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ReUnite

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- ReUnite is a mobile application launched recently to trace missing and abandoned children in India.

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- The app is **multiuser** where parents and citizens can upload pictures of children, and provide detailed description like name, birth mark, address, report to the police station, search and identify missing kids.

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- Non-government organisation **Bachpan Bachao Andolan** and Capgemini has developed this app.

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Pakistan in Grey List

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- Financial Action Task Force in its recently concluded meet in Paris agreed to implement the decision adopted earlier in February to place Pakistan in grey list.

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- Previously, Pakistan has been placed in grey list from 2012 -2015.

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- Following the grey listing if Islamabad does not comply with the FATF blueprint, it could be moved to the black list next year.

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Financial Action Task Force

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- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) was set up in 1989 by the western G7 countries, with headquarters in Paris.

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- The objectives are to set standards and promote effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures for combating money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.
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- It is therefore a “policy-making body” which works to generate the necessary political will to bring about national legislative and regulatory reforms in these areas.
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- It is empowered to curtail financing of UN-designated terrorist groups.
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- It can publicly sanction countries that are not abiding by its norms.
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- FATF has 37 members that include all 5 permanent members of the Security Council, and other countries with economic influence.
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- Two regional organisations, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the European Commission (EC) are also its members.
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- Saudi Arabia and Israel are “observer countries” (partial membership).
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- India became a full member in 2010.
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'IPledgefor9' Achievers Awards

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- The award is given by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
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- It is given to the individuals and teams of doctors from the private sector and States for their exemplary services in achieving objectives of safe motherhood to every woman in the country.
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- Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) launched in 2016 for achieving SDG for Maternal Mortality Rate below 70 by 2030.
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- The program aims to provide assured, comprehensive and quality antenatal care, free of cost, universally to **all pregnant women on the 9th of every month.**
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- It guarantees a minimum package of antenatal care services to women in

their 2nd / 3rd trimesters of pregnancy at designated government health facilities.

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- The health check-up includes a minimum package of prenatal care/antenatal care services i.e care given during pregnancy and medicines such as IFA supplements, calcium supplements etc would be provided to all pregnant women.

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- The programme follows a systematic approach for **engagement with private sector** which includes motivating private practitioners to volunteer for the campaign.

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- It also laid special emphasis on early diagnosis, adequate and appropriate management of women with malnutrition and adolescent and early pregnancies as these pregnancies need extra and specialized care.

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- Thus it aims to improve the quality and coverage of Antenatal Care (ANC) including diagnostics and counselling services as part of the Reproductive Maternal Neonatal Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A) Strategy.

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Mesoamerican Reef

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- The Mesoamerican Reef is an underwater wonder world in the **coast of Belize.**

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- It is second in size only to the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

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- The Caribbean reef was named to the prestigious World Heritage List in 1996.

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- It was placed on endangered status in 2009 because of Belize's plans to allow oil exploration nearby.

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- The reef's survival was considered to be at risk for years.

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- It may now be removed from UNESCO's list of threatened World Heritage Sites due to the efforts of activists and the Belizean government.

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