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








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An emerging order? | Millenium Post

- G7 (Group of 7) - **most industrialised countries** in the world
- From **June 11-13**, G-7 leaders at **Cornwall** in the UK
- This event is expected to herald the return to **in-person exchange of ideas**

UNITED STATES



CANADA



UNITED KINGDOM



FRANCE



ITALY



GERMANY



JAPAN



Group of 7 (G7)



- The **2020 edition** of the summit was **cancelled**.
- Leaders from **Australia, India** and **South Korea** will also join G-7
- The invitation to the **three countries** reflects the altering geo-strategic landscape amid the UK's inclination towards **Indo-Pacific** and the attitude towards **China**.



- Ahead of the summit, **Foreign Ministers of G7 countries** plus the **European Union** along with counterparts from **three invitees** met during the **first week of May** to finetune issues of concern for the grouping in the backdrop of the **global pandemic** and **climate change** — two of the most difficult challenges the world continues to grapple with.



- **Post-Brexit phase**
- The UK is fast-tracking expansion in its **economic** and **trade ties** with several countries.
- In addition, the UK envisages **New Delhi** as a **major power in the continent** that can stand up to the rising might of **China**.

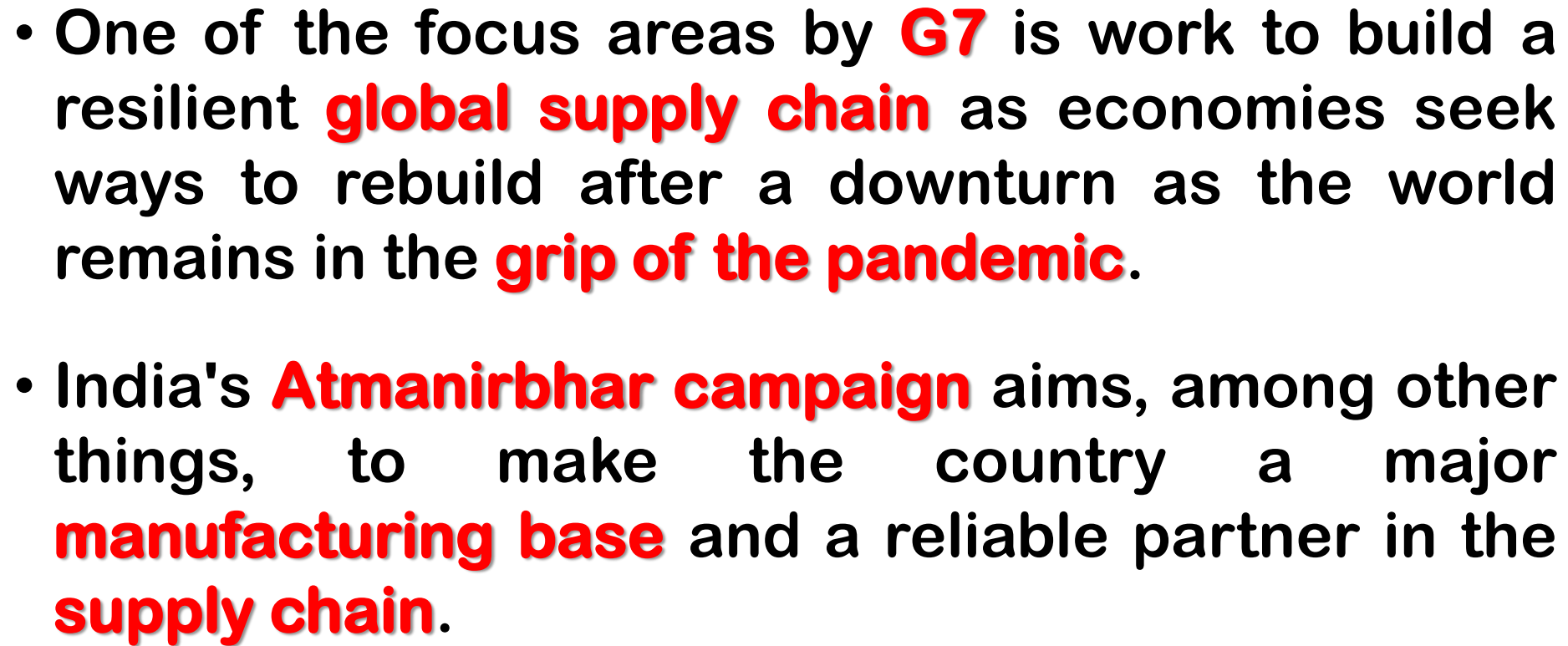
- In a specific reference, the statement encourages **China** to constructively take part in the **rules-based international system**.
- *"It is in all of our interests, including that of China, to take actions that address global challenges including climate change and biodiversity loss, to promote economic recovery from COVID-19 and to support the fight against the current pandemic and prevent future ones. We look for opportunities to work with China to promote regional and global peace, security and prosperity".*

5G

ZTE



- Last July, the UK banned **China's telecom** giant Huawei from taking part in the 5G network development.
- Recently, **India** too kept out the network as it invited **domestic telecom service** providers for trials.
- Interestingly, among the countries that have the technology include **South Korea** and **European giants**.





- Dealing with the **pandemic** remains a priority
- Mitigating the effects of **climate change**
- **United States** re-joining the global efforts

- In the geostrategic context, while committing to exploring concrete cooperation the statement underscores the centrality of **ASEAN** and the **ASEAN** outlook on **Indo-Pacific**.
- The position matches with India's own recognition of the centrality of **ASEAN**, a viewpoint articulated by PM **Modi** at the **Shangrila Dialogue in 2018**.

- The **G7 plus European Union** statement on **Indo-Pacific** should bring clarity on the issue as not all countries in the continent share **similar enthusiasm for the construct**.
- The meeting of the G7 also comes in the backdrop of the **British Prime Minister Boris Johnson** suggesting last July about a new grouping of **Democratic-10** that includes G7 countries, Australia, India and South Korea, all of which, will be participating at Cornwall.

NEWS

- **PM Modi assures country to overcome challenge of Corona pandemic with strength & dedication**
- **COVID-19 recovery rate improves to 83.50%; Over 3.43 lakh new cases reported**
- **Nearly 18 crore COVID vaccine doses administered in the country so far**
- **PM Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras making significant contributions in fight against COVID-19 pandemic with essential medicines at affordable cost**

- **Govt says, over 4.17 crore rural households have been provided with new tap water connection under Jal Jeevan Mission**
- **Cyclone Tauktae warning: NDRF deployed 24 teams in Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat & Maharashtra**
- **Railways delivers nearly 7900 tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen to various states across country in last 20 days**
- **NHRC issues advisory for upholding dignity and protecting rights of dead**

- **Japan declares state of emergency in 3 more prefectures hit hard by COVID-19 pandemic**
- **Paris city council puts forward plan to drastically reduce car traffic in centre of French capital by 2022**
- **Pablo Picasso's "Woman Sitting Near a Window" sold for USD 103.4 million at Christie's in New York**
- **China ascribes price surge in medical products procured by Indian traders for COVID-19 to demand-supply mismatch**



- **Vigilant troops of BSF recover arms and ammunition dropped from a Pakistani drone in Samba district of J&K**
- **Heavy rain continues to lash southern parts of Kerala as low-pressure area over Arabian Sea nears State coast**
- **Covid-19: Chhattisgarh govt will bear all education, other expenses of orphaned children**
- **Haryana CM urges farmers protesting at Delhi borders to suspend their stir amid ravaging Covid-19 situation**



OPINION EDITORIALS

How to vaccinate 1 crore Indians/day | HT



- 2nd wave of the **pandemic** in India
- Unparalleled **adversity** to Indians
- **Lessons** from around the **world** - vaccinate our citizens quickly.
- How can we build the capability to both create supply and **vaccinate 1 crore Indians** every day.

- Existing and future candidate-vaccines are in three groups.
- Covaxin, Covishield, Sputnik
- J&J, Pfizer, Moderna
- Covovax, ZyCoV-D, Gennova, Bio E protein subunit, DBT nasal vaccine

- For ramping up to **10 million doses a day**, we need to expand capacity of current vaccines to meet **50-60%** of the **required supply**.
- To bridge the gap, we need to accelerate both the **development of vaccines in advanced stages** and **bringing other vaccines** into India.
- We have administered **170 million shots** so far.

- As per the recent run rate, we will likely reach about **450 million shots** by the end of **July**.
- If we start vaccinating **10 million per day beginning in August**, which is admittedly at least three times the current run rate, by the end of October we will reach **1.35 billion shots**.
- This means vaccinating **80% of our entire adult population** (roughly 850 million people, 1.7 billion shots) by the end of October.

- Vaccinating 10 million a day takes us close to what countries such as the **United States** (US) and the **United Kingdom** (UK) accomplished at their peak (at least **1%** of the population **per day**).
- It will also enable us to cover the population **beyond adults** — all those above **12 years**, a trend we are seeing in countries that were early movers.

1. **US Operation Warp Speed in May 2020**
2. **Government + private sector**
3. **Capitalise on the Indian pharma industry's manufacturing strength**
4. **Leverage our diplomatic relationships**
5. **Centre State Coordination**
6. **Tiered vaccination delivery network**
7. **Digital technology**

When India overtakes China | HT

- China's population is growing at its **slowest pace** in decades, adding **72 million people** in the past decade.
- This means that **India** is set to overtake its **neighbour** as the **world's most populous country by 2025**, perhaps sooner.
- While India's challenges are often attributed to its large population and the pressure it creates on resources, **population growth can be an asset**, if harnessed properly.

- **India's challenge** has been visible since **2018**, when the country's working-age population (people between **15 and 64 years**) **grew larger** than the **dependent population** (children aged 14 or below as well as people above 65 years).
- This bulge in the **working-age population** is going to last till **2055**.
- Many countries — including **China** (which entered this stage in 1994) — have used this window to attain their developmental goals.

- However, a young population structure, on its own, **does not guarantee economic growth**.
- This is intrinsically linked with other factors such as ensuring access to basic **education**, **health** and **skilling**, which can make the young population healthy and productive.
- A key feature of India's population story is its **regional disparity**, which may be sharpened by the **pandemic** and its impact on the economy and state finances.

- According to **UNFPA**, the **young bulge** in the population will occur in the most under-developed and under-resourced parts of the country: Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.
- These **five states** will account for more than half the growth in the **labour force** in India.

- While these states will need universal access to **quality sexual and reproductive health information and services**, and provisioning of **education, life** and **vocational skills** to young people, demographically advanced states such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi and Punjab will need to **strengthen social and health security** for their ageing population.

- The **regional disparity** in demography and economic development also means that there will be **large-scale migration**.
- The Centre and states must focus on issues of housing, health care, education and skills, and states must provide portability of identity proof and entitlements.
- India will soon race ahead of China in terms of size, but its **real test** is how it equips all its citizens.

Ans

- Yaounde
- Africa
- Revenue
- **9.3%**

MCQ

- Name the latest district captured by Taliban from Afghanistan Government.
- A. Saydabad
 - B. Jaghatu
 - C. Nerkh
 - D. Jalrez

MCQ

- Which 2 Indian states have stopped vaccinating 18-44 age group due to shortage in Vaccine?
- A. Kerala and Karnataka
 - B. Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra
 - C. Karnataka and Maharashtra
 - D. Kerala and Tamil Nadu

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