

Current Affairs: November 3, 2024

1. **Decline in Tuberculosis Incidence**



- Prime Minister Modi announced a significant 17.7% reduction in TB cases in India (2015-2023), surpassing the global average decline of 8.3%. Initiatives like Ni-Kshay Poshan Yojana have been essential in providing nutritional support to TB patients.

2. **First Asian Buddhist Summit**



- The Ministry of Culture and International Buddhist Confederation are hosting the inaugural Asian Buddhist Summit in New Delhi, with President Droupadi Murmu as the Chief Guest. The theme is "Role of Buddha Dhamma in Strengthening Asia," bringing together Buddhist leaders across Asia to discuss relevant challenges.

3. **G20's First Ministerial Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)**



- The G20 DRR Working Group meeting in Brazil led to a consensus on a DRR ministerial declaration. India's role included focusing on early warning systems, resilient infrastructure, and financing for disaster risk reduction.

4. **Indian Startup Ecosystem**



- Indian startups secured \$12.2 billion in funding within the first 10 months of 2024, surpassing 2023's total. October alone saw deals worth over \$1 billion, reflecting growth in the late-stage funding segment. The government also announced a ₹1,000 crore VC fund for the space sector.

5. **India's Updated Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)**



- Minister of State for Environment Kirti Vardhan Singh launched India's updated NBSAP at the COP-16 meeting in Colombia. The plan aims to halt biodiversity loss by 2030 and achieve harmony with nature by 2050.

6. **Atanu Das Wins Bronze in Swiss Open Indoor Archery**



- Indian archer Atanu Das secured a bronze medal at the Swiss Open Indoor Archery, overcoming Switzerland's Thomas Rufer in the Recurve Men's category.