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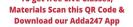
Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>CBDT has rolled out Dispute Resolution Scheme (e-DRS), 2022, to minimize litigation.</li> <li>Key Points: <ul> <li>The Central Board of Revenue, as the Department's apex body charged with the administration of taxes, came into existence as a result of the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1924.</li> <li>It is a statutory authority functioning under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1924.</li> <li>It is a statutory authority functioning under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963.</li> <li>The CBDT is a part of the Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance.</li> <li>Its functions include formulation of policies, dealing with matters relating to levy and collection of direct taxes, and supervision of the functioning of the entire Income Tax Department.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Places in news: Vadhavan Port	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>Recently, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Vadhvan Port in Palghar, Maharashtra.</li> </ul>





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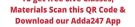
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	<ul> <li>Key Points: <ul> <li>Vadhavan Port is a proposed deep sea port at Vadhavan in Palghar district of Maharashtra.</li> <li>The port will be built on the coast of the Arabian Sea.</li> <li>The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) is responsible for the construction of the port.</li> <li>After the construction of the port, it will be one of the deepest sea ports in India after Vizhinjam International Seaport Thiruvananthapuram.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Important Events: Global Fintech Fest (GFF)	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.</li> <li>Key Points: <ul> <li>GEF was jointly organized by the Payments Council of India, National Payments Corporation of India, and Fintech Convergence Council.</li> <li>Fintech (Financial Technology) rely primarily on technology and cloud services to provide financial services to customers (like Paytm, PhonePe).</li> </ul> </li> <li>The GFF includes exhibitions of fintech innovations, investment pitches, workshops, launching of thought leadership reports and academic papers, and hackathons.</li> </ul>
	• The <b>Global Fintech Awards (GFA)</b> , which recognise and celebrate exceptional initiatives in







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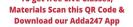


	the fintech ecosystem by individuals and enterprises from across the world, are instituted under the GFF.
	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>A deep depression currently situated over Saurashtra and Kachchh regions of Gujarat is expected to intensify into a cyclonic storm (Cyclone Asna).</li> <li>Cyclone Asna would be the first cyclone to form in August in the North Indian Ocean (NIO) region since 1981 and the first in the Arabian Sea since 1976.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Key Points:</li> <li>A cyclone is a large-scale system of air that rotates around the center of a low-pressure area.</li> <li>The cyclone forms around the low-pressure area, called a depression, along a zone of cold and warm air exchange called the 'eye wall'.</li> <li>The eye is the central and calmest part of the cyclone.</li> <li>The air circulates inward in an: <ul> <li>anticlockwise direction in the Northern hemisphere</li> <li>clockwise in the Southern hemisphere.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>India has yet to take a decision on Pakistan's invitation to the SCO meet.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Key Points:</li><li>It is an intergovernmental political, economic, and</li></ul>



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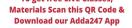
security alliance founded in 2001 by Kazakhstan,
China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Uzbekistan, and
Tajikistan
• The first summit was held in Shanghai, China, in
2001.

- The SCO aims to promote cooperation and mutual support in areas such as trade, investment, energy, transportation, and security.
- Headquarters: Beijing, China.









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