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PM. MODI'S VISIT TO BRUNEI

Prime Minister Modi's visit to Brunei in September 2024, made **India's friendship with Brunei stronger**. He met Brunei's ruler, **Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah**, and they talked about how both countries can work together in areas like defense. They agreed to set up a team to help improve defense ties in both countries. PM Modi also spoke about how this visit could help India become closer friends with other nearby countries like Singapore and those in the ASEAN group. This visit was an important step to make India's connections in the Indo-Pacific region even better.



VISIT OF THE CROWN PRINCE OF UAE



Once he was back, our Prime minister met the crown **Prince of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** and made history by signing the first agreement to work together on **peaceful nuclear energy**. He met with the Crown Prince Sheikh Khalid, in New Delhi to finalize this important deal. The agreement was made between India's Nuclear Power Corporation and the company that runs the UAE's Barakah Nuclear Power Plant. This partnership builds on an earlier agreement from 2015, where both countries decided to explore peaceful uses of nuclear energy, like improving safety, health, farming, and science. This new deal shows the UAE's plan to invest more in nuclear energy for the future.

HAVOC CAUSED BY TYPHOON YOGI

Typhoon Yagi- was a powerful storm that struck China's Hainan province. It caused a lot of damage, leaving three people dead and nearly a hundred others injured. Hainan, a tropical island province, experienced strong winds and heavy rainfall. This led to floods, fallen trees, power outages, and severe damage to buildings and infrastructure. Rescue efforts were hindered by blocked roads and power outages. Afterward, the storm moved toward Vietnam, where authorities issued warnings and evacuated coastal areas to minimize the impact. Typhoons like Yagi bring not only strong winds but also dangerous storm surges that can flood coastal cities and towns.



INDIA'S PLASTIC CRISIS: THE HIDDEN EMISSIONS



India is the world's most populated country and also the biggest contributor to plastic pollution, creating nearly 20% of the world's plastic waste. This is a serious problem because plastic waste harms both the environment and human health.

A lot of India's plastic waste isn't collected properly, leading to pollution in rivers, oceans, and on land. Sometimes, people even burn plastic in open fires, which releases harmful chemicals into the air. These chemicals, along with greenhouse gases and tiny pieces of plastic called microplastics, damage the environment, hurt animals, and can cause breathing problems in people.

Experts say that while India has made some efforts, like banning certain plastic items, more needs to be done. For example, improving the way waste is collected and getting better data on how much plastic is being produced and thrown away. The study suggests that India's waste problems are larger than what official numbers show, making it even more important to find better solutions.

While India produces a lot of plastic waste, its people use much less plastic per person compared to developed countries. This shows that the problem is made bigger by the large population. To fix this, India and other countries need to work together to reduce plastic pollution, focusing on every part of the plastic lifecycle—from production to disposal.

FORBIDDEN HEIGHTS OF TIBET

There are a number of reasons why planes don't fly over the Tibetan Plateau. One of the reasons is the Tibetan Plateau's high altitude and thin which make it difficult for planes to maintain lift and generate enough power. The mountains in the area can create turbulence, which can be uncomfortable for passengers flying specially senior citizens. It is quite risky as the plateau's high altitude and rugged terrain make emergency landings challenging as well as the region has limited infrastructure, so all these complexities make it difficult for planes to fly overhead.



"ONE INDIA-ONE TICKET.": THE NEW INITIATIVE OF INDIAN RAILWAYS

India's trains now have a cool new ticket system called "One India - One Ticket." This ticket uses a special QR code and works for four days! It's part of India's plan to make train travel easier and more fun. Now, people can book their tickets online and enjoy traveling without any hassle. Riding trains just got better in India! The "One India - One Ticket" initiative is a collaboration between the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) and Indian Railways to improve the travel experience for passengers. The initiative's goals include seamless travel: Passengers can book and travel using both services with ease. The initiative aims to create a more unified and accessible transport network across the country. The initiative aims to reduce complexities and enhance travel flexibility. The initiative promotes rail-based green transportation.

