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Ukraine's Odesa in UNESCO's World Heritage List



Recently, the World Heritage Committee decided to **add the historic centre of Ukraine's Black Sea port city of Odesa to its list of World Heritage sites**. This decision recognizes the extraordinary **universal value of the site and the duty of all humanity to protect it**. The Historic Centre of Odesa **has also been inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger**.

The List of World Heritage in Danger is **designed to inform the international community of conditions that threaten the very characteristics for which a property was inscribed on the World Heritage List** and to encourage corrective action.

As of 2023, the **52 properties are decided by the Committee** to include on the List of World Heritage in danger.

Read More: [UNESCO's World Heritage Sites](#), [Black Sea](#)

47th Raising Day of ICG

On the occasion of its **47th raising day celebration**, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) announced **its decision to install a new radar in the [Sunderbans](#) area** for better patrolling and surveillance of the area while **taking guard against any terror activities from across the border.**

As the **fourth largest Coast Guard in the world**, it has played a significant role in securing the Indian coasts and **enforcing regulations in the [maritime zones](#) of India.**

In 1978 (establishment year), **there were just seven surface platforms**, now, ICG has **grown into a formidable force** with 158 ships and 78 aircraft in its inventory and **is likely to achieve targeted force levels of 200 surface platforms and 80 aircraft by 2025.**

In keeping with the **nation's vision of 'SAGAR' and 'Neighbourhood First' policy** the ICG has trained several foreign officers and personnel below officer ranks in 2022.

Read More: [Indian Coast Guard \(ICG\)](#), [Mission Sagar](#), [Neighbourhood First Policy](#)

Visakhapatnam: Andhra Pradesh's Capital

Recently, the **Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh announced that Visakhapatnam would be the state's new capital.** The state needs a new capital since Hyderabad, the capital of undivided Andhra Pradesh, is now with Telangana, and **the two states have been sharing the capital temporarily.**

In 2020, the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly **passed the Andhra Pradesh Decentralisation and Inclusive Development of All Regions Bill.** The Bill intends to give shape to **the state government's plan of having three capitals** — the [executive](#) capital in Visakhapatnam, the [legislative](#) in Amaravati and the [judicial](#) in Kurnool.

In 2022, the Andhra Pradesh [High Court](#) directed the **State government to construct and develop Amaravati, the capital city of the State.**

However, the issue awaits a final decision from the [Supreme Court](#) due to the petitions filed by the farmers who had given land to develop Amaravati.

Read More: [Andhra Pradesh Decentralisation and Inclusive Development of All Regions Bill](#), [State government's plan of having three capitals](#), [Three Capital Issue of Andhra Pradesh](#)

Armenia-Azerbaijan Conflict



Armenia appealed to the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)** to order Azerbaijan to dissolve the

road blockade isolating Nagorno-Karabakh. Nagorno-Karabakh is within Azerbaijan but had been **under the control of ethnic Armenian forces since 1994** when a separatist war ended.

The **conflict can be traced back to the pre-Soviet era** when the region was at the meeting point of Ottoman, Russian and the Persian empires.

The self-declaration of independence by Nagorno-Karabakh in September 1991 in the backdrop of an imminent collapse of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) **resulted in a war between Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh — supported by Armenia.**

Read More: [International Court of Justice \(ICJ\)](#), [Nagorno-Karabakh Region](#), [Armenia- Azerbaijan Conflict](#)

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