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<p>International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India will host the second Asia Pacific (APAC) ministerial conference on civil aviation. This event will be jointly organized by the Indian government and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). <p>About ICAO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intergovernmental specialized agency of the United Nations (UN). Established in 1947 by the Convention on International Civil Aviation (1944), known as the Chicago Convention. Headquarters: Montreal, Canada Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote safe and orderly development of international civil aviation Set standards and regulations for aviation safety, security, efficiency, and environmental protection Serve as a forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 193 member states Promote regional and international agreements to liberalize aviation markets Help establish legal standards Assembly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delegates from all member countries Meets every three years Air Navigation Commission: Appointed by the Council to address technical matters.
<p>World Heritage Young Professionals Forum</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Culture is hosting the 2024 World Heritage Young Professionals Forum as part of the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee and the UNESCO World Heritage Education Programme. <p>About World Heritage Young Professionals Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Platform for Youth and Heritage Experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fosters intercultural learning and exchange Opportunity for youth to learn about each other's heritage Discuss common concerns in preservation



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discover new roles in heritage conservation ● Forum Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specific topic linked to World Heritage ○ Aligned with Host Country's World Heritage properties ● Sub-Themes Tackled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Achievements and challenges of the World Heritage Convention ○ Climate change impact on World Heritage sites ○ Innovative technologies for promoting World Heritage ○ Sustainable tourism and development through young entrepreneurship.
<p>India Young Professional Scheme</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The UK Home Office has announced the details for the second and final ballot of 2024 for the India Young Professional Scheme. <p>About India Young Professional Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conception and Launch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Part of an India-U.K. Migration and Mobility MoU signed in May 2021. ○ Announced at the G20 summit in Bali in November 2021. ○ Formally launched in February 2023. ● Key Features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Permits up to 3,000 degree-holding citizens aged to live and work in each other's countries for two years. ○ India is the first visa-national country to benefit from this scheme. ● Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indian citizens aged between 18 and 30 years. ○ Must hold a bachelor's degree or higher. ○ Must have £2,530 in savings. ○ Must not have any children under 18 who live with them or whom they financially support. ○ Must be selected in the India Young Professionals Scheme ballot. ○ Cannot have previously been in the UK under this scheme or the Youth Mobility Scheme visa.
<p>U-WIN portal</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The U-WIN portal, modeled after the Covid-19 vaccine management system Co-WIN, is set to launch nationwide by the end of August. <p>About U-WIN portal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Electronic Registry for Immunizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintains a digital record of routine immunizations. ○ Currently in pilot mode across all states and Union



	<p>Territories, except for West Bengal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Target Population: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Captures vaccination events for pregnant women and children under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). ○ Records vaccination events for children aged 0-5 years and pregnant women. ● Timely Administration of Vaccines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensures timely administration of vaccine doses. ○ Digitally records every vaccination event. ● E-Vaccination Certificate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Generates a uniform QR-based, digitally verifiable e-vaccination certificate. ○ Accessible anytime by citizens through a single click, similar to the Covid vaccination certificate. ● Single Source of Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Records pregnancy details and outcomes, newborn registration, and immunizations at birth. ○ Updates vaccination status and delivery outcomes in real-time. ● Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) IDs: Facilitates the creation of ABHA IDs for comprehensive health record maintenance. ● Support for Frontline Workers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enables frontline workers to digitally record all vaccination events for children and pregnant women. ○ Ensures complete, accurate, and easy record maintenance.
<p>FishMIP Initiative</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Ecosystem Model Intercomparison Project (FishMIP) report projects that exploitable fish biomass will decline by more than 10% by mid-century in many regions, especially under high-emissions scenarios. <p>About FishMIP Initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Fisheries and Marine Ecosystem Model Intercomparison Project (FishMIP) was officially launched in 2013. ● Provides knowledge to industry and governments for effective planning of adaptive and resilient seafood sectors under climate change. ● Collaborated with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to understand long-term impacts of climate change on marine ecosystems and fisheries using state-of-the-art numerical models. ● In 2024, FishMIP 2.0 was established to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase the reliability of modelling projections. ○ Address a broader set of policy-related questions relevant to food security and marine resource



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