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Azad Hind Government

Why in News?

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today, hoisted the National Flag at Red Fort, to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of formation of Azad Hind Government, formed by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

About

- The **Azad Hind Government**, founded on 21st October, 1943 was inspired by Neta ji Subhash Chandra Bose who was the leader of Azad Hind Government and also the Head of State of this Provisional Indian Government-in-exile.
- It was a **part of the freedom movement**, originating in 1940s outside India with a purpose of **allying with Axis powers** to free India from British rule.
- The existence of the Azad Hind Government gave a **greater legitimacy** to the independence struggle against the British.
- Pertinently, the role of Azad Hind Fauj or the Indian National Army (INA) had been crucial in bequeathing a much needed impetus to India's struggle for Independence.

Subhas Chandra Bose

- Subhas Chandra Bose is one of the most eminent freedom fighters of India.
- Bose joined the **Indian National Congress (INC) in 1921**. He also started a newspaper called '**Swaraj**'.
- He was the President of the All India Youth Congress and also the Secretary of the Bengal State Congress. In 1924, he became the CEO of the **Calcutta Municipal Corporation**. In 1930, he became the Mayor of Calcutta.
- Bose authored the book '**The Indian Struggle**' which covers the Indian independence movement from 1920 to 1942. The book was banned by the British government.
- **He coined the term 'Jai Hind'**. His charisma and powerful personality inspired many people into the freedom struggle and continues to inspire Indians. He was called Netaji.

Arzi-e-Hukumat Azad Hind Fauz

- The Indian National Army (INA) was an armed force **formed by Indian nationalists in 1942 in Southeast Asia** during World War II.

- Its aim was to secure Indian independence from British rule.
 - It formed an **alliance with Imperial Japan** in the latter's campaign in the Southeast Asian theatre of WWII.
 - The army was **first formed in 1942 under Mohan Singh**, by Indian PoWs of the British-Indian Army captured by Japan in the Malayan campaign and at Singapore. It was revived under the leadership of Subhash Chandra Bose after his arrival in Southeast Asia in 1943.
 - The role of Subhash Chandra Bose & his Indian National Army(INA), also known as Arzi-e-Hukumat Azad Hind Fauz have been a significant part of Indian Freedom Struggle.
 - INA was an armed force organised by Bose in South Asia.
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ADMM Plus meet

Why in News?

Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman attended the 5th ADMM Plus meet in Singapore today, which is a forum for Defence Ministers from ten ASEAN and eight ASEAN Plus countries. The theme of this year's dialogue was '**Strengthening Cooperation, Building Resilience**'. The dialogue adopted two resolutions on '**Countering the Threat of Terrorism**' and '**Practical Confidence Building Measures**'.

About ADMM+

- Established in 2006, the ADMM is the **highest defense consultative and cooperative mechanism in the ASEAN**.
 - It aims to promote mutual trust and confidence through greater understanding of defence and security challenges as well as enhancement of transparency and openness among ten ASEAN member states namely: **Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam**.
 - Meanwhile, the ADMM-Plus is a platform for ASEAN Defense Ministers to engage their counterparts from the 8 Dialogue partner countries namely: **Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia and United States**.
 - The **inaugural ADMM-Plus** was convened in **Hanoi in 2010**.
 - The defence ministers then had agreed on five areas of practical cooperation to pursue under the new mechanism including maritime security, counter-terrorism, humanitarian assistance and peacekeeping operations.
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'DHARMA GUARDIAN-2018'

Why in News?

To promote Military cooperation, India and Japan are all set to hold the first ever joint military exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN-2018' involving the **Indian Army and Japan**

Ground Self Defence Force at Counter Insurgency Warfare School, Vairengte, India

About

- Exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN-2018' will be yet another step in deepening strategic ties including closer defence cooperation between the two countries.
 - It will contribute immensely in developing mutual understanding and respect for each other's militaries and also facilitate tracking the worldwide phenomenon of terrorism.
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Carnot Prize

Why in News?

Recognising the **pathbreaking transformations in India's energy sector** under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy at the **University of Pennsylvania School of Design** is awarding its **fourth annual Carnot Prize** to Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways & Coal and former Minister of Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy and Mines, Government of India.



Why the award has been constituted?

- The Carnot Prize is the Kleinman Center's annual recognition of distinguished contributions to energy policy through scholarship or practice.
- The most prestigious award in the energy sector, Carnot Prize is named after French physicist Nicolas Sadi Carnot who recognised that the power of the steam engine would "produce a great revolution" in human development.
- The Carnot Prize is **intended to honour** those **leading revolutions in energy policy** to further progress and prosperity.
- Just like Carnot visualised the progress of mankind, the Carnot Prize recognises pioneering scholarship and path breaking policies in the energy sector.

Why India has been awarded?

- The rural electrification drive gave a significant breakthrough to the mission of '**24x7 Affordable, Environment Friendly Power for all**', as India eliminated decades of darkness in more than 19,000 villages
- With the **Saubhagya Programme**, the last-mile connectivity to every household in the villages is being fast tracked, with 51% of the 3.1 crore rural households electrified.
- The massive thrust to green energy is reflected in **India's 175 GW target by 2022**, being the world's largest renewable expansion programme with 72 GW already achieved.
- The Carnot Prize recognises India's "**solid footing to reach a 40% renewable mix by 2030**"
- **UJALA scheme** the world's largest LED distribution programme, and along with private sector participation, 130 crore LED bulbs have been distributed, making India brighter

and cleaner.

Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)

Why in News?

The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu today left for Belgium to attend the two-day 12th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in Brussels. The theme of the ASEM Summit is '**Global Partners for Global Challenges**'.

About



- Asian-European political dialogue forum to enhance relations and various forms of cooperation between its partners
- ASEM represents around 62.3% of the world's population, 57.2% of the global GDP and almost 60% of the world's trade.
- It has 53 partners, **51 countries and 2 regional organisations** of which India is also a member
- established — 1996 at the **first summit in Bangkok, Thailand**

What are the main components?

The main components of the ASEM process rest on 3 pillars

1. Political Pillar
2. Economic Pillar
3. Social, Cultural & Educational Pillar

