



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### Banking on World Heritage: G-20 Currency Exhibition

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	Sun Temple
	Ellora caves
	Kanchenjunga mountains
	Gujarat's "Rani Ki Vav" Stepwell



India is hosting the "**Banking on World Heritage**" exhibition, showcasing currency notes from **G-20 countries** featuring **UNESCO world heritage sites**. The exhibition, held at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, highlights the **cultural significance of currency**. It features Indian currency notes, **including the ₹10 note with the Sun Temple**, the **₹20 note with the Ellora caves**, the **₹500 note with the Red Fort**, and **two ₹100 notes depicting the Kanchenjunga mountains and Gujarat's "Rani Ki Vav" stepwell**. The event emphasizes that each currency note carries a country's cultural heritage. The G-20 comprises 19 countries and the European Union, with each member featuring their UNESCO world heritage sites on their currency notes.

**Read more:** [UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India](#)

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### Classification of Aspartame as a Possible Carcinogen

Recently, **Aspartame**, the world's most common **artificial sweetener**, has come under scrutiny as it is set to be declared a **possible cancer-causing substance** by the **International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)**, the cancer research arm of the **World Health Organization (WHO)**.

The IARC was created in 1965 by a resolution of the **World Health Assembly**, as the **specialized cancer agency** of the WHO. The objective of the IARC is to promote international collaboration in cancer

research. It comprises 27 member countries.

Aspartame is widely used in a variety of products, including **soft drinks, gelatin, confectionery, desserts, and sugar-free cough drops.**

**Read more:** [Artificial Sweeteners](#)

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## Ajay Banga, Recognized on "Great Immigrants" List

**Ajay Banga, the president of the [World Bank](#), has been included in the annual "Great Immigrants" list curated by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. He became World Bank chief in June 2023 and is the first-ever Indian American to lead the institution.**

The "**Great Immigrants**" initiative pays homage to the legacy of **Andrew Carnegie**( a **Scottish immigrant**) , **recognizing exceptional individuals who have achieved success in America** and inspire others to do the same, fostering a vibrant and resilient democracy.

**Read more:** [World Bank](#)

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## India and Tanzania Strengthen Defence Relations in JDCC Meeting



The **second edition of the Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC)** meeting between **India and Tanzania** took place in **Arusha, Tanzania** recently. The meeting focused on exploring collaborative opportunities to enhance **security in the Indian Ocean Region**. Both sides agreed on a five-year roadmap for defence cooperation, encompassing various initiatives such as **customised training, capacity building, maritime cooperation, infrastructure development, and collaboration in defence equipment and technology.**

**Tanzania is the largest country in East Africa** and includes the **islands of Zanzibar, Pemba, and Mafia**. The **Maasai are a nomadic tribe who live in parts of Tanzania and Kenya**. **Mount Kilimanjaro**, Africa's highest point is in Tanzania.

**Read more:** [India and Tanzania Relations](#), [Indian Ocean Region](#)