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## GLOBAL SECURITY INITIATIVE ( THE HINDU )

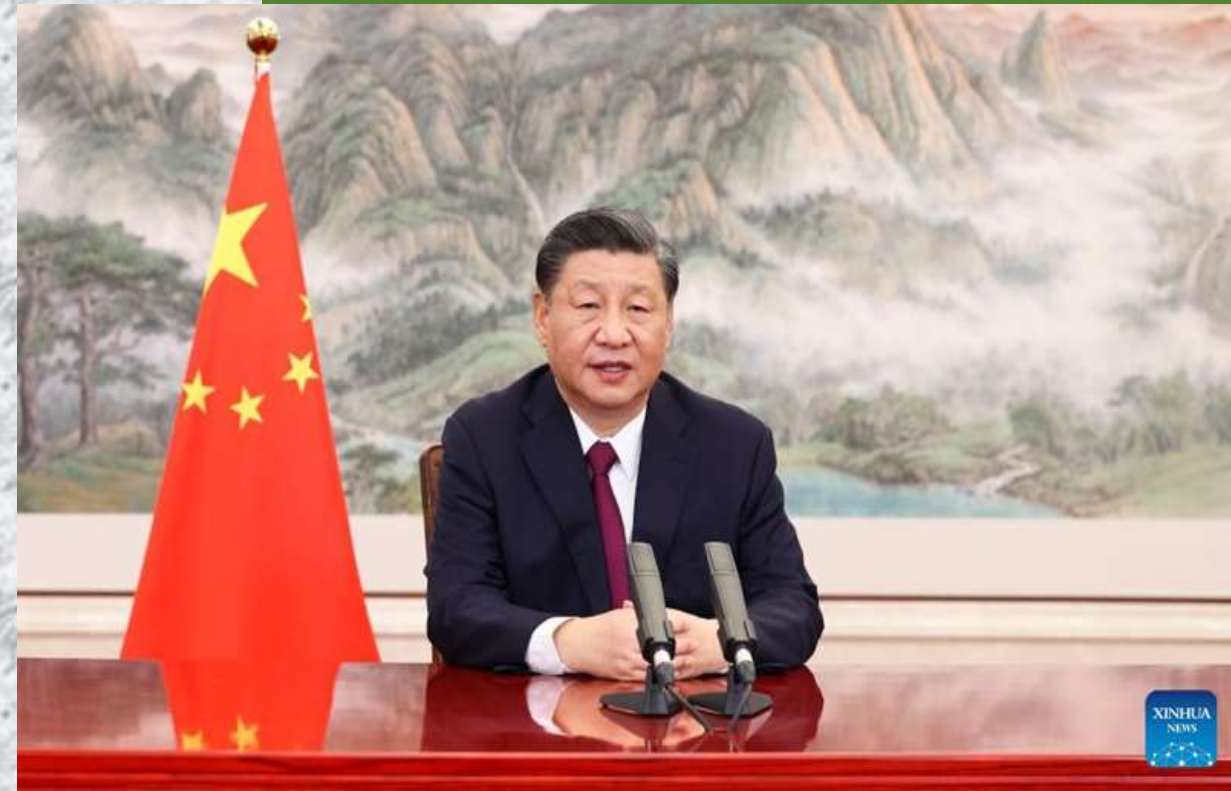
## COVERED IN GS : 3 ( INTERNATIONAL RELATION )

## NEWS

A new Global Security Initiative put forward by Chinese President Xi Jinping will look to counter the U.S. Indo-Pacific strategy and the Quad — the India, U.S., Australia, Japan grouping — according to Chinese officials.

## About:

- ❖ Xi last week first proposed what he called a Global Security Initiative, speaking at the Boao Forum in China, warning against “hegemonism, power politics and bloc confrontation”.
- ❖ China would like to propose a Global Security Initiative, which would “oppose unilateralism, and say no to group politics and bloc confrontation.”
- ❖ This would “oppose the wanton use of unilateral sanctions and long-arm jurisdiction”, appearing to refer to Western sanctions.



- ❖ China’s proposed security initiative would “oppose” what he called “the destruction of the international order under the banner of so-called ‘rules’ and the dragging of the world under the cloud of the ‘new cold war’”, and would “build an Asian security model of mutual respect, openness and integration”.

**MSME SUSTAINABLE (ZED) CERTIFICATION SCHEME  
( THE HINDU )****COVERED IN GS : 3 ( ECONOMICS )****NEWS**

Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises launched the MSME Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme.

**About:**

- ❖ This Scheme is an extensive drive to enable and facilitate MSMEs adopt Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) practices and motivate and incentivize them for ZED Certification while also encouraging them to become MSME Champions.
- ❖ Through the journey of ZED Certification, MSMEs can reduce wastages substantially, increase productivity, enhance environmental consciousness, save energy, optimally use natural resources, expand their markets, etc.



Under the Scheme, MSMEs will get subsidy as per the following structure, on the cost of ZED certification:

1. Micro Enterprises: 80%
2. Small Enterprises: 60%
3. Medium Enterprises: 50%

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- ❖ There will be an additional subsidy of 10% for the MSMEs owned by Women/SC/ST Entrepreneurs OR MSMEs in NER/Himalayan/LWE/Island territories/aspirational districts.
- ❖ In addition to above, there will be an additional subsidy of 5% for MSMEs which are also a part of the SFURTI OR Micro & Small Enterprises - Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) of the Ministry.
- ❖ Further, a limited purpose joining reward of Rs. 10,000/- will be offered to each MSME once they take the ZED Pledge

## WORLD MILITARY EXPENDITURE ( THE HINDU )

## COVERED IN GS : 3 ( DEFENCE )

## NEWS

Total global military expenditure increased by 0.7 per cent in real terms in 2021, to reach \$2113 billion, according to new data on global military spending published today by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

## About:

- ❖ The five largest spenders in 2021 were the United States, China, India, the United Kingdom and Russia, together accounting for 62 per cent of expenditure.
- ❖ Even amid the economic fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic, world military spending hit record levels.
- ❖ India's military spending of \$76.6 billion ranked third highest in the world. This was up by 0.9 per cent from 2020 and by 33 per cent from 2012.

## The Countries With The Highest Military Expenditure

Total military expenditure by country in 2020  
(in billion U.S. dollars)



\* Estimate  
Source: Sipri



statista

- ❖ In a push to strengthen the indigenous arms industry, 64 per cent of capital outlays in the military budget of 2021 were earmarked for acquisitions of domestically produced arms.
- ❖ The USA and China alone accounted for 52 per cent. China, the world's second largest spender, allocated an estimated USD 293 billion to its military in 2021, an increase of 4.7 per cent from 2020 and 72 per cent from 2012.

## UNEMPLOYMENT ( THE INDIAN EXPRESS )

## COVERED IN GS : 3 ( ECONOMICS )

## NEWS

Data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) shows that India's labour force participation rate (LFPR) has fallen to just 40% from an already low 47% in 2016.

## About:

- ❖ This suggests not only that more than half of India's population in the working-age group (15 years and older) is deciding to sit out of the job market, but also that this proportion of people is increasing.
- ❖ There is a crucial commonality between the two categories — they both have people “demanding” jobs. This demand is what LFPR refers to. While those in category 1 succeed in getting a job, those in category 2 fail to do so.

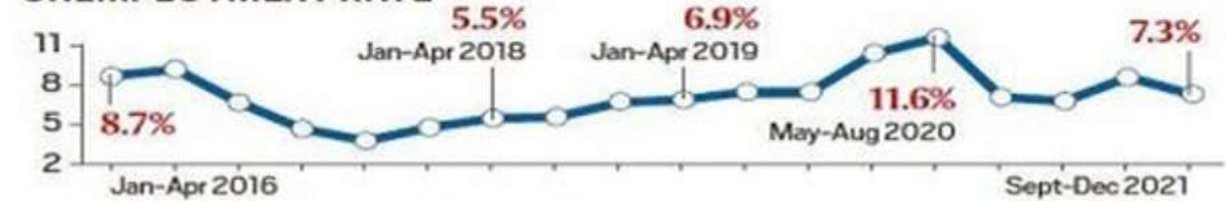
CHART 1

## LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION &amp; EMPLOYMENT RATES



CHART 2

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



Source: Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy

- ❖ Thus, the LFPR essentially is the percentage of the working-age (15 years or older) population that is asking for a job; it represents the “demand” for jobs in an economy. It includes those who are employed and those who are unemployed.

## 'KISAN BHAGIDARI PRATHMIKTA HAMARI' CAMPAIGN ( THE INDIAN EXPRESS )

**COVERED IN GS : 3 ( ECONOMICS )**

### NEWS

To commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Ministry of Agriculture is organizing a week long special campaign on 'Kisan Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari' to create awareness on various schemes and their benefits for the farming community across the country.

### About:

- ❖ As part of the campaign, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) and Ministry of Rural Development will hold wide range of awareness activities tomorrow.
- ❖ As part of the campaign, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare will organize demonstration on farm machinery through their FMTTIs (Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute) at different locations across the country tomorrow.



- ❖ FMTTIs will also impart training to the women farmers simultaneously. Along with the physical field visits, online webinar will also be organised to provide interface between innovators and industries.
- ❖ The Ministry will organise field visits to Sunflower cultivation sites in Ambala Kurukshetra (Haryana) Fatehgarh Saheb (Punjab) and mustard farms in Jammu, Kathua and Udhampur (JK).

- ❖ Kisan Goshti programmes will also be organised to make farmers aware about the benefits of cultivation of cash crops.
- ❖ Training on microrhizome based disease free planting material production in Ginger and Turmeric will be provided by Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development at Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur.