

## 7. OIC wants India to Curb its Spread of Islamophobia

**Prelims Syllabus:** International Organisations

**Mains Syllabus:** GS-III Important International institutions, Agencies and fora- their Structure, Mandate.

### Why in News?

- Recently, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has criticised the Indian government for what it called “growing Islamophobia” in India.

### Background Info:

- A religious gathering of muslims (Tablighi Jamaat) was held in Delhi in March. The event was linked to many of the Covid-19 positive cases in India.
- After this most sections of the media, people on social media blamed the Tablighi jamaat and muslims for deliberately spreading the Covid-19 in India.

### Stance of OIC:

- OIC asked the government to take steps to protect Muslim minorities who are being “negatively profiled,” facing “discrimination and violence” amidst the Covid-19 crisis.
- It has asked the government to take urgent steps to stop the growing tide of Islamophobia (dislike of or prejudice against Islam or Muslims) in India.
- OIC urged the government to protect the rights of its minority as per its obligations under international Human Rights law.

### Earlier Criticism of USCIRF:

- Earlier, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) has also criticised India of “increased stigmatisation” of its muslim minorities.
- It criticized the government for the reports that Covid-19 patients were religiously segregated at a hospital in Ahmedabad.

### About Organisation of Islamic Cooperation:

- The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is the second largest intergovernmental organization after the United Nations with a membership of 57 states.
- It is the collective voice of the Muslim world. It endeavors to safeguard and protect the interests of the Muslim world in the spirit of promoting international peace and harmony among various people of the world.

- It was established upon a decision of the historical summit which took place in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 1969.
- **Headquarters:** Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

