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Gujarat Declaration

World Health Organization (WHO) has recently released the outcome document of first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023 in form of "Gujarat Declaration".

Traditional Medicine summit

- **Organized by** - World Health Organization (WHO).
- **Co-hosted by** - Ministry of AYUSH.
- **Venue -** Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- India is the host of WHO-GCTM (Global Centre for Traditional Medicine) as India holds the presidency of the G20 in 2023.
- India will scale up WHO's capacities to support member states and take forward the summit action agenda.

Gujarat declaration

- **Aim -** It reaffirms global commitment and harness potential of traditional medicine to achieve health and well-being for all.
- It will serve as a catalyst to harness the potential of traditional medicine through the lens of science and integrate the traditional medicines in national health systems.
- Gujarat declaration talks about scaling up efforts to further implement:
    - Evidence-based TCIM (Traditional complimentary integrative medicine) interventions,
    - Approaches in support of the goal of universal health coverage (UHC) and
    - All health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalata Sampanna Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana

PM-DAKSH Yojana empowers millions from India's marginalized communities.

- **Aim -** To enhance competency level of the target groups to make them employable both in self- employment and wage-employment for their socio-economic development.
- **Agency -** It is a Central Sector Scheme.
- **Launched by -** Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- **Implemented by -** Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.
- **Launch -** 2020-21.

- **Target Groups -** SCs, OBCs, EBCs, DNTs Safai Karamcharis including waste pickers etc.
- **Age criterion** - 18-45 years.
- **Income criteria**
    - No income limit for SCs, SafaiKaramcharis Including wastepicker and DNT.
    - The annual family income should be below Rs.3 lakh for OBCs and
    - Annual family income should be below Rs.1 lakh for EBCs (Economically Backward Classes).
- The cost of training is as per common norms issued by *Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship* and it varies as per duration of the course.
- Trained candidates will be provided certification after successful completion of training and assessment.

During 2020-21 to 2022-23, a total of 107156 beneficiaries have been trained and an amount of Rs. 213.83 crore has been spent under PM-DAKSH.

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'Mera Bill, Mera Adhikar' scheme

Mera Bill, Mera Adhikar', was launched recently in Gurugram by Haryana deputy chief minister along with union revenue secretary.

- Mera Bill, Mera Adhikar is an invoice promotion scheme.
- **Aim -** To encourage the culture of customers asking for bills for all purchases.
- **Introduced by -** Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- **Launched States & Union Territories –** Assam, Gujarat and Puducherry, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Union Territories as a pilot project.
- The objective is to boost GST awareness among consumers, who shall be motivated to seek bills and ensure that these transactions are part of the GST system.
- At the end of every month, a few invoices would be identified by a draw of lots, for cash rewards.
- This initiative offers cash rewards, ranging from Rs 10,000 to Rs 1 crore, through monthly and quarterly draws.

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Working of G20

The 18th annual G20 Heads of State and Government Summit will take place at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, in New Delhi.

- The G20, or Group of Twenty, is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.
- It comprises **19 countries** (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, UK, USA) and **the European Union (EU)**.
- Collectively, the G20 accounts for ***85% of global GDP, 75% of international trade and 2/3rd of the world population,*** making it the premier forum for international economic cooperation.

Workstreams of G20

- The G20 works in 3 major tracks.
  - The Sherpa Track (official)
  - The Finance Track (official)
  - The Engagement groups (Unofficial)

To know more about the G20 Click Here.

Sherpa Track

- The Sherpa Track was established after the forum became a leaders' summit in 2008.
- It consists of representatives of heads of state.
- **Aim -** It focuses on socio-economic issues such as agriculture, anti-corruption, climate, digital economy, education, employment, energy, environment, health, tourism, trade, and investment.
- Each representative is known as a Sherpa, it is the metaphor from the mountaineering domain, where the Sherpa is supposed to do the heavy lifting or assist the mountaineer.
- **Working Groups -** There are 13 working groups within the Sherpa Track including Agriculture, Anti-corruption and Culture Working Group etc.

Finance Track

- The Finance Track started as a grouping of finance ministers and central bank governors.
- After 1999, it was the most important track because there was no Sherpa track.
- **Headed by -** The finance ministers and central bank governors.
- **Meet up -** 4 times a year, with 2 meetings being held on the sidelines of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) meetings.
- **Aim -** It mainly focuses on fiscal and monetary policy issues such as the global economy, infrastructure, financial regulation, financial inclusion, international financial architecture and taxation.
- **Working Groups -** Today, it has 8 working groups which includes Framework Working Group, International Financial Architecture Working Group and Infrastructure Working Group.

Engagement Groups

- The unofficial track comprises engagement or civil groups.

- These groups often draft recommendations to the G20 Leaders that contribute to the policy-making process.
- The engagement groups are as follows: Business20, Civil20, Labour20, Parliament20, Science20, SAI20, Startup20, Think20, Urban20, Women20, and Youth20.

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Maritime Infrastructure Perspective Plan (MIPP)

*The Minister of State for Defence released the Maritime Infrastructure Perspective Plan (MIPP) **2023-37** at the 2nd edition of the biennial Naval Commanders Conference recently.*

- **Aim -** MIPP aims to synchronize and enmesh the infrastructure requirements of the Navy through a comprehensive perspective plan model for the ***next 15 years***.
- The Plan Document is aligned with the Government's vision on creation of sustainable infrastructure.
- It is also in compliances with broader policy directives on PM Gati Shakti project, disaster resilience, transition to net zero, etc.

The Indian Navy has been the torchbearer of the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative as it earmarked more than 70% of its modernisation budget in the current financial year for indigenous procurement.

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