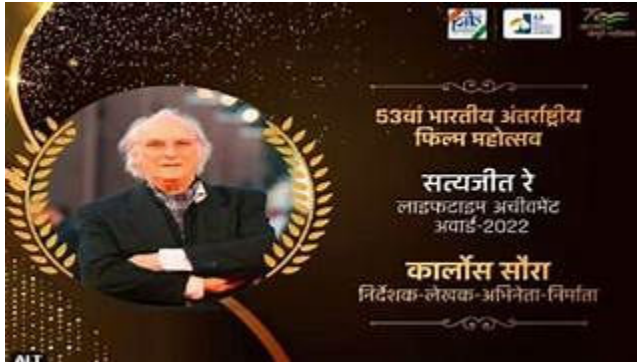
5. ****India's Solar PV Product Exports Surge****



India's exports of solar photovoltaic (PV) products have surged 23-fold, reaching 2 billion USD in the past two years, primarily driven by increased demand in markets like the US.

International

6. **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award**



Veteran Australian filmmaker Phillip Noyce, known for films like *Clear and Present Danger* and *Salt*, will be honored with the prestigious Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024.

Appointments

7. **Pankaj Advani's World Billiards Championship Win**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Pankaj Advani for winning the World Billiards Championship 2024, recognizing his dedication and inspiring future athletes.

8. **Kayakalp Scheme in Rajasthan**



Rajasthan's College Education Commission has introduced a new initiative under the **Kayakalp Scheme**, which mandates painting the facades of government colleges in orange, aiming to enhance the educational environment.

Miscellaneous

9. ****New Stent Retriever Technology Launched in India****



A new stent retrieval technology, **GRASSROOT**, has been launched in India to improve stroke treatment outcomes.

10. ****India's Global AI Preparedness Rank****



India ranks 72nd in the AI Preparedness Index, reflecting the country's ongoing developments in artificial intelligence.

11. ****Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy 2024****



The Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy 2024 will be hosted in ****Rajgir, Bihar****.