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### 1. G33

#### Context:

Union Minister for Commerce & Industry addresses the G-33 Virtual Informal Ministerial Meeting.

#### Details:

- The G-33 Virtual Informal Ministerial Meeting organized by Indonesia was held to discuss the Agricultural Priority Issues of G33 and the Way Forward for the Twelfth Ministerial Conference (MC-12) scheduled to be held in November-December 2021.
- The Minister remarked on the occasion that the [WTO Agreement on Agriculture](#) was tilted against developing countries.

#### About G33:

- The G33 (or the Friends of Special Products in agriculture) is a coalition of developing countries, established prior to the 2003 Cancun ministerial conference, that have coordinated during the Doha Round of [World Trade Organization](#) negotiations, specifically in regard to agriculture.
- The group has "defensive" concerns regarding agriculture in relation to WTO negotiations, and seeks to limit the degree of market opening required of developing countries.
- The group has advocated the creation of a "special products" exemption, which would allow developing countries to exempt certain products from tariff reductions, and also a "special safeguard mechanism" which would permit tariff increases in response to import surges.
- India is a member of this group, as also are China and Pakistan, among others. As per the PIB, there are currently 47 members in the G33.

### 2. Kaushalacharya Awards 2021

**Context:**

Kaushalacharya Awards 2021 presented to 41 skill trainers.

**Details:**

- The union minister for Skill Development presented Kaushalacharya Awards 2021 to 41 skill trainers for their exemplary contribution to the skill ecosystem.
- These 41 trainers are from several initiatives and training programmes of Skill India— Directorate General of Training (DGT), Apprenticeship, [Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana \(PMKVY\)](#), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) and Entrepreneurship.

**About the Kaushalacharya Awards:**

- The awards are an initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to acknowledge the contributions of the skill trainers to the skill ecosystem of India.
- It is an annual celebration that focuses on honouring the skill trainers and the impact created by them on India's youth.
- The objective of the Kaushalacharya Awards 2021 is to honour excellence amongst Trainers and Master Trainers under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) category.
- The Awards felicitate Kaushal Gurus or Acharyas (trainers and master trainers) who have consistently achieved outstanding and meritorious performance, setting benchmarks for others to emulate.
- There are two categories of awards – Trainers and Master Trainers.

Also read: [Skill India Mission](#)

### 3. Planetarium Innovation Challenge

**Context:**

MyGov launched Planetarium Innovation Challenge for Indian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs.

**What is the Planetarium Innovation Challenge?**

- The challenge has been launched by MyGov.
- The challenge invites applications from **start-ups and tech entrepreneurs** to develop state-of-the-art technology for our Planetariums.

- This is an opportunity for Planetariums in India to deploy new technologies (Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality and Merged Reality), especially for smaller cities and rural areas, all Made in India.
- The Innovation Challenge is open to experts from all domains of Planetarium Technology at <https://innovateindia.mygov.in/>.
- The applicants may include Start-ups, Indian Legal Entities, even Individuals (or Teams).
- The applications will be evaluated on different parameters including Approach towards problem-solving, Product Idea, Degree of Innovation, Novelty of Approach.
- The first winner, second winner and third winner under the contest will get cash prizes of Rs.5 lakh, Rs.3 lakh and Rs.2 lakh respectively.
- The participants will also get an opportunity to showcase their products/ideas in front of industry leaders.

#### 4. Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana (RKVY)

##### Context:

Minister of Railways launched the Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana (RKVY), a program under the aegis of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).

##### About the Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana (RKVY):

- Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana is a skill development programme for the unemployed youths of India wherein technical training is imparted in various trades to enhance their employability and entrepreneurship.
- Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana is one of the skill enhancement training programs under the Ministry of Indian Railways and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- Free of cost training is imparted in Railway Training Institutes for eligible youths across the country.
- Any Matric passed student between 18-35 years age limit can select and apply for training online as well as offline.
- A certificate will be provided after the successful completion of training.