



## I2U2 Initiative

**For Prelims:** I2U2 initiative, Abraham Accords, QUAD

**For Mains:** Groupings and Agreements including India and affecting India's interest

### Why in News?

As part of I2U2 initiatives, India, Israel, UAE, and the US will hold its first virtual summit in July 2022.



### What is I2U2 Initiative?

#### ▪ Background:

- I2U2 was initially formed in October, 2021 following the [Abraham Accords](#) between Israel and the UAE, to deal with issues concerning [maritime security](#), infrastructure and transport in the region.
  - At that time, it was called the '**International Forum for Economic Cooperation**'.
  - That was referred as the '[West Asian Quad](#)'.

#### ▪ About:

- **I2U2** initiative is a new grouping of **India, Israel, USA and UAE**.

- In the grouping's name, '**I2**' stands for **India and Israel**, whereas '**U2**' stands for **USA and the UAE**.
- This is a great achievement which tells the geopolitical changes that happen in the region.
- This will not only **revitalize and re-energize the system of alliances and partnerships** around the world, but also **stitch together partnerships** that did not exist previously or were not utilized to their full extent.
- **Significance:**
  - **Security Cooperation:**
    - This will help the countries in **exploring security cooperation** among the four nations within the framework of these new groupings.
  - **Technological Hubs:**
    - Each of these countries is a technological hub.
      - **Biotechnology**, of course, is prominent in each of these countries as well.
  - **Food Security:**
    - This initiative offers an opportunity to discuss **food security**.
  - **Work Together in Different Fields:**
    - These countries could cooperate on a number of levels, whether it's technologies, trade, climate, fighting against **Covid-19**, or even security.

### What will be the Significance of I2U2 for India?

- **Advantage from Abraham Accords:**
  - India will get **advantage of the Abraham Accords** to deepen engagement with Israel without risking its ties with the UAE and the other Arab states.
- **Benefit Market:**
  - India is a **massive consumer market**. It's a massive producer of high-tech and highly sought-after goods as well. India will benefit from this grouping.
- **Alliances:**
  - It will help India in building alliances — **political alliances, social alliances**.

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