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Governing Council Meeting Of NITI Aayog

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair **the 9th Governing Council Meeting** of NITI Aayog at **Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre**, New Delhi. The theme of this year's meeting is **Viksit Bharat@2047**, with a central focus on **making India a developed nation**.
- The meeting will discuss the approach paper for the **Vision Document on Viksit Bharat**.



- NITI Aayog said, the Governing Council meeting **aims to foster participative** governance and collaboration between the Centre and State Governments, enhancing the quality of life for both rural and urban populations.
- The meeting will also see detailed deliberations on the role of states in achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat.
- NITI Aayog said, **India is on track to become** the world's **third-largest economy** with Gross domestic product, **GDP crossing five trillion** US Dollar and aspirations to reach a **30 trillion US dollar economy** by 2047.
- The **Prime Minister is the Chairperson of the NITI Aayog**. Other Attendees will include Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors of States and Union Territories, Union Ministers as Ex-officio Members and Special Invitees, and the Vice Chairman and Members of NITI Aayog.

Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre

- **India has assumed the Chair** of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC). Union Home Ministry said, **ADPC is an autonomous International Organization** for cooperation in and implementation of disaster risk reduction and building climate resilience in **Asia and the Pacific region**.



Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

- **India and eight neighbouring countries** Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand are the founding members of ADPC.
- As a representative of the Government of India, **Rajendra Singh**, a Member, of the National Disaster Management Authority took over the Chair of ADPC from China for the year **2024-25 in Bangkok, Thailand**.
- The Ministry said, that under the **leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, India is playing a global and regional leadership role in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction.
- It said, India has taken several global initiatives in this direction, especially that of establishing an international Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.

Cultural Property Agreement

- **India and the United States of America** signed a **Cultural Property Agreement** to repatriate stolen Indian artifacts from the USA.
- Under the agreement, **both countries will work together** to also prevent and prohibit illicit trade, import, export and trafficking of archaeological and ethnological materials.
- This is **India's first-ever Cultural Property Agreement** with the US. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat termed the **signing as historic** and said that it will strengthen the partnership between the two nations, fostering inter-cultural growth.



- The **Minister mentioned** that the agreement comes at the back of a year-long dialogue and discussion with the USA since last year's G-20 Summit in India. He highlighted that the repatriation of illegally acquired artifacts gives communities the right to reclaim and safeguard their heritage, reaffirming their autonomy.
- **Meanwhile, the US's ambassador to India, Eric Garcetti** said that this is an important step to give India its due share with India now becoming the US's 30th bilateral Cultural Property Agreement partner.
- Mr Garcetti also re-iterated the US's commitment to strengthen its partnership with India, especially through cultural diplomacy.

First Integrated Agri Export Facility

- **India's first Integrated Agri-Export Facility** will come up at **Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai** to bolster the country's agricultural export and import capabilities.



- **Ports, Shipping, and Waterways** Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has approved the project of Development of an **Export-Import cum Domestic Agricultural Commodity**-Based Processing and Storage Facility on public private partnership mode worth over **284 crore rupees**.
- Mr. Sonowal said, the development of this **all-in-one agricultural facility** will streamline logistics, reduce wastage, and provide better prices for agricultural products. He said, this is a significant step towards empowering the farmers and boosting India's agricultural sector.
- The facility will cater to **exports of prominent** items like non-basmati rice, maize, spices, onion, and wheat.

Annual BIMSTEC Security

- **National Security Advisor NSA Ajit Doval** led the Indian delegation at the 4th Annual Meeting of the **Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation** BIMSTEC Security Chiefs in Naypyitaw, Myanmar. He met with the **Myanmar NSA Admiral Moe Aung** and BIMSTEC Security Chiefs called on Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.



- Delivering India's national statement at the BIMSTEC meet, Mr Doval spoke on strengthening cooperation in **counter-terrorism** and combating **drug trafficking**, arms smuggling and organized crime.
- He also spoke about **BIMSTEC connectivity**, holding the 2nd Ports Conclave and water security of Himalayan river systems.

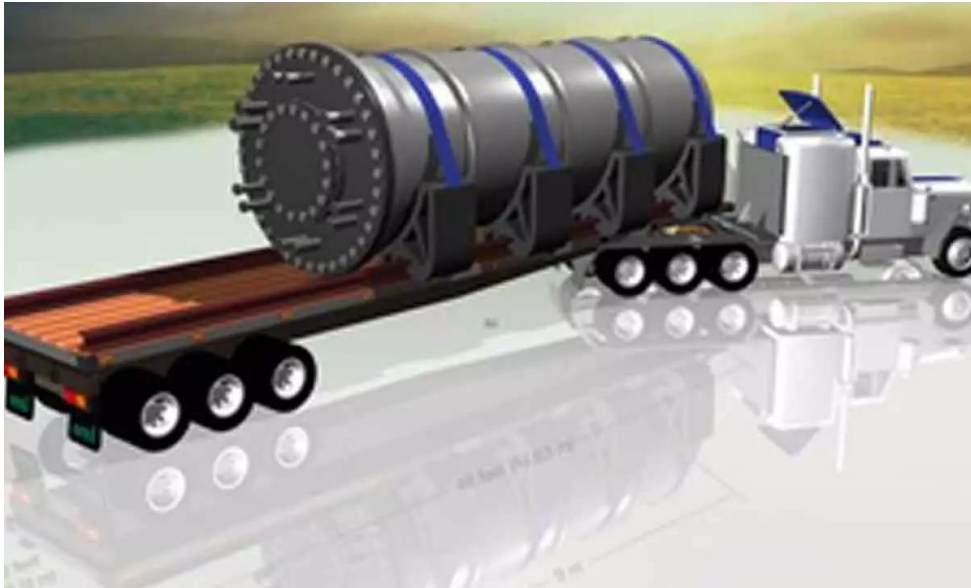


Bharat Small Reactors

- WonAs Part Of India's Plan To Improve Its **Nuclear Energy Powers**, Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** Announced A Plan To **Build Bharat Small Reactors**. This Effort Is To Work Together With The Private Sector.
- **Bharat Small Reactors Are Small Nuclear Reactors** That Are Meant To Make Energy On A Smaller Scale Than Regular Big Nuclear Power Plants. India's **Well-known 220-megawatt Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor** Technology Will Be Used.



- India's Nuclear Energy Landscape Has Changed Forever With The Government's Promise To Work With The Business Sector.
- **The Atomic Energy Act Of 1962** Used To Make It Hard For Private People To Get Involved, But This New Plan Wanted To Increase Funding And Help Nuclear Power Grow.



- **Bsrs Provide Several Advantages:** Flexibility In Siting And Deployment, Faster Construction Timelines, Potential Cost-effectiveness. These Reactors Are Ideal For Energizing Remote Areas And Serving Large Industries, Aligning With Global Trends Toward Small Modular Reactors (Smrs).

Vriksharopan Abhiyan 2024

- Union Minister of Coal and Mines, **Shri G. Kishan Reddy**, launched the **Vriksharopan Abhiyan 2024** at **Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL)** in Dhanbad.
- This initiative, part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**" campaign, was simultaneously conducted across **300 locations in 47 districts** within **11 coal/lignite-bearing states**.



- On the day of VA 2024, around **1 million saplings were planted** by Coal/Lignite PSUs. Over the past five years, these PSUs have planted 24 million saplings over 10,942 hectares in coalfield regions.
- The **PSUs aim to cover 15,350 hectares** with green cover in the next five years, including a target of 2,600 hectares for the current fiscal year. They are employing the Miyawaki method, seed balls, and drone technology to optimize reforestation efforts and resource use.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. First Integrated Agri Export Facility Launched In

- A. Chennai
- B. Kolkata
- C. New Delhi
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: D

2. Annual BIMSTEC Security Conducted In

- A. Myanmar
- B. Bhutan
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

3. Which Day Is Observed As 'National Income Tax Day'

- A. 23 July
- B. 24 July
- C. 25 July
- D. 26 July

ANSWER: B

4. National Mission On Cultural Mapping Is A Scheme Administered By Which Ministry

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Culture
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Agriculture

ANSWER: B

5. Primary Goal Of MSME-TEAM Initiative, Recently Seen In News

- A. To assist MSMEs in obtaining loans
- B. To onboard five lakh MSMEs onto the ONDC platform
- C. To provide training for MSME employees
- D. To develop new marketing strategies for MSMEs

ANSWER: B

6. Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism Is Related To Which Organization

- A. European Union
- B. ASEAN
- C. NATO
- D. World Bank

ANSWER: A

7. Primary Objective Of The Digital Postal Index Number

- A. To create a new postal code system
- B. To replace traditional addresses with QR codes
- C. To implement a new mail sorting system
- D. To establish a standardized, geo-coded addressing system in India

ANSWER: D

8. Which City's Metro Railway Has Launched 'Tourist Smart Cards'

- A. Mumbai
- B. Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Kolkata

ANSWER: B

9. Kirkuk Which Was Seen In The News, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Israel
- B. Iraq
- C. Australia
- D. Greece

ANSWER: B

10. Which Country Hosts 21st Edition Of Multinational Joint Military Exercise Khaan Quest 2024

- A. China
- B. India
- C. Mongolia
- D. Japan

ANSWER: C

11. Where Was Country's 500th Community Radio Station Inaugurated

- A. Shillong
- B. Aizawl
- C. Kohima
- D. Gangtok

ANSWER: B

12. Which Shipyard Has Launched Indigenously Built Talwar Class Frigate, Tripud

- A. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)
- B. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)
- C. Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- D. Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)

ANSWER: D

13. Primary Objective Of 'NPS Vatsalya Scheme'

- A. To Provide Health Insurance To Tribal Families
- B. To Offer Education Loans To Students For Higher Education
- C. To Help Parents And Guardians Plan For Their Children's Future Financial Needs
- D. To Plan For Parents' Retirement

ANSWER: C

14. Masoud Pezeshkian Has Been Elected As President Of Which Country

- A. Iraq
- B. Qatar
- C. Egypt
- D. Iran

ANSWER: D

15. Which Bank Has Introduced “MSME Sahaj”

- A. Axis Bank
- B. State Bank of India
- C. Central Bank of India
- D. Union Bank of India

ANSWER: B

16. Which Government Launched ‘Lokpath Mobile App’ For Resolving Road Problems

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: A

17. Primary Objective Of National Green Hydrogen Mission

- A. To Reduce Carbon Emissions By 50%
- B. To Make India A Global Hub For Producing, Utilising, And Exporting Green Hydrogen And Its Derivatives
- C. To Develop Electric Vehicles Infrastructure
- D. To Promote The Use Of Solar Energy

ANSWER: B

18. Primary Objective Of The SEHER Programme

- A. To improve health care services
- B. To enhance financial literacy and business skills among women entrepreneurs
- C. To promote sports activities
- D. To develop new technologies

ANSWER: B

19. Government Of India Has Mandated Conformity To BIS For Which Materials

- A. Stainless steel and Aluminium utensils
- B. Brass flanges
- C. Plastic products
- D. Wood Handicrafts

ANSWER: A

20. What Is CAMCOPTER S-100

- A. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)
- B. Asteroid
- C. Newly discovered exoplanet
- D. Invasive plant

ANSWER: A