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I2U2

I2U2 stands for India, Israel, the UAE, and the US, and was also referred to as the '**West Asian Quad**'.

- The group was first conceptualised in October 2021, during a meeting of the foreign ministers of the four countries in Israel. At that time, the grouping was called the '**International Forum for Economic Cooperation**'.
- The organisation addressed marine security, infrastructure, digital infrastructure, and transportation challenges.

Objectives of I2U2

I2U2 is aimed to encourage joint investments in six mutually identified areas such as:

- Water,
- Energy,
- Transportation,
- Space,
- Health, and
- Food security.
- **Private sector capital and expertise** will help the countries to modernise infrastructure, explore **low carbon development avenues** for industries, improve **public health**, and promote the development of critical emerging and **green technologies**.

- India, Israel and the UAE are technological hubs and there are many areas where these countries can work together such as technology, trade, climate, COVID-19 and security as well.
- I2U2 tries to explore security cooperation among the four nations within the framework of the new grouping.

Significance of the Group

Israel and the Abraham Accords:

- The formation of this group signifies Israel's increasing integration into the region, through the Abraham Accords.
- The Abraham Accords of 2020 had led to Israel formally normalising diplomatic ties with the UAE and two other countries in the region, marking an important shift in the stance of West Asian countries on Israel.

India and west Asia:

- The grouping also points to India's growing engagement with countries in West Asia including Israel, with whom India has developed closer ties.
- India and the West Asian countries in I2U2 could come together and work on food security and agricultural technology.

Significance for India

- India has had individual bilateral relations with West Asian nations. This grouping is a first where relations with two West Asian nations are being merged. And the Abraham accords provide the advantage of further engaging with Arab nations as well.
- The platform is significant for attracting West Asian businesses and investors to India's massive consumer market.
- This grouping will also help India strengthen its position in the West Asian geopolitics both strategically and economically.
- The Indian diaspora in West Asian nations will have a significant impact on the remittances and the I2U2 will help enhance the cooperation further.
- For the UAE, apart from being an oil importer, India, owing to its massive IT industries, is a source of diversification and modernization.

- Indo-Israeli relations are flourishing currently with defence relations being the underpinning of this growing strategic convergence.

Summits

The first-ever I2U2 Virtual Summit was held comprising India, Israel, the UAE, and the US.

Key Highlights of the Summit

- The group will invest in a hybrid renewable energy project in Gujarat. It will consist of 300 megawatts (MW) of wind and solar capacity, complemented by a battery energy storage system. The project is expected to be another step in India's quest for "500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030".
- The grouping focused on the food security crisis and clean energy during their meeting . The United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced to invest USD 2 billion in India to develop **Food Parks** across the country.

Food parks and its significance

- Food Park is a concept that aims at establishing the direct linkages from the farm to processing to consumer markets.
- It comprises Collection Centres (CCs) and Primary Processing Centres (PPCs) linked to a Central Processing Centre.
- Investments in Food Parks will help maximize crop yields and, in turn, help tackle **food insecurity** in South Asia and the Middle East.
- They are aimed at cutting down "food waste and spoilage".
- India is a major, major food producer in the world.
- The focus on food and energy security has acquired urgency in the backdrop of the current military **situation in Ukraine** that has unleashed cascading negative effects on food, energy and other sectors.
- Farmers' income will multiply and they will come on board.
- India was chosen as the location for the food project because of its proximity to Israel and the UAE that will help in creating a smooth agriculture supply chain.

Way forward

Gulf countries and India have witnessed an extraordinary turnaround in their relationship. Because of India's diaspora presence and its "Look West" policy of intensifying already

flourishing relations with major powers in the Middle East, New Delhi holds a deep strategic relationship with the region.

United States can play a critical and central role in helping deepen Israel's integration into the region, India has a role to play in that as well.



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