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Why in News?

Recently the United Nations launched the UN80 Initiative ahead of its 80th anniversary in 2025.

- **UN80 Initiative** – It is s major reform and revitalization initiative launched by the United Nations in March 2025.
- Aim – It aims to make the UN more efficient, impactful, and fit-for-purpose ahead of its 80th anniversary in 2025.

Vision

- To respond to global challenges: conflict, inequality, displacement, climate change, and technological shifts.
- To restore trust in multilateralism and global institutions.
- To strengthen the relevance, credibility, and effectiveness of the UN.
- **Leadership –** It is led by Guy Ryder, UN Under-Secretary-General for Policy and overseen by a system-wide UN80 Task Force, organized into 7 thematic clusters.
- **Internal efficiency** – It will reduce bureaucracy, streamline operations and cut duplicate processes and improve global coordination.
- **Cost optimization** – It will relocate functions to lower-cost locations.
- **Mandate implementation review –** Review of nearly 4,000 active mandates and past 40,000 resolutions.
- It uses AI tools and data analysis to identify redundancies, overlaps, and outdated functions.
- **Structural and programmatic reform –** Examine the architecture of the UN system.
- It also aims to consider program realignment and better integration across agencies.
- **Financial context** – Initiative comes amid tight UN budgets and delayed member contributions.
- Although cost-efficiency is a focus, the reform is not a downsizing

exercise.

- It is intended to improve financial sustainability alongside mission impact.
- **System-wide coordination** – It involves the entire UN system, not just the Secretariat in New York.
- Clusters include areas like peace and security, humanitarian action, development, human rights, and training.

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