

17 Mar 2021: PIB Summary & Analysis

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1. International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

Context:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the opening ceremony of the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure through a video conference.

Details:

- Prime Minister of Fiji, Prime Minister of Italy, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom were present on the occasion.
- Participants from national governments, experts from international organisations, academic institutions and the private sector also participated in the conference.

Also read: [Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure \(CDRI\)](#)

2. Har Medh Par Ped

Context:

Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (Har Medh Par Ped) Scheme was launched in 2016-17.

About Sub-Mission on Agroforestry:

- The scheme was launched to encourage tree plantation on farmlands along with crops/cropping system to help the farmers get additional income and make their farming systems more climate-resilient and adaptive.
- It is being implemented with a funding pattern of 60:40 between Centre and State Govt. for all States excepting NE & Hilly states, where it is 90:10 and 100% in case of UTs & National Level Agencies.
- Under the scheme, assistance to farmers is given through the state governments for nursery development, boundary plantation and block plantation of prominent tree species to promote, inter-alia, fruits bearing tree-borne oilseeds, medicinal & aromatic plants, silk & lac rearing host plants, in addition to timber species, so that farmers get early returns.

3. Stop TB Partnership

Context:

Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan appointed as Chairman of 'Stop TB Partnership' Board.

Details:

- The Union Health Minister will serve a three-year term, commencing July 2021, as the Chair of the Board of Stop TB Partnership.

About Stop TB Partnership:

- Founded in 2001, the Stop TB Partnership's mission is to serve every person who is vulnerable to TB and ensure that high-quality diagnosis, treatment and care is available to all who need it.
 - Its partners include international and technical organizations, government programmes, research and funding agencies, foundations, NGOs, civil society and community groups and the private sector.
 - Its Secretariat is hosted by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in Geneva, Switzerland.
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4. Kumbh Mela

Context:

Special Trains for Kumbh Mela.

Read more on the Kumbh Mela in [CNA dated April 29, 2020](#).

5. National Steel Policy

Context:

The Union Minister for Steel stated in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha that the per capita consumption of steel in India is 74.7 kg against the world average of 229 kg for the time period 2019-20.

Know more about the [National Steel Policy](#) in the linked article.