



World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2025

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Why in News?

The **2025 World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting** concluded in Davos, Switzerland, bringing together global leaders to discuss pressing issues under the theme **“Collaboration for the Intelligent Age.”**

What are the Key Takeaways From 2025 WEF?

- **Sustainability:** The meeting stressed that sustainability is vital for **business resilience**, urging companies to align growth with global sustainability goals for profitability and societal impact.
- **Emerging Technologies:** The 2025 WEF highlighted that **Artificial Intelligence** and **green tech** offer both opportunities and challenges.
 - Responsible AI frameworks and **ethical balance** with progress is key to improving supply chains, reducing **emissions**, and enhancing transparency.
- **Partnerships:** Emphasized that global challenges require multi-sectoral partnerships for impactful solutions. Effective collaborations could unlock **USD 12 trillion in market opportunities by 2030**.
- **Climate Action:** Stressed the need for **urgent climate action**, ensuring **decarbonization** includes a fair transition for workers and communities.
- **India at the 2025 WEF:**
 - **Investment Commitments:** India secured over Rs 20 lakh crore in investment commitments, with Maharashtra securing nearly 80% of the total.
 - **States' Contributions:** Telangana secured Rs 1.79 lakh crore investment, Kerala emphasized its **industrial transformation**, and Uttar Pradesh highlighted its **vision to become a USD 1 trillion economy by 2029 with Zero poverty**.

World Economic Forum

- **Founded:** German engineer and economist **Klaus Schwab** in 1971 founded the European Management Forum, it became the WEF in 1987.
 - In 2015, WEF was officially recognized as an international organization, headquartered in **Geneva, Switzerland**.
- **Purpose:** To engage leaders from business, government, and civil society to address global challenges and promote economic and social progress.
 - Introduced the **Stakeholder Capitalism** concept, emphasizing that companies should prioritize long-term value creation, benefiting all stakeholders.
- **Annual Meeting:** WEF Annual Meeting held in Davos, Switzerland, with over 3,000 participants including world leaders, business executives, and economists.
- **Focus:** Global issues like economic growth, climate change, technology, and geopolitical uncertainties.
- **Funding:** Primarily funded by global corporations with annual turnovers above USD 5 billion.
- **Reports:** [Global Competitiveness Report](#), [Global Gender Gap Report](#), [Future of Jobs Report](#), [Global Risks Report](#), and [Global Travel and Tourism Report](#).

- **Index:** Travel & Tourism Development Index (TTDI).
- **Influence:** Has played a role in major diplomatic breakthroughs, such as the **creation of the G20**.

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

Prelims

Q1. Which of the following gives 'Global Gender Gap Index' ranking to the countries of the world? (2017)

- (a) World Economic Forum
- (b) UN Human Rights Council
- (c) UN Women
- (d) World Health Organization

Ans: (a)

Q2. Who among the following is the founder of World Economic Forum? (2009)

- (a) Klaus Schwab
- (b) John Kenneth Galbraith
- (c) Hobert Zoellick
- (d) Paul Krugman

Ans (a)

Q3. The Global Competitiveness Report is published by the (2019)

- (a) International Monetary Fund
- (b) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) World Bank

Ans: (c)