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Topic: Asia's largest Compressed Biogas in Punjab

Importance: Punjab PCS Prelims and Mains

What is the news?

- Punjab's New and Renewable Energy Sources Minister Aman Arora shared that ***Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant, which commissioned in April this year has started commercial production in State's Sangrur district.***
- Plant with a total capacity of 33.23 tonne CBG per day had commissioned at village Bhuttal Kalan (Sangrur) in April, 2022, and had started commercial production of the CBG, which was being supplied to Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) outlet.
- In addition to this, Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) has also allocated 42 additional CBG projects of a total capacity 492.58 tons per day (TPD) based on paddy straw and other agro-residue to develop a lasting and sustainable solution to prevent stubble-burning problem while also strengthening the rural economy



How this project will contribute?

- These projects were expected to fetch private investment of around ₹1,200 crore, besides generating employment opportunities for 8,000 skilled and unskilled persons.
- With these projects, emission of Green House gases will also be reduced and the rural economy will get a boost by providing additional income to farmers from the agro residue.
- There is huge potential for CBG projects based on agro-waste in the State of Punjab.
- Along with this Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) is setting up a project of capacity 100 KL 2G ethanol per day based on paddy straw and other agro-residue in Bathinda district, which would be completed by February 2023. This project will consume about 2 lac tonne paddy straw annually.

(Source: The Hindu)

Topic: Punjab's first Liquid Oxygen, Nitrogen manufacturing plant

Importance: Punjab PCS Prelims and Mains

What is the news?

- A Big Boost for Industries and Medical establishment in ***Punjab as the states first Liquid Oxygen***, Nitrogen manufacturing plant is now operational with a capacity

of 178 Ton Per Day at District Fatehgarh Sahib.



What this plant will produce?

- The plant shall produce critical gases such as Liquid Oxygen, Argon & Nitrogen for industry and hospitals alike.

To whom this will support?

- This will be a big support to steel and pharma industry at large in the State.

CEO of Vayu Products Pvt. Ltd. shared:

- Due to strong support from Invest Punjab and business friendly ecosystem in the State, the plant was setup in

a record time of 13 months from the ground breaking. The plant will fulfill the aspirational and growth need of the industries and citizen for a sustainable and holistic growth.

(Source: Punjab Government)

Topic: Punjab Aviation Museum

Importance: Punjab PCS Prelims and Mains

What is the news?

- The Punjab government has decided to set up '***Punjab Aviation Museum***' at the ***civil Aerodrome in Patiala***.



Purpose:

- The museum will showcase the journey of Punjab in the field of civil aviation.

How it will help?

- The upcoming museum will help understand the history of the aviation sector in the state. Towards this end, it can exhibit artifacts; replicas of aircrafts, photographs, maps, models, diagrams, clothing and equipment used by aviators can also be displayed at the museum.
- The CM said the museum should also periodicals, technical manuals, photographs and personal archives, which are often made available to aviation researchers for use in writing articles or books or to aircraft restoration specialists working on restoring an aircraft.

(Source: thestatesman)

Topic: Industry Summit – Vision Punjab

Importance: Punjab PCS Prelims and Mains

What is the news?

- Assocham in partnership with ***Invest Punjab***, is organizing the first of its kind ***Industry Summit – Vision Punjab*** on 26 August 2022 Mohali.
- CM Bhagwant Mann would grace the occasion as the Chief Guest.

About Assocham:

1) The Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) is the country's oldest apex chamber. It brings in actionable insights to strengthen the Indian ecosystem, leveraging its network of more than 4,50,000 members, of which MSMEs represent a large segment. With a strong presence in the states, and key cities globally, ASSOCHAM also has more than 400 associations, federations and regional chambers in its fold.

2) Aligned with the vision of creating a New India, ASSOCHAM works as a conduit between the industry and the Government. The Chamber is an agile and forward-looking institution, leading various initiatives to enhance the global competitiveness of the Indian industry, while strengthening the domestic ecosystem.

3) With more than 100 national and regional sector councils, ASSOCHAM is an impactful representative of the Indian industry. These Councils are led by well-known industry leaders, academicians, economists and independent professionals. The Chamber focuses on aligning critical needs and interests of the industry with the growth aspirations of the nation.

4) ASSOCHAM is driving four strategic priorities – Sustainability, Empowerment, Entrepreneurship and Digitisation. The Chamber believes that affirmative action in

these areas would help drive an inclusive and sustainable socio-economic growth for the country.

(Source: Punjab Government)

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