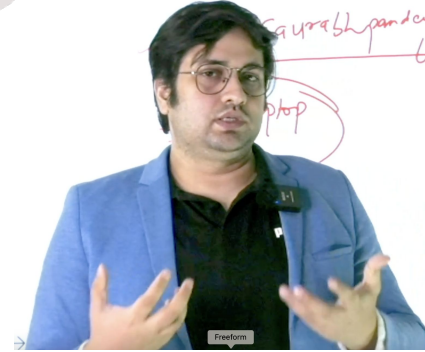


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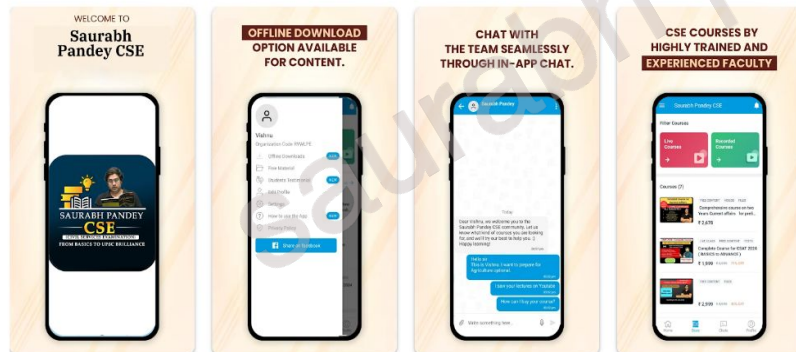
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— Topic-India-UAE Civil Nuclear Cooperation



Overview

MoU Signed: India and UAE have signed a memorandum of understanding for civil nuclear cooperation.

Parties Involved: NPCIL (Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd.) and ENEC (Emirates Nuclear Energy Company).

Date: Agreement marked during Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan's visit to India.

Key Points:

Historical Context: Prior agreements focused on peaceful use of nuclear energy since August 2015.

Areas of Cooperation: Safety, health, agriculture, and science & technology.
Significance: First such agreement between NPCIL and ENEC.

Agreements Signed



LNG Supply Agreement: Long-term LNG supply between ADNOC and Indian Oil Corporation.

Production Concession Agreement: For Abu Dhabi Onshore Block signed by Urja Bharat and ADNOC.

Strategic Cooperation: Part of broader UAE strategy to invest in nuclear energy sector.

Strategic Context

I2U2 Grouping: India and UAE are part of this group, which includes Israel and the United States.

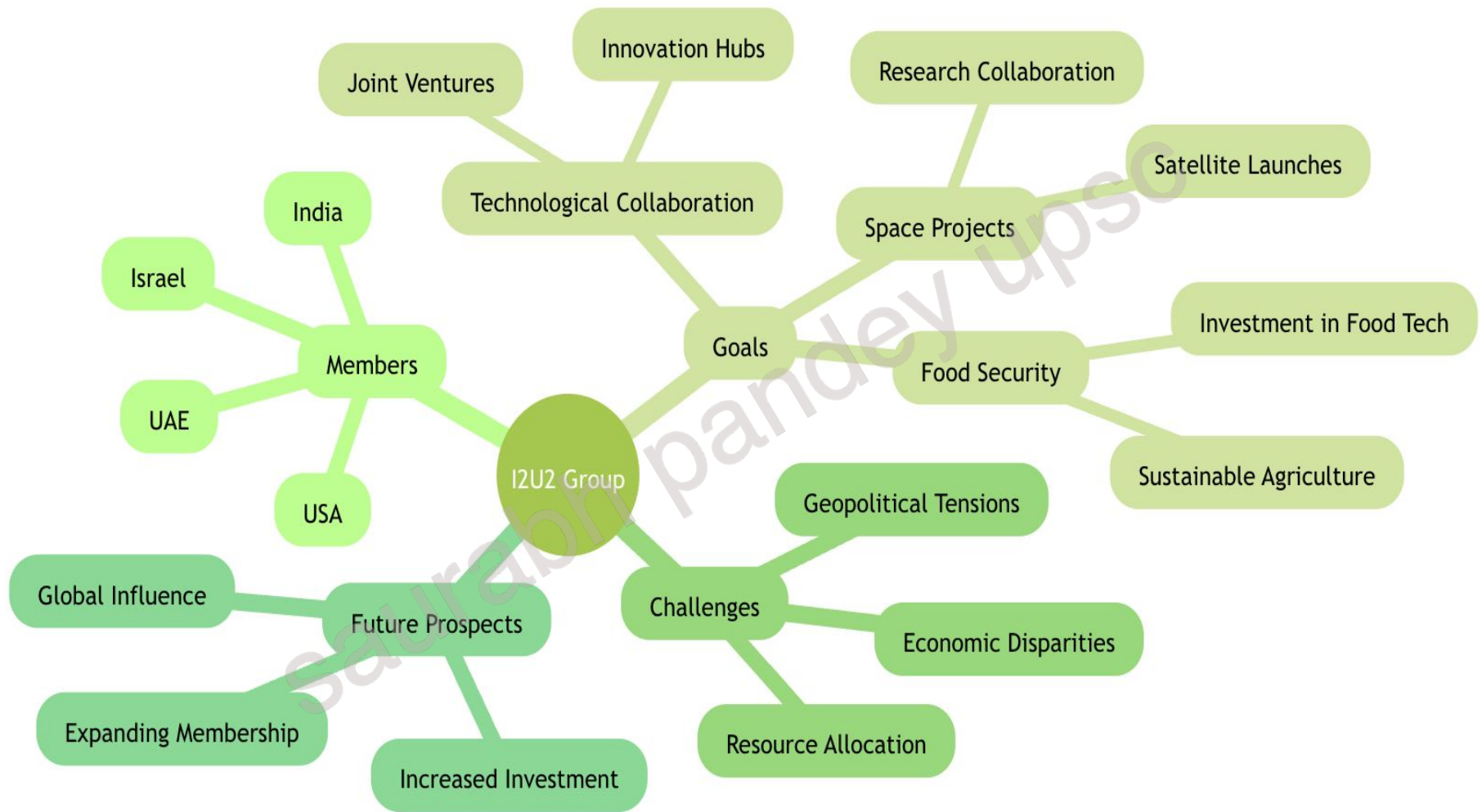
India-GCC Meeting: Coincided with the first India-Gulf Cooperation Council meeting in Saudi Arabia.

I2U2 Group

Overview

I2U2 Group: A strategic partnership formed by India, Israel, UAE, and USA.

Purpose: Focus on enhancing cooperation in multiple sectors such as technology, food security, and space exploration.



What is clade??


- Clades and sub-clades can be alternatively called “groups” and “sub-groups,” respectively.
 - An influenza clade or group is a further subdivision of influenza viruses (beyond subtypes or lineages) based on the similarity of their HA gene sequences.
 - . Clades and subclades are shown on phylogenetic trees as groups of viruses that usually have similar genetic changes (i.e., nucleotide or amino acid changes) and have a single common ancestor represented as a node in the tree
 - Dividing viruses into clades and subclades helps flu experts track the proportion of viruses from different clades in circulation.
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Topic - Defence in news

- Two anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft vessels of the Indian Navy were launched at the Cochin Shipyard here on Monday.
- The vessels are the fourth and ☐ fifth in a series of eight watercraft.
- The vessels – 78 metres long, 11.36 metres wide, and with a draught of about 2.7 metres – can sail at a maximum speed of 25 knots and have an endurance of 1,800 nautical miles.
- Once commissioned by the Navy, the vessels will be called INS Malpe and INS Mulki.
- The ships, with a displacement of about 900 tonne, are designed to ☐ fit the indigenously developed sonar for underwater surveillance

Topic- Overview of the Photoelectric Effect

Definition: Light is made of particles called **photons** .


Mechanism: Photons can knock out electrons from metals when they possess enough energy .

Application in Solar Power

Solar Cells: Engineered materials designed to utilize the photoelectric effect to generate electricity .

Process:

Photons hit the solar cells.

Electrons are freed and flow through wires to create an electric current .

Importance of Understanding the Photoelectric Effect

Efficiency: Improving solar cell efficiency through better understanding of the effect ☀️.

Physics Insight: Revealing subatomic features that are otherwise inaccessible 🔬.

Future Directions

Research:

Continuous studies on how the photoelectric effect can lead to advancements in solar technology 📈.

Investigating the material's electronic properties for enhanced performance.

Photoelectric Effect

Overview

- The photoelectric effect is the emission of
 - ‘electrons’
 - ‘*electrons*’ from a material when light falls on it.
 - It occurs in materials like metals and is caused by
 - ‘electromagnetic radiation’
 - ‘*electromagnetic radiation*’ such as ultraviolet light.
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Key Points

- Ejection of electrons happens when light is incident on a metal surface.
 - The energy of the incoming light must exceed a certain threshold to release electrons.
 - This phenomenon has significant implications in quantum mechanics and led to the development of the concept of photons.
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Auger-Meitner Effect



Overview

- The Auger-Meitner effect is a key physical phenomenon involved in electron energy transfer.
- It plays a significant role in various applications, particularly in the fields of semiconductors and materials science.

Key Concepts

- **Electron Energy Loss:** Understanding how energy is transferred between electrons.
 - **Applications:** Utilized in LED technology, silicon device design, and quantum materials
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Topic → Boeing's Starliner and Helium Issues



Background Context

- Two NASA astronauts aboard Boeing's Starliner stranded at the ISS due to *propulsion system failures*.
- SpaceX's Polaris Dawn mission delayed due to *helium issues* in ground equipment.
- Starliner landed uncrewed in New Mexico.

Key Points

Rocket Challenges:

Achieving specific speeds and altitudes for orbit.

Heavier rockets require:



More energy 

Increased fuel consumption 

More powerful engines (expensive to develop) 

Helium Properties:

Low boiling point (-268.9°C) 

Remains gas in super-cold environments.

Non-toxic but displaces oxygen when inhaled.

Helium Applications in Rockets:

- Pressurizes fuel tanks, ensuring fuel flow.
- Aids in cooling systems ❄️.
- Maintains internal pressure as fuel is consumed.
- Non-reactive, safe with residual contents.

Helium Leakage:

- Low density allows escape through small seals.
 - Important for detecting faults in rockets due to its rarity in the atmosphere.
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Polaris Dawn Mission

Overview

Mission Type: Crewed Space Mission 🚀

Operator: SpaceX

Objective: First private spacewalk and lunar orbit mission 🌕

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-Topic→>DCGI Policy Initiatives



Overview of DCGI Initiatives

Recall Guidelines

Swift removal of non-compliant drugs

Ensures public safety

Good Distribution Practices (GDP)

Regulates drug storage and transit

Aims to prevent substandard medicines

Similar Brand Names

Reduces prescription errors

Aims to prevent harm to patients

Lack of Legal Force

Guidelines lack binding authority

Poor implementation over the years

Historical Context

Issues flagged since 1976

Poor follow-up on recommendations

Parliamentary Standing Committee (PSC) Report

59th report highlights key issues

Demanded actionable reforms

Legislative and Bureaucratic Challenges



Regulatory Loop

Ineffective reforms stuck in bureaucracy

Lack of political will to enforce changes

Public Health Impact

Risks associated with non-compliant drugs

Need for urgent reforms in health policies

Proposed Actions

Strengthening Guidelines 💪

Make guidelines legally binding

Ensure strict enforcement of Guidelines

Regular Audits 🔍

Establish regular inspections of drug distribution

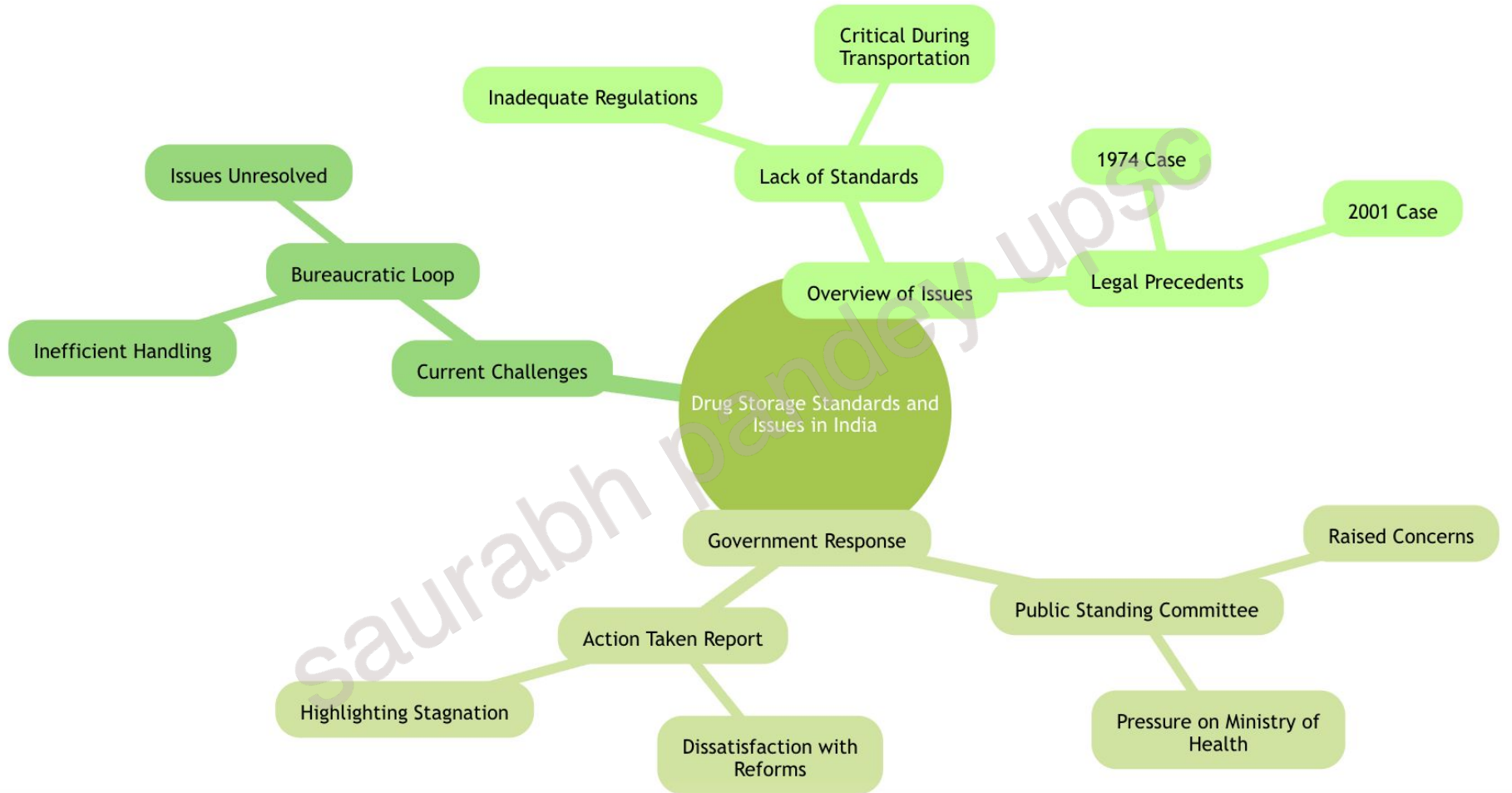
Monitor compliance of pharmaceutical companies

Awareness Campaigns 📢

Educate healthcare professionals on guidelines

Inform public about risks of non-compliance

- After the PSC report, a proposal to adopt good distribution practices guidelines formulated by the World Health Organization (WHO) came up for discussion at the meeting of the DCC in 2013.
- The proposal at that time was to make good distribution practices guidelines legally binding.



-Topic---> Reviving District Agro-Meteorology Units (DAMUs)



Importance of Agro-Met Units

Support for Farmers: Essential for small and marginal farmers (80% in India) 🌾

Climate Adaptation: Helps farmers adapt to climate change impacts ☀️🌧️

Advisories: Provides timely agricultural advisories based on weather data 📅

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Benefits of Agro-Met Advisories:

Irrigation Planning: Helps in scheduling irrigation activities 💧

Crop Management: Advisories on sowing, harvesting, fertilizers, and pesticides 🌱

Early Warnings: Alerts for extreme weather events like droughts and heavy rains ⚠️

Functionality of DAMUs

- **Collaboration:** Established in partnership with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research 🤝
- **Location:** Situated within Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) 📍
- **Staff:** Meteorologists and agricultural researchers provide expertise 🧑🌾📊

Communication Channels:



- **Free Advisories:** Shared via text messages, WhatsApp, newspapers, and in-person 
- **Frequency:** Twice a week to ensure farmers are well-informed 

Challenges Faced

- **Shutdown of DAMUs:** Recent orders to shut down 199 units, affecting advisory services 
 - **Need for Revival:** Highlighting the importance of reinstating these units for farmer support 
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Future Directions

- **Establishment of New Units:** Exploring the potential for new agro-met units in regions like Himachal Pradesh 
- **Research and Development:** Continuous improvement of weather data and advisory systems 

Topic→>AI Sandbox

Overview of AI Sandbox

Definition: A controlled environment for testing AI applications and models.

Purpose: To encourage innovation, experimentation, and safe AI development.

Key Benefits



Innovation: Foster new ideas and solutions in AI.



Safety: Test AI algorithms without risk.



Data Analysis: Evaluate performance and outcomes.

Applications

- **Federal Agencies:** Collaboration for research and development.
 - **Finance Sector:** Responsible AI use in banking (e.g., Hong Kong's generative AI sandbox).
 - **Music Industry:** AI tools for creating music loops (e.g., Google's Music AI Sandbox).
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Tools & Technologies:

Machine Learning (ML) frameworks

Data processing tools

User Guidelines: Best practices for ethical AI deployment.

Feedback Mechanism: Continuous improvement through user input.

Challenges



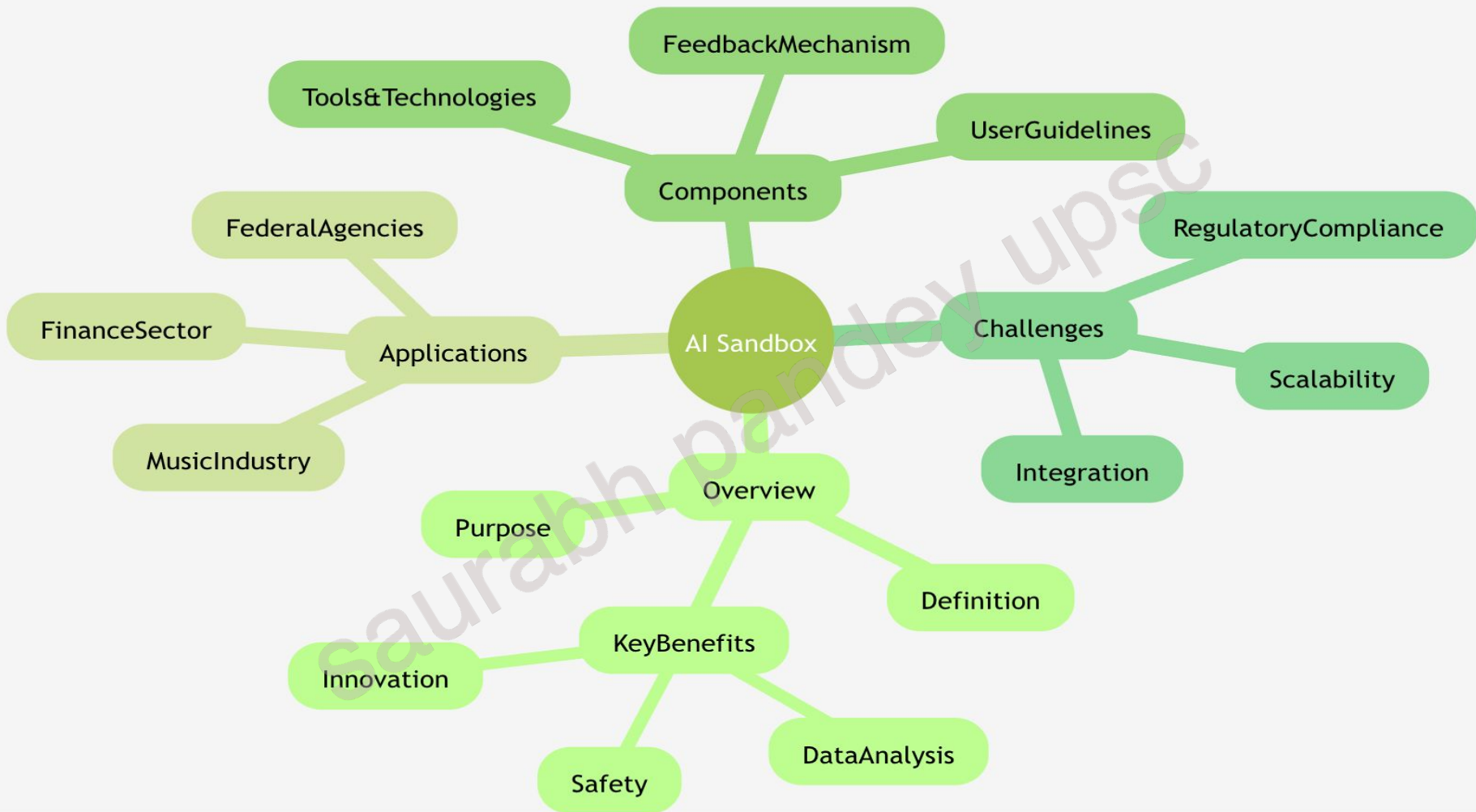
Regulatory Compliance: Adhering to laws and ethics.



Integration: Seamlessly incorporating AI into existing systems.



Scalability: Expanding the sandbox for broader use.





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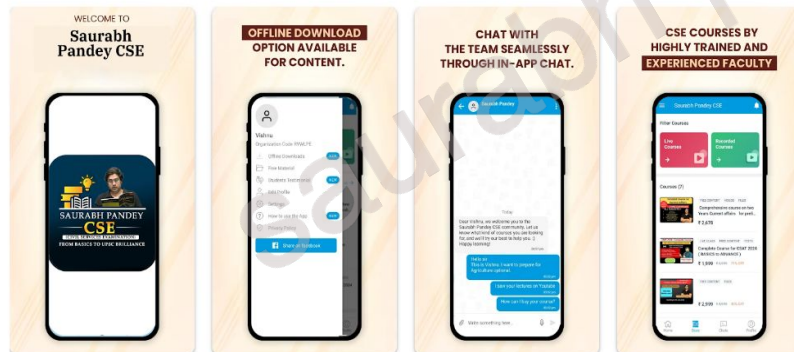
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