

PM participates in the second Global Virtual Covid Meet

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Context - Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the second global govt virtual summit at the invitation of the president of the USA.

The Indian Prime Minister delivered his remarks in the opening session of the summit on the theme, “preventing pandemic fatigue and prioritizing preparedness”.

Key Highlights of the Meet

- The prime minister highlighted that India adopted a People’s centric strategy to combat the pandemic.
- He also stated that India was running the largest vaccination campaign in the world and has vaccinated close to 90% of its adult population and more than 50 million children.
- He also highlighted that as a responsible member of the global community, India would continue to play an active role by sharing its low-cost indigenous COVID mitigation technologies, vaccines, and therapeutics with other countries.
- He made the statement that India is working to extend its genomic surveillance consortium.
- The prime minister stated that India has used traditional medicine extensively and has led the foundation for a WHO Centre for traditional medicine in India to make this knowledge available to the world.
- He called for strengthening and reforming the WHO to create a stronger and more resilient global health security architecture.

About 2nd Global Virtual Covid Meet

- The second Global COVID-19 Summit, co-hosted by United States, Belize, Germany, Indonesia, and Senegal, convened over partners and organizations from around the world to accelerate collective efforts to get shots into arms, enhance access to tests and treatments, protect the health workforce, and finance and build health security for future pandemics and other health crises.
- The Summit garnered new financial commitments totaling \$3.2 billion,, above and beyond pledges made to date in 2022.
- This includes nearly \$2.5 billion for COVID-19 and related response activities and \$712 million in new commitments toward a new pandemic preparedness and global health security fund at the World Bank.