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## U20

- Urban 20 (U20) is an initiative developed in 2017 under the leadership of the Mayor of Buenos Aires and Mayor of Paris, and convened by the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) in collaboration with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).
- U20 seeks to develop a joint position and collective messages to inform and enrich the discussions of national leaders at the G20 Summit through unique urban perspectives.
- Urban 20, or U20, aims to tackle global challenges by leveraging the potential of cities as hubs of diversity and innovation.
- Urban 20 is composed of 25 global cities: Beijing, Berlin, City of Buenos Aires, Chicago, Durban, Hamburg, Jakarta, Johannesburg, London, Los Angeles, Madrid, Melbourne, Mexico City, Milan, Montreal, Moscow, New York, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Sao Paulo, Seoul, Sydney, Tokyo, and Tshwane.

## Indian Coast Guard Ship Shaurya

- ICG has 142 ships & 62 aircraft is one of the youngest Armed Force under Ministry of Defence.
- ICGShip 'Shaurya' is indigenously built at Goa Shipyard Limited, is a modern state-of-the-art 105 mtrs long Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV).
- 'Shaurya' meaning courage is a projection of ICG's commitment 'To Serve & Protect' the maritime interest of the nation.
- The ship is extensively developed for EEZ surveillance and other duties as enshrined in the Coast Guard charter to safeguard the maritime interest of India.
- Recently ICG Shaurya has been affiliated to Assam Rifles Para Military force.
- The objective of the affiliation is to promote bilateral cooperation between the Assam Rifles and the ICG in the field of exchange of information/personnel, build-up camaraderie for training, sports/adventure and sustainable development.

## World Health Assembly

- The World Health Assembly (WHA) is the forum through which the World Health Organization (WHO) is governed by its 194 member states.
- It is the world's highest health policy setting body and is composed of health ministers from member states.
- The members of the World Health Assembly generally meet every year in May in Geneva, the location of WHO Headquarters.
- The main functions of the World Health Assembly are to determine the policies of the Organization, appoint the Director-General, supervise financial policies, and review and approve the proposed program budget.
- Recently World Health Assembly in Geneva agreed on three resolutions to ensure that the world meets the universal health coverage (UHC) target of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## National Nutrition Mission

- National Nutrition Mission (NNM) (or) Poshan Abiyaan is an apex body, will monitor, supervise, fix targets and guide the nutrition related interventions across the Ministries.
- It is a multi-ministerial convergence mission with the vision to ensure attainment of malnutrition free India by 2022.
- The objective of POSHAN Abhiyaan to reduce stunting in identified Districts of India with the highest malnutrition burden by improving utilization of key Anganwadi Services and improving the quality of Anganwadi Services delivery.
- It aim to ensure holistic development and adequate nutrition for pregnant women, mothers and children.
- Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing POSHAN Abhiyaan.
- It will create synergy, ensure better monitoring, issue alerts for timely action, and encourage States/UTs to perform, guide and supervise the line Ministries and States/UTs to achieve the targeted goals.

## Bio-Jet Fuel

- Indian Air force's AN-32 aircraft was formally fleet certified to fly on blended aviation fuel containing up to 10% of indigenous bio-jet fuel.
- The indigenous bio-jet fuel was first produced by the CSIR-IIP lab at Dehradun in 2013.
- This bio-fuel would be produced from Tree Borne Oils (TBOs) sourced from tribal areas and farmers, augmenting their income substantially.

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