## India—Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)

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## In news

Atal Innovation Mission launches India—Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)

## Key highlights

AIM (Atal Innovation Mission), in association with CSIRO(Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation), is organizing a two-day hackathon on circular economy, 'India—Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)', on 7 and 8 December.

## About India—Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)

- The idea of I-ACE was conceived during a virtual summit on 4 June, between the Indian and Australian prime ministers, exploring innovative ways to boost circular economy in India and Australia.
- I-ACE will focus on identification and development of innovative technology solutions by bright-minded students, startups and MSMEs of both nations.
- The four key themes for the hackathon are as follows:
  - Innovation in packaging reducing packaging waste
  - Innovation in food supply chains avoiding waste
  - Creating opportunities for plastic waste reduction
  - Recycling critical energy metals and e-waste
- Shortlisted students and startups/MSMEs will be called for the hackathon, where two winners (one student and one startup/MSME) per theme from each country will be announced at an award ceremony on 11 December.