

11 November 2019: PIB Summary & Analysis

ASSOCHAM

Context:

Vice President delivers the 21st ASSOCHAM JRD Tata Memorial Lecture.

About ASSOCHAM:

- The **Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)** is one of the apex trade associations of India.
 - It was set up in 1920 and has in its fold more than 400 Chambers and Trade Associations.
 - The association works towards creating an environment that is conducive for Indian businesses to compete globally.
 - The association articulates the genuine, legitimate needs and interests of its members. Its mission is to impact the policy and legislative environment so as to foster balanced economic, industrial and social development.
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11th BRICS Summit

Context:

The Prime Minister will attend the 11th BRICS Summit in Brasilia, Brazil in November 2019.

Details:

- A large business delegation from India is also expected to be present during the visit especially to attend the BRICS Business Forum where the business community of all five countries are represented.
- PM Modi is scheduled to hold separate bilateral meetings with the Russian President Vladimir Putin and the Chinese Premier Xi Jinping.
- A BRICS MoU between Trade and Investment Promotion agencies will be signed.

About BRICS Summit:

- The annual BRICS summits have been held since 2009.
- Member countries take turns to host the summit.
- The first summit was held in Yekaterinburg in Russia in 2009.
- India has hosted the 4th and the 8th summits at New Delhi and Baulim (Goa) respectively.
- Discussions in the summits focus on spheres of political and socioeconomic coordination, in which member countries have identified business opportunities, economic complementarities and areas of cooperation.
- The 2019 theme for the BRICS Summit is '**BRICS: Economic Growth for an Innovative Future**'.

About BRICS:

Read more about BRICS [here](#).

India-ASEAN Business Summit

Context:

Union Minister addressed the inaugural session of the India-ASEAN Business Summit.

The minister mentioned in his speech the Bamboo Industrial Park coming up at Dima Hasao district in

What is the Bamboo Industrial Park?

- This is India's first Bamboo Industrial Park.
- The project is expected to be complete by March 2021.

Read more about the [National Bamboo Mission](#).

About the India-ASEAN Business Summit:

- The theme for the Summit is '**Today, Tomorrow, Together**'.
 - It is being organised to strengthen trade and investment flows with [ASEAN](#) economies.
 - The objective of the conference is to enhance the trade trajectory between India and ASEAN nations to new highs.
 - Senior government officials from India and the ASEAN nations are interacting with the business community of India and ASEAN for the promotion of bilateral trade and investments.
 - Sessions being held are focussed on sectors such as infrastructure, tourism, e-commerce, IT/ITES, fintech, education, skill development, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, food processing and agriculture.
 - There will also be a special session on Focus Vietnam – Growing Trade & Commerce between India & Vietnam.
 - More than 60 delegates from 10 ASEAN countries and more than 200 delegates from India are participating in the summit.
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Swachh – Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan

Context:

A week-long intensive **Beach Cleaning Drive** in 50 identified beaches of India begins.

About Swachh – Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan:

- The programme was launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to strive to make Indian beaches clean and create awareness amongst citizens about the importance of coastal ecosystems.
 - The identified beaches are in 10 coastal States/Union Territories (UTs) namely Gujarat, Daman & Diu, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh, and Odisha.
 - The beaches have been identified after consultation with the states/UTs.
 - The cleaning drives in all beaches are being undertaken, involving school/college students of eco-clubs, district administration, institutions, volunteers, local communities and other stakeholders. State Nodal Agencies for the eco-clubs will be facilitating the week long intensive cleanliness drive in all 10 States/UTs.
 - Environment Education Division of the Ministry of Environment and Society of Integrated Coastal Management (SICOM) under the aegis of the Ministry of Environment will be responsible for the overall coordination for the drive in 50 beaches.
 - On completion of the drive, best three beaches will be suitably awarded.
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NCMC meets to review relief and restoration work in the aftermath of Cyclone 'Bulbul'

Context:

The National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) meets for the 3rd time to review relief and restoration

work in the aftermath of Cyclone 'Bulbul' over West Bengal and Odisha.

Details:

- West Bengal reported 7 human casualties, damages to about 1 lakh houses and standing crops. While electricity has been restored, telecom services are expected to be restored shortly.
- While no human casualty was reported from Odisha, there has been extensive damage to standing crops in over 2 lakhs hectares. Power and water supply have been restored barring a few areas.
- The NCMC assured all central assistance in terms of additional stocks of food items, drinking water, health services as well as restoration of telecom and power services.

Read more on Cyclone Bulbul at [CNA dated 11th Nov 2019](#).

About the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC):

- The NCMC was constituted for the effective implementation of relief measures in the wake of natural calamities.
- It is headed by the Cabinet Secretary.
- At the national level, the NCMC is one of the top-level decision-making bodies with respect to disaster management.
- It oversees the command, control and coordination of disaster response.

Read more on the National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) [here](#).

National Capital Region - 2041

Context:

The inaugural conclave on 'National Capital Region – 2041' was held in New Delhi.

Details:

- The conclave was organised by the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB).
- The theme of the conclave was "Planning for Tomorrow's Greatest Capital Region".

For more on this, check [PIB dated Nov 8, 2019](#).

Jal Jeevan Mission

Context:

The Union Minister for Water Resources reviewed the Jal Jeevan Mission in the southern states.

About Jal Jeevan Mission:

- The Mission was announced in August 2019.
- The chief objective of the Mission is to provide piped water supply (Har Ghar Jal) to all rural and urban households by 2024.
- It also aims to create local infrastructure for rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge and management of household waste water for reuse in agriculture.
- According to the data published in various reports, about half of the country's households don't have access to piped water supply.
- It is an urgent requirement of water conservation in the country because of the decreasing amount of groundwater level.

- Therefore, the Jal Jeevan Mission will focus on integrated demand and supply management of water at the local level.
 - **Benefits of Jal Jeevan Mission**
 - Household pipeline water supply
 - Clean and drinkable water
 - Recharge of ground water level
 - Better local infrastructure
 - Less water-borne diseases
 - Less water wastage
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