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## **Eight agreements signed between India and Saudi Arabia**

- The first meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council was held in Delhi on Monday
- In the meeting chaired by Prime Minister Modi and Mohammed bin Salman, it was agreed to further expand the existing cooperation between the two countries in the field of crude oil and gas.
- It was also decided to expand the \$50 billion (About 4 lakh crore rupees) West Coast Oil Refinery project in Maharashtra.
- Ausaf Sayeed, Secretary of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs (External Indian Affairs) said that 8 agreements were signed between the two countries to increase cooperation in various fields including digitization and investment.

## **Samudrayan project to explore the Bay of Bengal**

### **Matsya 6000**

- National Institute of Ocean Technology is planning to implement Samudhrayan project as part of deep sea project
- It is named Matsya 6000

### **Aim**

- It is planned to deploy three men, which will be manufactured entirely ingeniously
- The objective of this project is to investigate the presence of mineral resources including cobalt, nickel, manganese, hydrothermal sulphide, and gas hydrates in the Bay of Bengal region.
- NIOT Director Dr. Gidugu Ananda Ramadass said, "The Matsya project will reach its final stage in 2026. Scientists have designed this submarine with a diameter of 2.1 meters to accommodate three people."
- The Sanskrit word Matsya means fish. The Matsya avatar is the first of the ten incarnations of Vishnu. It is said that the deep sea project was named Matsya based on this

## **Novak Djokovic**

- Serbia's Novak Djokovic beats Russia's Daniil Medvedev to win US Open men's singles title
- This is Djokovic's 24th Grand Slam title
- This is Djokovic's 11th US Open title. The 36-year-old had previously won the trophy in 2011, 2015 and 2016. He also holds the distinction of being the oldest player to win the US Open title
- This is Djokovic's 24th Grand Slam title overall
- He has won the Australian Open 10 times, French Open 3 times and Wimbledon 7 times.
- Djokovic has won the Australian Open, French Open and now the US Open this year. He lost to Spain's Carlos Alcaraz in the Wimbledon Open final.