

# June 20th

# INTERNATIONAL

## 1) Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Treaty

- Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Treaty also known as High Seas Treaty, is an international agreement aims to regulate activities and protect the environment in the vast areas of the high seas.
- The treaty is approved by all 193 member states of the United Nations, seeks to address the lack of international law governing the high seas.
- The treaty establishes comprehensive rules to prevent disputes over natural resources, shipping, and environmental concerns beyond any nation's jurisdiction.

# NATIONAL

#### 1) "Dakshta" Programme

- The Union Government has introduced a new curated collection of courses called "Dakshta" on the iGOT Karmayogi Platform.
- The iGOT Karmayogi platform serves as a comprehensive portal aimed at capacitybuilding for government officials.
- The newly introduced collection of courses, named Dakshta, is designed to focus on various areas crucial to government officials.

## 2) National Internet Exchange of India

- Recently, the National Internet Exchange of India celebrated its 20th Foundation Day. NIXI was established on June 19, 2003.
- It is a not-for-profit company operating under the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), NIXI has played a pivotal role in creating a robust and inclusive digital ecosystem in the country.



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# 3) Ex Khaan Quest

- Ex Khaan Quest is a multinational peacekeeping joint exercise, commenced in Mongolia. The 14-day exercise aims to enhance interoperability, share experiences, and train uniformed personnel for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.
- The President of Mongolia, Mr. Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh, inaugurated Ex Khaan Quest 2023.
- Representing the Indian Army in Ex Khaan Quest 2023 is a contingent from the GARHWAL RIFLES.

## 4) Conference on foundational literacy and numeracy

- A two-day national conference on foundational literacy and numeracy was held in Pune.
- The conference aimed to bring together representatives from various states and union territories (UTs), along with experts from diverse fields, to delve into the crucial topic of capacity building and training of teachers in blended mode.
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## **GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT**

#### 1) Loss of glacier mass

• The Hindu Kush Himalayas region is experiencing a rapid loss of glacier mass. A recent report by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development reveals that the Hindu Kush Himalayas have experienced a staggering 65% faster loss of glacier mass.



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- Between 2010 and 2019, the region lost an average of 0.28 meters of water equivalent (m w.e.) per year, compared to 0.17 m w.e. per year between 2000 and 2009.
- The ice and snow in the HKH region play a vital role in sustaining 12 rivers that flow through 16 Asian countries.

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

#### 1) 45th European Essay Prize

• Arundhati Roy has been awarded the 45th European Essay Prize for lifetime achievement on the occasion of the French translation of her latest essay, 'Azadi'.

#### 2) The Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for 2023

• The Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for 2023 has been awarded to British-American author Salman Rushdie, "for his indomitable spirit, for his affirmation of life and for enriching our world with his love of storytelling,".

## **APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS**

#### 1) Ravi Sinha

• Ravi Sinha Ravi Sinha has been appointed as the chief of the Research and Analysis Wing. He takes over from Samant Goel, who will complete his tenure on June 30.





#### 2) Swaminathan Janakiraman

- Recently, the union government has appointed Swaminathan Janakiraman as a Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.
- Janakiraman's appointment is for a period of three years starting from the date of joining, or until any further orders are issued. He will be succeeding Mahesh Kumar Jain, whose tenure concludes on June 22nd.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### 1) World Refugee Day

- World Refugee Day is an internationally recognized day established by the United Nations to pay tribute to refugees worldwide.
- The day is observed annually on June 20th and serves as a platform to acknowledge the bravery and determination of individuals who have been compelled to flee their homeland due to conflicts or persecution.
- Theme of 2023: "Hope away from home"



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