

NATIONAL

1. CITIIS 2.0

Why in news - Union Cabinet approved the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) 2.0.

Key Points –

- Aim –
 - a) City level - to promote circular economy with focus on integrated urban management.
 - b) State level - Climate-oriented reforms.
 - c) National level - Institutional strengthening and knowledge dissemination.
- It would run for 4 years (2023-27).
- By - Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- Partners - French Development Agency (AFD), Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), the European Union (EU), and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA).
- Funding –
 - a) Loan of Rs.1760 crore from AFD and KfW.
 - b) Technical assistance grant of Rs.106 crore from the EU.
- CITIIS 2.0 would supplement the climate actions under AMRUT 2.0, Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0, Smart Cities Mission, INDCs and COP26 commitments.

Value Addition –

- CITIIS 1.0 was launched jointly in 2018 by MoHUA, AFD, EU, and NIUA.
- Outlay – Rs 933 crore.



2. NABH accreditation

Why in news – AIIMS Nagpur became the first of all AIIMS to receive the NABH accreditation.

Key Points –

- NABH - National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Health Providers.
- It means it is at par with the world's leading hospital standards.

About NABH –

- Globally recognized for healthcare grade and service.
- Rigorous and comprehensive process to assess the hospital's performance in various areas including patient care, safety, and organizational efficiency.

INTERNATIONAL

1. Climate Solutions: India (Hindi) course

Why in news – The University of Edinburgh's Climate Change Institute has announced its first open access course in Hindi.

Key Points –

- Climate Solutions course is available in English, Arabic and Hindi.
- It was developed through a partnership with the Consulate General of India in Edinburgh, Scotland.

2. Arabsat Badr-8

Why in news – SpaceX successfully launched the Saudi Arabian TV broadcast and telecoms satellite Badr-8.

Key Points –

- It was built by Airbus Defence and Space based on its Eurostar Neo platform.
- The satellite also carries an experimental photonics feeder link called Teleo.
- Teleo is designed to provide space to ground optical communications at gigabit speeds.
- Arabsat's fleet comprises 10 satellites across four orbital positions.

3. Shenzhou-16 spacecraft

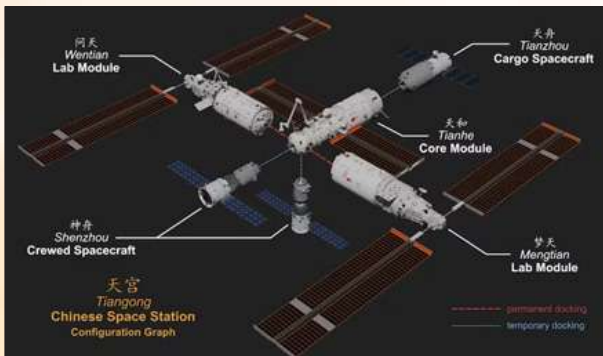
Why in news – China launched the Shenzhou-16 carrying 3 astronauts, including its first civilian, to its Tiangong space station.

Key Points –

- It was China's 5th manned mission to a fully functional space station since 2021.
- Launched from - Long March-2F rocket, Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in the Gobi Desert.

Tiangong space station –

- Operated by - China Manned Space Agency (CMSA).
- Built by China after the USA barred NASA from working with China.
- 3 modules –
 - a) Tianhe core module (heavenly river)
 - b) Wentian (quest for heavens)
 - c) Mengtian (dreaming of heaven).
- It is expected to become the sole in-orbit outpost for scientific research after the end of operations for the International Space Station in 2030.



SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. 3rd G20 employment working group (EWG) meet

Why in news – India organized the 3rd EWG meeting from 31st – 2nd June 2023 at ILO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

Key Points –

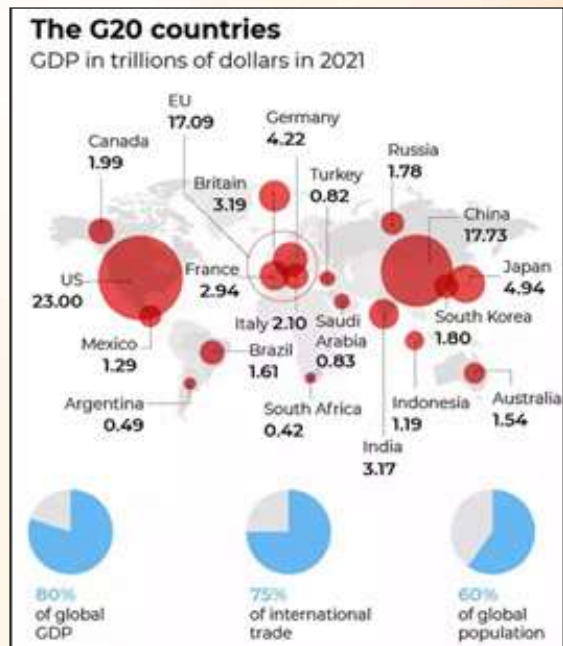
- 3 key priority areas for EWG 2023 –
 - a) Addressing global skill gaps.
 - b) Gig and platform economy and social protection.
 - c) Sustainable financing of social protection.
- It is a G20 tradition to organize an EWG at the side-lines of the International Labour Organization (ILO)'s annual International

Labour Conference at Geneva.

- G20 2023 troika - Indonesia, Brazil, and India.

About G20 –

- Informal organization comprising 19 countries and the European Union.
- Mix of industrialized and emerging economies.
- 1999 - First conference of finance ministers and central bank governors.
- 2008 financial crisis - It was determined that the G20 leaders will meet once a year from now on.
- The G20 finance ministers and central bank governors continue to meet on their own twice a year.
- The G20's work is split into two tracks i.e., finance track and Sherpa track.



ECONOMY

1. Turbo UPI

Why in news – Razorpay has launched Turbo UPI in partnership with Axis Bank and the National Payments Council of India (NPCI).

Key Points –

- Benefit –
 - a) Allow customers of online merchants to make UPI payments directly without getting redirected to a 3rd-party UPI app during checkout.

- b) Reduce potential payment failures.
- Turbo UPI can deliver a 5X faster payment experience.
- It came after Paytm launched a similar product called "UPI SDK", a software plug-in that a merchant can integrate with their payment gateway.

Value Addition –

- UPI transactions reached a record high to 889.81 crore in April 2023 (2.45% increase).
- NPCI target - 1 billion daily UPI transactions.

2. Lightweight payment system

Why in news – RBI has conceptualised a lightweight payment and settlements system for emergencies.

Key Points –

- Dubbed as the “bunker” equivalent of digital payments, which can be operated from anywhere by a bare minimum staff in exigencies such as natural calamities or war.
- Independent of the technologies that underlie the existing systems of payments such as UPI, NEFT, and RTGS.
- Expected to operate on minimalistic hardware and software, and would be made active only on a “need basis”.

APPOINTMENTS

1. CAG Girish Chandra Murmu

Why in news – CAG Girish Chandra Murmu re-elected as World Health Organization (WHO) external auditor.

Key Points –

- The election was held at the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva.
- Tenure - 4-year term (2024 to 2027). (1st term - 2019 to 2023).

Value Addition –

- He is also the external auditor of
 - a) International Labour Organization (2024-2027).
 - b) Food and Agriculture Organization (2020-2025)
 - c) International Atomic Energy Agency (2022-2027)

- d) Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (2021-2023)
- e) Inter Parliamentary Union (2020-2022).
- He is also a member of the United Nations (UN) Panel of External Auditors.

STATES/UTS

1. “Aai” tourism policy

Why in news – Maharashtra approved the implementation of the ‘Aai’ (mother) tourism policy.

Key Points –

- A Women Tourism Policy Cell would be created under the Directorate of Tourism for the implementation of the Aai policy.
- A 5-point program would be implemented as part of the policy.

2. Mo Ghara Yojana

Why in news – Odisha announced Mo Ghara to provide financial assistance to lower and lower-middle-income households in rural areas.

Key Points –

- Benefit - A beneficiary can avail housing loan of up to Rs. 3 lakh which can be repaid in 10 years.
- Other housing schemes in Odisha - Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

BIHAR

1. Armed mining police force

Why in news – The state mines and geology department is set to have its own dedicated “Armed Mining Police Force”.

Key Points –

- Aim - to curb illegal mining activities in Bihar.
- Two dedicated battalions would be created on the lines of the Bihar Industrial Security Force.
- Mining police strength - 1,278 armed personnel.
- To create permanent outposts of mining police in Bhojpur and Bhagalpur districts.
- In Bhojpur and Bhagalpur, illegal sand mining activities are frequently reported.



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- According to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde, Ahmednagar city will be renamed after whom - **Ahilyabai Holkar**.
- India has emerged as a key source country for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in which city – **Dubai**.
- Who has taken charge as the MD of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) - **Ajay Yadav**.
- Which railway zone has named train engines after the martyrs - **Northern Railway**.
- India and which country have held the 3rd Maritime Security Dialogue in New Delhi – **Vietnam**.
- French rail company Alstom will manufacture how many aluminum bodied Vande Bharat trains – **100**.
- Which country has become the first country in the world to put health warnings on individual cigarettes - **Canada**.
- OPS Clean operation has been started by the police of which state – **Punjab**.
- Which is the most valuable football club according to Forbes magazine - **Real Madrid**.
- Who has become the first woman NCC cadet to complete the mountaineering course - **Shalini Singh**.