

India Chem 2022

Why in News?

Recently, 12th Biennial International Exhibition and Conference India Chem 2022 was inaugurated at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

■ The theme for India Chem 2022 is "Vision 2030: Chemicals and Petrochemicals Build India".

What is the Status of Chemical Industry in India?

- India's chemical industry is extremely diversified and can be broadly classified into bulk chemicals, specialty chemicals, agrochemicals, petrochemicals, polymers and fertilisers.
 - Globally, India is the fourth-largest producer of agrochemicals after the United States, Japan and China.
 - India is the **sixth-largest producer of chemicals** in the world.
 - India is the **second-largest manufacturer and exporter of dyes** and accounts for ~16% of the world's production.
- The country's chemicals industry is **de-licensed**, **except for few hazardous chemicals**.
- India holds a strong position in exports and imports of chemicals at a global level and ranks 14th in exports and 8th in imports at global level (excluding pharmaceuticals).

What are the Related Government Initiatives?

- Under the Union Budget 2022-23, the government allocated Rs. 209 crores to the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals.
- Production linked incentive (PLI) Schemes have been introduced to promote <u>Bulk Drug Parks</u>
 - The government plans to implement PLI system with 10-20% output incentives for the agrochemical sector; to create an end-to-end manufacturing ecosystem through the growth of clusters.
- A 2034 vision for the chemicals and petrochemicals sector has been set up by the government to explore opportunities to improve domestic production, reduce imports and attract investments in the sector.

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