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Important News: World

India-UAE Virtual Summit



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of UAE (United Arab Emirates) Armed Forces, H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al Nahyan will hold a Virtual Summit on February 18, 2022.
- Both Leaders are expected to lay out their vision of the historic and friendly relations between the two countries, at a time when India is celebrating 75 years of its Independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and UAE is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its foundation.
- The Prime Minister visited UAE in 2015, 2018 and 2019 while the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi visited India in 2016 and 2017.
- A major initiative in bilateral relations is the **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)**.
- Negotiations for CEPA were launched in September 2021 and have been completed.

Note:

- UAE is India's third largest trade partner.
- UAE hosts a large India community which numbers close to 3.5 million.

Source: PIB

WHO launches Quit Tobacco App



- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** launched '**Quit Tobacco App**' to help people kick the cigarette butt and give up use of tobacco in all forms - including smokeless and other newer products.

- The 'WHO Quit Tobacco App', launched during WHO's year-long 'Commit to quit' campaign, is the latest tobacco control initiative by the WHO South-East Asia Region.

Note:

- **World No Tobacco Day (WNTD)** is observed around the world every year on 31 May.
- India is the second largest producer and consumer of Tobacco products.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: India

G20 Secretariat for India's Presidency



- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the setting up of a G20 Secretariat and its reporting structures.
- It will be responsible for implementation of overall policy decisions and arrangements needed for steering India's forthcoming G20 Presidency.
- India will hold the Presidency of the G20 from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023, culminating with the G20 Summit in India in 2023.

About the G20:

- The G20 is made up of **19 countries and the European Union**.
- The **19 countries** are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the UK, and the US.

Source: TOI

Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC)



- Recently, India lashed out at the **Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** for being “communal minded” and “hijacked by vested interests” after the grouping called on the UN Human Rights Council to take “necessary measures” on the issue of Muslim girl students being told not to wear the hijab in Karnataka schools.
- The OIC also urged India to “ensure the safety, security and well being of the Muslim community while protecting their way of life”.

About Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC):

- It is the world’s second largest multilateral body after the UN.
- It counts 57 members, all of which are Islamic countries or Muslim majority members.
- **Headquarters:** Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Source: Indian Express

Capacity Development Scheme



- The Cabinet has approved the continuation of the **Capacity Development (CD) Scheme** till 31.03.2026 or till further review, whichever is earlier, subject to the adherence to Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) recommendations and the financial ceilings etc.
- The outlay approved for the continuation of the Scheme during 15th Finance Commission cycle is ₹3179 crore.

Key Points

- The CD Scheme is an Ongoing Central Sector Scheme of the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI)** with an overall objective to augment infrastructural, technical as well as manpower resources for enabling availability of credible and timely official statistics.
- The Scheme comprises Capacity Development (Main) Scheme and two sub schemes viz. Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS) and Economic Census (EC).

Source: PIB

Ministry of Power notifies Green Hydrogen/ Green Ammonia Policy



- The Ministry of Power notified Green Hydrogen/ Green Ammonia Policy.

About National Hydrogen Mission:

- The Prime Minister launched the National Hydrogen Mission on India's 75th Independence Day (i.e. 15th August, 2021).
- The Mission aims to aid the government in meeting its climate targets and making India a green hydrogen hub.
- This will help in meeting the target of production of 5 million tonnes of Green hydrogen by 2030 and the related development of renewable energy capacity.
- **Hydrogen and Ammonia** are envisaged to be the future fuels to replace fossil fuels, production of these fuels by using power from renewable energy, termed as green hydrogen and green ammonia, is one of the major requirements towards environmentally sustainable energy security of the nation.
- This will reduce dependence on fossil fuel and also reduce crude oil imports.

Source: Business Standard

Govt's new rules for kids on two-wheelers



- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has amended **Rule 138 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR), 1989** and has prescribed norms related to safety measures for children below four years of age, riding or being carried on a motor cycle.
- This has been notified under Section 129 of the Motor Vehicles Act, which mandates that the Central Government may, by rules, provide for measures for the safety of children below four years of age, riding or being carried on a motor cycle.

- Further, it specifies use of a safety harness and crash helmet.
- It also restricts the speed of such motor cycles to 40 kmph.
- These rules will come into force after one year from the date of publication of the **Central Motor Vehicles (Second Amendment) Rules, 2022.**

Source: Business Standard

Important News: State

Water Taxi Service in Mumbai



- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways & AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off **Water Taxi Service** for citizens of Mumbai, from Belapur Jetty.
- The Water Taxi services will commence from the Domestic Cruise Terminal (DCT) and will also connect nearby locations at Nerul, Belapur, Elephanta Island and JNPT.
- The newly constructed Belapur jetty, built at a cost of Rs. 8.37 crore was funded in the 50-50 model under the **Sagarmala scheme** of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

About Sagarmala Programme:

- It is the flagship programme of the Ministry of Shipping to promote port-led development in the country by exploiting India's 7,517 km long coastline, 14,500 km of potentially navigable waterways and its strategic location on key international maritime trade routes.
- It was approved by the Union Cabinet in 2015.

Source: PIB