OPEC's Oil Output Cut

Why in news?

Recently, the OPEC decided to cut the oil production due to low demand and to stabilize the oil markets.

What is OPEC?

- Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is a permanent intergovernmental organization of 13 oil-exporting developing nations.
- **Mission** -To coordinate and unify the petroleum policies of its Member Countries ensuring the stabilization of oil markets in order to ensure regular supply of petroleum to consumers.
- **OPEC Secretariat** -Is the executive organ of OPEC.
- **Headquarters** -Vienna, Austria.
- **Significance** -OPEC
  - Hold more than 80% of the world's proven oil reserves
  - Produces about 40% of the world's crude oil
  - Exports make up around 60% of global petroleum trade
- **OPEC+** -It is a loosely affiliated entity consisting of the 13 OPEC members and 10 of the world's major non-OPEC oil-exporting nations.
- It includes Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Brunei, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Oman, Russia, South Sudan and Sudan in addition to OPEC members.
- Since 2016, they cooperate in fixing the global crude oil prices.

What are the impacts of the oil cut?

Global impacts

- The global benchmark Brent rose by more than 5%
- Inflationary pressures on the global economy
- Fluctuations in global assets
- The oil producing nations other than OPEC have also reduced the oil production
- The oil market might move into a deficit

> *The Brent benchmark is used to price over three-quarters of the world's traded oil as one of the most liquid crude grades. It is processed by refiners around the world.*

Impact on India

- Higher oil import bills and this could lead to inflation
- Current account deficit will increase
- Weaken Indian rupee
- May decrease global investment in India especially USA
- Complex for the monetary policy committee to fix the basis points

Quick facts

- India buys around 85% of its crude oil needs from overseas oil markets.
- India's current account deficit in 2022 was 3.7%.

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