www.vishnuias.com



Topic Wise Content

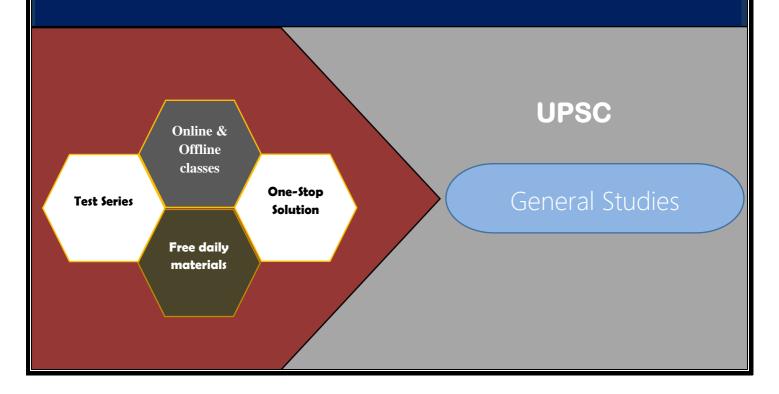


https://t.me/vishnuiasmentor

https://www.youtube.com/channel

18th India-ASEAN Summit

Notes for civil services preparation





Recently, India participated in the 18th India-ASEAN Summit at the invitation of

Brunei, the current Chair of ASEAN.

- The Year 2022 has been highlighted as India-ASEAN Friendship by the leaders.
- India-ASEAN Summit is **held every year** and provides an opportunity forIndia and Asean to **engage at the highest level.**

Key Points

ASEAN in Act East Policy:

- o The centrality of ASEAN in **India's Act East Policy** and in India's Vision for the wider **Indo-Pacific** Vision has been underlined.
- Welcomed the adoption of the India-ASEAN Joint Statement on cooperation for peace, stability and prosperity in the region, building upon the synergies between the ASEAN Outlook for the Indo-Pacific(AOIP) and India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).
 - Recently, India also addressed the 16th East Asia Summit, whereit reaffirmed India's focus on a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific and the principle of Asean Centrality in the region.

India-ASEAN Connectivity:

- Exchanged views on enhancing India-ASEAN connectivity in broadestterms including physical, digital and people to people.
- India announced its support for establishing the ASEAN Cultural Heritage List to further strengthen India-ASEAN cultural connectivity.

Trade and Investment:

 The importance of diversification and resilience of supply chains for post-Covid economic recovery and in this regard, the need to revamp the India-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (FTA) has been underlined.

Rule-Based Order:

- Regional and international issues of common interest and concern, including South China Sea and terrorism.
- The importance of promoting a rules-based order in the region including through upholding adherence to international law, especiallythe UNCLOS.

Covid-19:

- o Highlighted **India's efforts** in the fight against the **pandemic** in theregion and also reiterated support for ASEAN's initiatives in this regard.
 - India has contributed medical supplies worth USD 200,000 to **ASEAN's humanitarian initiative** for Myanmar and USD 1 million for **ASEAN's Covid-19 Response Fund.**





India-ASEAN and China

- Traditionally the basis of India-ASEAN ties has been trade and people-to-people ties
 due to shared historical and cultural roots, a more recent and urgent area of
 convergence has been balancing China's rise.
 - Both India and ASEAN aim to establish a rules-based security architecture for peaceful development in the region, in contrast to China's aggressive policies.
- Like India, **several ASEAN members** such as Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Brunei have territorial disputes with China, the China factordoes form an important component of the relationship.
 - o India in 2014 reinvigorated the **Look East policy into Act East**, with a more strategic outlook than its previous incarnation, **focusing on engagement not just with Southeast Asian countries but also those inthe Pacific.**

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

About:

- It is a **regional grouping** that promotes economic, political, and security cooperation.
- o It was established in **August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand** with the signing of the **ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration)** by the founding fathers of ASEAN, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.
- o Its **chairmanship rotates annually**, based on the alphabetical order of the English names of Member States.

ASEAN countries have a total population of 650 million people and a combined Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of USD 2.8 trillion. It is India's 4th largest trading partner with about USD 86.9 billion in trade.

