



Vaibhav Summit

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Why in News

Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit will be inaugurated on **2nd October 2020** - the **birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**.

It will be followed by **online month-long deliberation sessions** among researchers.

Key Points

- **About VAIBHAV Summit:**
 - It is a **global summit of Overseas and Resident Indian scientists** and academicians.
 - **Key areas of discussion** will include: **quantum technologies, artificial intelligence** and machine learning, communications technologies, computational and data sciences and aerospace technologies among others.
- **Objectives:**
 - To bring out the comprehensive roadmap to **leverage the expertise and knowledge of global Indian researchers** for solving emerging challenges.
 - To reflect in-depth on the collaboration and **cooperation** instruments **with academia and scientists in India**.
 - To **create an ecosystem of Knowledge and Innovation** in the country through global outreach.
- **Organisers:** The Summit is a **joint effort of various Science & Technology (S&T) and Academic organisations**, including **Department of S&T, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**.

- **Significance:**

- To boost the innovation ecosystem in India, VAIBHAV will add a new dimension to **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**.

AIM is Government of India's flagship initiative to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country.

- The summit seeks active support and ideation from Indian Diaspora for developing skills of Indian aspirants in alignment with the **New Educational Policy**.

NEP 2020 aims to pave the way for transformational reforms in school and higher education systems in the country.

- With Indian roots, global outlook and experience, accomplished scientists, researchers and academicians of Indian descent, around the world can play a vital part in the "**Aatmanirbhar Bharat**" initiative.

The initiative is based on 5 pillars- Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand.

- **Other Government Initiatives involving Overseas Indian:**

- **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)** is celebrated on **9th January** every year to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India.
- **Know India Program (KIP)** is a flagship initiative of the **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** for diaspora engagement which familiarizes Indian-origin youth (18-30 years) with their Indian roots and contemporary India.
- **VAJRA (Visiting Advanced Joint Research) Faculty Scheme** of the **Department of S&T** is a dedicated program exclusively for overseas scientists and academicians with emphasis on Non-resident Indians (NRI) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIO)/Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) to work as adjunct/visiting faculty for a specific period of time in Indian Public funded academic and research institutions.