## Express entry system of Canada

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<u>In news</u>— Recently, Canada announced its new policy to allow workers from 16 new occupations to come to the country to meet its labour shortage. All these occupations are included in the list of 'Express Entry' to Canada.

## What is the Express Entry(EE) System of Canada?

- It is a unique and a quick way to permanent residence for immigrants seeking a new life in Canada.
- EE plays a vital role in managing the immigrant inflow to the North American country judging through certain various parameters.
- The occupations that are included in the list of 'Express Entry' to Canada stand to gain, that is, to obtain permanent residency.
- Experts say that the 'Express entry' system was always there in Canada since 2015, but it got almost stalled during the Covid pandemic. Now, Canada has expanded by including 16 new occupations under its ambit.
- Earlier these occupations were not included in the EE which deals in various programmes, including Federal Skilled Worker, Federal Skilled Trade, Provincial Nominee Programme (PNP) and others, says Gurpreet Singh, who has been running a Canadian immigration consultancy for over a decade.
- Under the 'Express Entry' system the applicant has to apply online in his/her respective field and has to declare information about him/her.
- Then Canadian authorities select the applicants through a draw and send the Invitation to Apply (ITA) to the selected applicants on the online account.
- In the new list, jobs include that of nurse aides, long-

term care aides, hospital attendants, pest controllers, fumigators, repairers, heavy equipment operators, bus drivers, subway operators, pharmacy assistants, elementary and secondary school teacher assistants, transport truck drivers, etc.