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Important News: International

Quad Leaders' Summit

Why in News:

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi attending the Quad Leaders' Summit, in Tokyo, Japan on May 24, 2022, which includes the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Fumio Kishida, the President of the United States of America, Mr. Joseph Joseph Biden and the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Anthony Albanese was involved.



Key Points:

- This was the second individual meeting of the heads of the Quad countries, while a total of four meetings of the Quad have been held so far.
- The first virtual meeting of the Quad countries was held in March 2021, the second virtual meeting was held in Washington DC in September 2021, and the third virtual meeting was held in March 2022.
- A Quad Partnership on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) was announced by politicians to enable a more effective and timely response against disasters in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The Prime Minister emphasized the goal of fulfilling the positive and constructive agenda of the Quad.

Source: PIB

Quad Scholarship Fellowship Program

Why in News:

- US President Joe Biden launches a new fellowship program like the Quad Scholarship to bring together allies in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics at the Quad Summit.





key points:

- The Quad Scholarship will be awarded to students from the United States, Japan, Australia, and India pursuing postgraduate and doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics at American universities.
- Quad Scholarship will be awarded to a total of hundred students every year under which it will be awarded to 25 students from each Quad group country.
- This is one of its kind of initiative under which students will get good education opportunities.
- The main objective of this initiative is to establish linkages between the next generation of scientists and technology professionals.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: India

'ABHA' Mobile Application

Why in News:

- National Health Authority has announced a modified version of the ABHA Mobile Application for the maintenance of health records under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.



Key Points:

- ABHA App, formerly known as NDHM Health Records App, is available on Google Play Store.
- Revised Ayushman Bharat Health Account (Aura) mobile application has been made more practical and to improve usability, a new User Interface (UI) has been added to it, with the help of New app any person can edit their profile on ABHA app, Link or Unlink ABHA Number (14 Digits) with the ABHA address.
- With the help of the new ABHA app, health-related records can also be added to this app in digital form.
- ABHA app is currently available on Google Play Store, its IOS version will be released soon.

Source: The Hindu

Swachh Survekshan 2023

Why in News:

- Swachh Survekshan 2023 was launched under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 by the Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.



key points:

- The theme for garbage-free cities of Swachh Survekshan 2023 is 'Waste to Wealth'.
- Swachh Survekshan 2023 will be evaluated in 4 phases as compared to 3 phases of earlier Swachh Survekshan.
- Field assessment of citizen verification and processing facilities will be started in Phase III as well as Phase IV in Swachh Survekshan 2023.
- Swachh Survekshan 2023 gives priority to the principle of three R's – Reduce, Recycle and Reuse, i.e. Reduce Waste, Recycle and Reuse.

Swachh Survekshan

- Swachh Survekshan was launched in 2016 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs as a competitive framework to encourage cities to improve the status of urban sanitation and encourage large-scale citizen participation.

Source: PIB

Efforts made by the World Economic Forum to accelerate climate action in India

Why in News:

- The Indian arm of the Climate Action Coalition has been set up by the World Economic Forum to accelerate climate action and carbon reduction efforts in India.



key points:

- The Indian arm, as part of the World Economic Forum's Climate Task Force, aims to achieve the goals set in the White Paper Mission 2070.
- The main objective of the Indian branch is to reduce the rate of carbon emissions in India.
- India aims to become a low-carbon country by 2070.
- India's campaign for low carbon emissions will involve the government, business, and other stakeholders to fulfill the ambitious resolution Panchamrut of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The Indian arm of the World Economic Forum will function as a part of the World Economic Forum's Climate Task Force in India.

Source: News on Air

Important News: State

Shirui Lily Festival 2022



- The fourth edition of State Level Shirui Lily Festival 2022 organized in Manipur.
- This annual festival is organized every year by the Department of Tourism, Government of Manipur to create awareness about the Shirui Lily flower.
- The Shirui Lily Festival is held every year in the months of April and May as this is the time when the Shirui Lily flowers bloom.
- Shirui Lily flower is found only in the Ukhrul district of Manipur and cannot be planted anywhere in the world.

Shirui Lily

- Shirui Lily is the state flower of Manipur, which is three feet tall and bell-shaped blue-pink flowers.
- Its scientific name is *Lilium mackliniae*.
- It is locally called Kashsong Timrawon by the Tangkhul tribe, which is named after Timrawon.

Source: News on Air

Important News: Economy

Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal

Why in News:

- The Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal (FIF), which replaced the Foreign Investment Promotion Board, has completed its 5-year run.



key points:

- The Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal was launched on 24 May 2017.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry acts as the nodal department for the Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal.
- In the 5 years since the Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal (FIF) came into existence, 853 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals have been resolved with the help of which Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has increased by 39%.

Source: Times of India



Important Appointment

Justice Sabina



- Justice Sabina has been appointed as Acting Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court.
- By the exercise of Article 223 of the Constitution of India, the President has appointed Justice Sabina as Acting Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.
- The newly appointed Justice Sabina will replace the current Chief Justice of the High Court, Mohammad Rafiq.
- Sabina is the senior-most judge of the Himachal Pradesh High Court and will take charge from May 25.

What is Article 223?

- When the office of the Chief Justice of a High Court is vacant or when such Chief Justice is by reason of absence unable to perform the duties of his office, such one of the other Judges of the Court as the President may appoint for the purpose will perform the duties of the post.