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Cyber Surakshit Bharat

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- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), announced the Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative.
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- It aims to spread awareness about cybercrime and building capacity for safety measures for Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) and frontline IT staff across all government departments.
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- Cyber Surakshit Bharat is the first public-private partnership of its kind and will leverage the expertise of the IT industry in cybersecurity.
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- Cyber Surakshit Bharat aims to conduct a series of training programs for departments in State and Union governments,Public Sector Banks, and technical arms of the Air Force, Army and Navy.
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Australia Group

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- Recently the Australia Group decided to admit India as its 43rd participant.
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- India’s entry would contribute to international security and non-proliferation objectives.
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- The Australia Group (AG) is an informal forum of countries which, seeks to ensure export controls over development of chemical or biological weapons.
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- By this AG nations would fulfil their obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention to the fullest extent possible.
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- The other grouping like Australia group are MTCR, Wassenaar arrangement

and NSG.
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MTCR

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- It is a multilateral, consensus based grouping of 35 member countries who are voluntarily committed to the non-proliferation of missiles capable of carrying chemical, biological and nuclear weapons of mass destruction (WMDs).
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- It controls the export of the technologies and materials involved in ballistic missile systems and unmanned aerial vehicles capable of carrying nuclear warheads.
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- This is a non–treaty association which has a rule-based regulation mechanism to limit the transfer of such critical technologies of these missile systems.
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- India joined the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) in 2016.
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Wassenaar Arrangement (WA)

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- The Wassenaar Arrangement (WA) has been established in order to contribute to regional and international security and stability.
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- It promotes transparency and greater responsibility in transfers of conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies, thus preventing destabilising accumulations.
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- The aim is also to prevent the acquisition of these items by terrorists.
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- Participating States ensure that transfers of these items do not contribute to the development or enhancement of military capabilities.
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- India became a member of WA in 2017.
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NSG

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- Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) is a multinational body concerned with reducing nuclear proliferation by controlling the export and re-transfer of materials that may be applicable to nuclear weapon development.
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- NSG was set up in 1974 as a reaction to India’s nuclear tests.
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Highway Nest

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- Union government has planned to install food kiosks in toll plazas run by NHAI.
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- These kiosks will sell drinking water, tea/coffee, and packaged food for the convenience of highways users.
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- These kiosks are termed as Highway Nest (Mini) and are under construction on both up-side and down-side at all 372 NH run toll plazas.
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UN Environment Management Group (EMG)

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- The EMG is a UN system-wide coordination body on environment and human settlements.
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- Its members include the secretariats of the multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and other specialized agencies, programmes and organs of the UN.
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- Representatives of intergovernmental bodies, civil society and international non-governmental organizations can be invited to contribute.
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- The EMG works through technical meetings, Issue Management Groups and

task forces.
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