

11 October 2019: PIB Summary & Analysis

India and Comoros sign MoUs

Context:

India and Comoros signed MoUs on defence cooperation, health, culture and arts. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu is on a visit to the island nation.

Details:

- Comoros conferred the highest civilian honour of 'the order of the Green Crescent' on the Vice President.
- 6 MoUs were signed in the fields of:
 - Defence cooperation
 - Health and medicine
 - Arts and culture
 - Tele-education (e-Vidya Bharati)
 - Tele-medicine (e-Arogya Bharati)
- MoUs on exemption of Visa for Diplomatic and Official Passport holders for short visits and protocol on foreign office consultation were also signed.
- Shri Naidu also announced that India will be gifting medicines and medical equipment worth USD 1 mn, USD 1 mn for transport vehicles, USD 2 mn for procurement of high-speed interceptor boats and 1000 MT of rice. He also announced Line-of-credit of USD 41.6 mn for setting up an 18MW power plant in Moroni and a vocational training centre.

IN-BN CORPAT

Context:

India – Bangladesh navies undertake coordinated patrol in north Bay of Bengal.

Details:

- The second edition of Indian Navy (IN) – Bangladesh Navy (BN) Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) commenced in Northern Bay of Bengal.
- The two-day CORPAT will be followed by the maiden edition of IN-BN Bilateral Exercise at Visakhapatnam.
- The IN-BN CORPAT which commenced in 2018, is aimed at upgrading to a bilateral exercise with the navies engaging in seamanship evolutions, flying exercises with integral helicopters and maritime patrol aircraft at sea.
- Additionally, exercises entailing the development of mutual communication and sharing of best practices would also be undertaken, adding a new dimension to the Indo - Bangladesh maritime relations.
- With a common territorial boundary of over 4000 km and a maritime boundary, navies of both the countries aim to practice and hone their mutual cooperation whilst patrolling near the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) during the current edition of CORPAT.

Kayakalp awards

Context:

Union Health Minister gave away Kayakalp awards to public and private health facilities for high standards of sanitation and hygiene.

Details:

- The Kayakalp Award was instituted as part of the [Swachh Bharat Abhiyan](#) in 2015 as a national initiative to recognize and felicitate public health facilities that demonstrate high levels of cleanliness, hygiene and infection control measures on promoting cleanliness in public spaces.

About Kayakalp:

- This is a nationwide initiative under the Swachh Bharat Mission to promote cleanliness and enhance the quality of public health facilities.
- The purpose of this initiative is to appreciate and recognise their effort to create a healthy environment.
- Swachhta guidelines for health facilities along with this initiative have also been issued.
- There is a cash award as well which winners receive.

Objectives of the Kayakalp Award Scheme:

- To promote cleanliness, hygiene and Infection Control Practices in public Health Care Facilities.
- To incentivize and recognize such public healthcare facilities that show exemplary performance in adhering to standard protocols of cleanliness and infection control.
- To inculcate a culture of ongoing assessment and peer review of performance related to hygiene, cleanliness and sanitation.
- To create and share sustainable practices related to improved cleanliness in public health facilities linked to positive health outcomes.

mHariyali

Context:

Mobile App, “mHariyali” Launched for ‘Environment Protection in Government Colonies’ Website

Details:

- The app is aimed to encourage Public engagement in planting trees and other such Green drives.
- People can now upload information/photos of any plantation done by them, which is linked to the app and will be displayed on the official website www.epgc.gov.in.
- The App provides for automatic geo-tagging of plants.
- This app will also enable nodal officers to periodically monitor the plantation.

SARAS Aajeevika Mela

Context:

- SARAS Aajeevika Mela is an initiative by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development.
- It aims to bring the rural women Self Help Groups (SHGs) formed with support of DAY-NRLM, under one platform to showcase their skills, sell their products and help them build linkages with bulk buyers.
- Through participation in SARAS Aajeevika Mela, these rural SHG women get vital national level exposure to understand the demand and taste of urban customers.
- The Mela is organised by the marketing arm of the Ministry, Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART).
- Over 200 stalls have been set-up at the Mela venue in New Delhi, where nearly 500 rural SHG craftswomen from 29 States and UTs will showcase varied range of products like handicrafts, handlooms, natural food products.
- Workshops for the rural SHG women would be conducted during the Mela, which will help them to enhance their knowledge and sharpen their skills in book keeping and GST, product design, packaging, marketing/e-marketing, communication skills, etc.