



## I2U2 Initiative

**For Prelims:** I2U2 initiative, Abraham Accords, QUAD

**For Mains:** Groupings and Agreements including India and affecting India's interest

### Why in News?

As part of I2U2 initiatives, India, Israel, UAE, and the US will hold its first virtual summit in July 2022.



### What is I2U2 Initiative?

#### ▪ Background:

- I2U2 was initially formed in October, 2021 following the [Abraham Accords](#) between Israel and the UAE, to deal with issues concerning [maritime security](#), infrastructure and transport in the region.
  - At that time, it was called the '**International Forum for Economic Cooperation**'.
  - That was referred as the '[West Asian Quad](#)'.

#### ▪ About:

- **I2U2** initiative is a new grouping of **India, Israel, USA and UAE**.
- In the grouping's name, '**I2**' stands for **India and Israel**, whereas '**U2**' stands for **USA**

### and the UAE.

- This is a great achievement which tells the geopolitical changes that happen in the region.
- This will not only **revitalize and re-energize the system of alliances and partnerships** around the world, but also **stitch together partnerships** that did not exist previously or were not utilized to their full extent.

### ▪ Significance:

#### ◦ Security Cooperation:

- This will help the countries in **exploring security cooperation** among the four nations within the framework of these new groupings.

#### ◦ Technological Hubs:

- Each of these countries is a technological hub.
  - **Biotechnology**, of course, is prominent in each of these countries as well.

#### ◦ Food Security:

- This initiative offers an opportunity to discuss **food security**.

#### ◦ Work Together in Different Fields:

- These countries could cooperate on a number of levels, whether it's technologies, trade, climate, fighting against **Covid-19**, or even security.

## What will be the Significance of I2U2 for India?

### ▪ Advantage from Abraham Accords:

- India will get **advantage of the Abraham Accords** to deepen engagement with Israel without risking its ties with the UAE and the other Arab states.

### ▪ Benefit Market:

- India is a **massive consumer market**. It's a massive producer of high-tech and highly sought-after goods as well. India will benefit from this grouping.

### ▪ Alliances:

- It will help India in building alliances — **political alliances, social alliances**.

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