

About Portal

- This new Vanijya Bhawan and NIRYAT portal represent our aspirations of an '**Atmanirbhar Bharat**'.
- It will bring positive changes in the field of trade and commerce, especially for MSMEs.
- New Vanijya Bhawan will significantly benefit people associated with trade, commerce and MSME sector.
- Despite global disruptions last year, India exported a total of \$670 billion- ₹50 lakh crores. Exports vital to a country's progress. Initiatives like 'Vocal for Local' have also accelerated country's exports.
- The commercial building is also a symbol of our achievements in the field of commerce during this period.
- India ranked 46th in the Global Innovation Index and are continuously improving.
- The government's emphasis on local products through the Vocal for Local campaign, 'One district, one product' scheme, has also helped in increasing exports.

National Conference on Millets

In News

Union Minister of State for M/o Food Processing Industries, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated the National Conference on Millets on the theme '**The Future Super Food for India**' in New Delhi, organised by industry body ASSOCHAM with the support of M/o Food Processing Industries.

About the conference

- The conference has been organised to discuss opportunities and challenges in ensuring food and nutritional security.
- The production of coarse cereals in the country has increased to 17.96 million tonnes in 2020-21 from 14.52 million tonnes in 2015-16 and the production of bajra (pearl millet) has also increased to 10.86 million tonnes in the same period.

Millets

- The Millets have been among the oldest eatables in the country.
- It is a crop grown from small seeds which can be grown well in dry areas or even on lands with deficient and low fertility thus is known as the **superfood** of India.
- Millets can develop from seeds to ready-to-harvest crops in just about 65 days and this characteristic of the millets is of vital importance in thickly populated regions of the world.
- If stored properly, millets can keep well for two years or beyond.
- The major millets producing states in India include Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.
- India is now the 5th largest exporter of millets globally.
- The year 2023 will be the international year of millets that will create value generation and promotion of sustainable products in food choices.

Bharat New Car Assessment Programme

In News

The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued a notification that sets regulations for Bharat New Car Assessment Programme under which star ratings will be issued for automobiles based on their level of protection.