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Dry run for vaccine rollout in 4 States next week: govt.

Highlights:

1. The Centre is gearing up for the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine across the country, with four States to initiate a dry-run next week, the Union Health Ministry said on Friday.
2. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat and Punjab have been selected considering the geographical locations.
3. It will include activities from the necessary data entries in Co-WIN to vaccine receipt and allocation to the deployment of team members, mock drill of session sites with test beneficiaries to reporting and evening meeting.
4. This would also include testing for cold storage and transportation arrangements for the vaccine and management of crowds with proper physical distancing, said the Ministry.
5. An important focus of the dry run will be on the management of any possible adverse events following immunisation (AEFI).

Governor not sending Bills for Presidential assent, says Gehlot

Highlights:

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Friday said the Amendment Bills passed in the State Assembly last month to counter the Centre's farm laws were held up in Raj Bhavan, as the Governor was not sending them for Presidential assent. The Union government was not willing to accept that the Bills were in "public interest", he said.

Background:

Article 200:

According to Article 200, when a Bill, passed by the Legislature of a State, is presented to the Governor, he has four options

1. He assents to the Bill
2. He withholds assent
3. He reserves the Bill for the consideration of the President



4. He returns the Bill to the Legislature for reconsideration.

In past, there have been clamours to repeal the power of the governor to reserve a bill for the president's consideration. The Rajamannar Committee had made such a recommendation. However, in our view, this power should be usefully retained and its indiscriminate use should be checked by some machinery. Further, in the case of bills that are reserved by the Governor for the consideration by the President, there is no limit on the time that can be taken by the President for him to give his assent for the same. This is subversive to the federal principle and needs measures including fixation of time limits to minimize such delays.

Aim of International Sports University is to make India a sports superpower: minister

Highlights:

1. Stating that the aim of the proposed International Sports University (ISU) in Pune's Balewadi is to prepare a talented young force that would in turn help transform Maharashtra and India into a 'sports superpower'.
2. The first-of-its-kind ISU is to be set up at the Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex at Mhalunge in Balewadi.
3. The ISU will also offer students an opportunity to learn from international experts in the field.

Russia backs increase in oil output by OPEC+ from Feb.

Highlights:

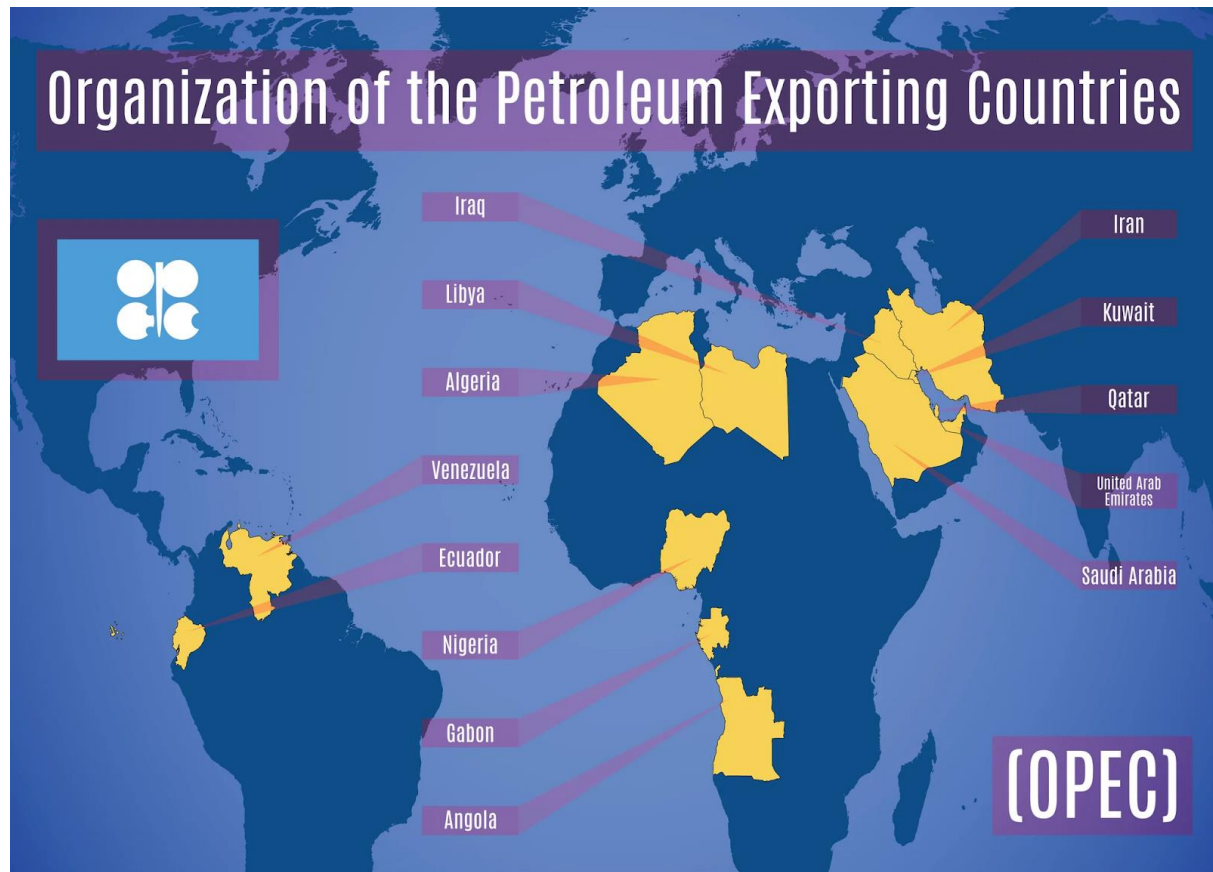
1. Russia expects to support an increase in oil production by the group, known as OPEC+.
2. Russia, other leading oil producers and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, a group known as OPEC+, agreed to reduce output to support the global oil market as the COVID-19 pandemic has weakened fuel demand.

Learn Thorough Graphics: What is OPEC+?

The non-OPEC countries which export crude oil along with the 13 OPECs are termed as OPEC plus countries. OPEC plus countries include Azerbaijan,



Bahrain, Brunei, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Oman, Russia, South Sudan and Sudan.



The first set of data from Chandrayaan-2 released: ISRO

Highlights:

1. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Thursday said it had released the first set of data from the country's second mission to the Moon, Chandrayaan-2, for the general public.
2. The Chandrayaan-2 mission was India's first attempt to land on the lunar surface. The ISRO had planned the landing on the South Pole of the lunar surface. However, the lander Vikram hard-landed in September last year.
3. ISRO Chairman K. Sivan had recently said the work on the Chandrayaan-3 mission, comprising a lander and a rover, was in progress.