

# **Davos Summit: World Economic Forum**

For Prelims: World Economic Forum, Davos Agenda.

For Mains: Significance of Prime Minister's Address at Davos Summit.

### Why in News

Recently, the **Prime Minister addressed the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Davos Agenda** via video conferencing.

 The WEF annual meeting in Davos (Switzerland) engages the world's top leaders to shape global, regional and industry agendas.



# **Key Points**

- One Earth, One Health:
  - During the course of <u>Covid-19</u>, India saved many lives by exporting essential medicines and vaccines by following its vision of "One Earth, One Health".
    - India has delivered 1154.173 lakh doses of Covid-19 vaccines to 97 countries till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.
  - India is the **world's third-largest pharmaceutical producer** and is considered 'pharmacy to the world'.
- Pro-Planet People (P3) Approach:
  - Proposed the idea of the "P3 (Pro-Planet-People) movement" that underscores **India's** commitments to climate change at the global forum (UNFCCC COP 26).
    - Reiterated India's "clean, green, sustainable, and reliable" energy goals which dwell on achieving a net-zero carbon emission target by 2070.
  - Making LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment given by the Indian PM at UNFCCC COP 26
     Conference) into a mass movement can be a strong foundation for P3.

- LIFE is a vision of a resilient and sustainable lifestyle that will come handy in dealing with the climate crisis and other unpredictable challenges of the future.
- Throwaway culture and consumerism has enhanced the climate challenge.

## Reforms recently Undertaken by India:

- In physical and digital infrastructure like <u>optical fibre</u> in 6 lakh villages, 1.3 trillion dollars invested in connectivity-related infrastructure, the goal of generation of 80 billion dollars through asset monetization.
- **Gatishakti National Master Plan** to bring all the stakeholders on the single platform to infuse new dynamism to the seamless connectivity of goods, people and services.
- Today India has the world's largest, secure and successful digital payments platform.
  - In December 2021, 4.4 billion transactions were done through <u>Unified Payments</u> <u>Interface (UPI)</u> in India.
- Technological solutions like <u>Arogya-SetuApp</u> for tracking of Corona Infections and CoWinPortal for Vaccination.

#### India as an Investment Destination:

- Recently, various reform measures have been taken by the Government, such as the removal of <u>Retrospective taxation</u>, <u>reduction in compliance requirements</u> and simplification of the <u>Corporate Tax</u> <u>rate structure</u> making it the best Investment Destination today.
  - In the last year alone, India has reduced more than 25,000 compliances.
- Today, India has the third largest number of unicorns in the world. More than 10,000 start-ups have been registered in the last six months.
- India is promoting Ease of Doing Business, minimizing government intervention.
- Policy-making is focussed on needs for the next 25 years for a "clean and green" as well as "sustainable and reliable" growth.

# Challenges before Multilateral Organizations:

- When these institutions were formed, the situation was different. Today, the circumstances are different.
- Therefore, it is the responsibility of every democratic country to emphasize reforms in these institutions so that they can be enabled to meet the challenges of the present and future.

#### Collective Efforts for Challenges Ahead:

- There is a need for collective and synchronized action by every country, every global agency.
- Supply chain disruptions, inflation and climate change are examples of these.
- Another example is cryptocurrency. The kind of technology that is associated with it, the
  decisions taken by a single country will be insufficient to deal with its challenges.

### **World Economic Forum**

#### About:

- The World Economic Forum (WEF) is a Swiss nonprofit foundation established in 1971, based in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Recognized by the Swiss authorities as the international institution for public-private cooperation.

#### Mission:

- Committed to improving the state of the world by engaging business, political, academic, and other leaders of society to shape global, regional, and industry agendas.
- Founder and Executive Chairman: Klaus Schwab.
- Some major reports published by WEF are:
  - Energy Transition Index.
  - Global Competitiveness Report.
  - Global IT Report
    - WEF along with INSEAD, and Cornell University publishes this report.
  - Global Gender Gap Report.
  - Global Risk Report.
  - Global Travel and Tourism Report.

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