India-UAE Cooperation

Why in news?

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India and UAE have signed Memorandum of Understanding in several sectors.

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Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Mutual Recognition of Certificates of Competency

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- The proposed MoU will pave way for recognition of maritime education and training, certificates of competency, endorsements, training documentary evidence and medical fitness certificates for seafarers issued by the Government of the other country in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 1/10 of the Convention, and cooperation between the two countries in training and management of seafarers.
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- The MoU will ensure that the education, training and assessment of seafarers, as required by the **(Standard of Training, Certification, Watchkeeping of seafarers) STCW Convention**, are administered and monitored in accordance with of the STCW Code for each type and level of training assessment involved.
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Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Bilateral Cooperation in the Road Transport and Highways Sector

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- The proposed MoU envisages increased cooperation, exchange and collaboration between India and the UAE, and will contribute to increased investment in infrastructure development and enhance logistics efficiency.
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- This will help in promoting safe, economical, efficient and environmentally

sound road transport in the country and will further help both the countries in creating an institutional mechanism for cooperation in the field.
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Salient features of the MoU are:

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- Exchange and sharing of knowledge and cooperation in the area of transportation technologies and transport policies, for passenger and freight movement by roads;
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- Planning, administration and management of road infrastructure, technology and standards for roads/highways construction and maintenance;
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- Sharing of information and best practices for developing road safety plans and road safety intervention strategies, and outreach activities aimed at reducing deaths and injuries resulting from road accidents through:
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- Sharing of knowledge and best practices in user-free (toll)-related issues; including modern systems, technologies and methods of levying of user-free and collection including Electronic Toll Collection System;
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- Sharing of information areas of improved technologies and materials in road and bridge construction, including joint research; and
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- Sharing of information and cooperation for mobilizing investments for setting up of Logistics Parks, freight logistics, transportation warehousing and value added services (VAS) as an enabler and as a catalyst of economic growth and seamless freight movement.
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Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Small and Medium Enterprises and Innovation:

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- The MoU would benefit Indian SMEs and lead to **equitable and inclusive development.**
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- The exposure to best practices in SME sector abroad would provide an

opportunity to Indian SMEs to improve upon them and innovate further.
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- It would also provide to Indian SME sector an opportunity to have a mutually beneficial relation with SME sector of the United Arab Emirates and to explore their markets.
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Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the field of agriculture and allied sectors:

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- The MoU will promote understanding of **best agricultural practices** in the two countries and will help in better productivity at farmer fields as well as improved global market access leading to equity and inclusiveness.
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- Cooperation in agricultural technology will lead to innovative techniques for increasing production and productivity leading to strengthening of food security.
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Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Institutional Cooperation in Maritime Transport:

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- The proposed MoU will pave way for facilitation and promotion of maritime transport, simplification of customs and other formalities, wherever possible, observed in Ports and facilitation of the use of existing installations for the disposal of waste.
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- The MoU will enable Shipping Companies in both countries to enter into bilateral and multi-lateral arrangements for sustainable trading activities.
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