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I. GREAT NICOBAR PROJECT



- I. The project aims to develop **Great Nicobar Island** into a major **strategic and economic hub**.
- II. Key components:
 - A. International container transshipment terminal
 - B. Greenfield international airport
 - C. Township development
 - D. Power infrastructure
- III. Estimated cost: ~₹70,000+ crore (approx).
- IV. Implemented by:
 - A. NITI Aayog (planning role)
- V. Aims to:
 - A. Boost maritime trade
 - B. Enhance connectivity

- C. Strengthen national security presence in the Indo-Pacific
- VI. Overall, seeks to transform the island into a **global logistics and strategic hub**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Strategic Importance

- I. Located near:
 - A. Malacca Strait (major global shipping route)
- II. Critical for:
 - A. Maritime security
 - B. Trade monitoring

Economic Significance

- I. Transshipment hub:
 - A. Reduce dependence on foreign ports (e.g., Colombo, Singapore)
- II. Boost:
 - A. Trade efficiency
 - B. Regional development

Environmental Concerns

- I. Region includes:
 - A. Rich biodiversity
 - B. Tropical forests
- II. Home to:
 - A. Indigenous tribes like Shompen and Nicobarese
- III. Concerns:
 - A. Deforestation
 - B. Ecological disruption

Regulatory Aspects

- I. Requires:
 - A. Environmental clearances
 - B. Sustainable development planning

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Project:** Great Nicobar Development Project.
- **Location:** Great Nicobar Island.
- **Components:** Port, airport, township.
- **Focus:** Trade and security.
- **Benefit:** Strategic and economic growth.
- **Challenge:** Environmental impact.
- **Way Forward:** Balance development with sustainability.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Island:** Great Nicobar
- **Strait:** Malacca
- **Component:** Transshipment port
- **Agency:** NITI Aayog
- **Concern:** Biodiversity
- **Tribe:** Shompen
- **Goal:** Strategic hub

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Great Nicobar Project includes a transshipment terminal and an airport.
2. The project is located near the Malacca Strait.
3. The region has no environmental concerns.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

2. BRICS WOMEN'S WORKING GROUP: FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING HELD



- I. The meeting brought together representatives from **BRICS countries**.
- II. Key focus areas:
 - A. Women's economic empowerment
 - B. Leadership and decision-making
 - C. Skill development and entrepreneurship

- III. Aims to:
 - A. Share best practices
 - B. Promote collaboration among member countries
- IV. Highlights India's emphasis on:
 - A. **"Women-led development"**
- V. Strengthens:
 - A. Multilateral engagement on gender issues
- VI. Overall, advances the global **gender equality agenda**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

BRICS

- I. BRICS:
 - A. Group of major emerging economies
- II. Focus areas:
 - A. Economic cooperation
 - B. Development

Women's Working Group

- I. Platform to:
 - A. Address gender-related challenges
- II. Promotes:
 - A. Inclusive policies

India's Approach

- I. Emphasis on:
 - A. Women empowerment
 - B. Inclusive growth

Global Linkages

- I. Aligns with:
 - A. SDG 5 (Gender Equality)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Organizer:** Ministry of Women & Child Development.
- **Forum:** BRICS Women's Working Group.
- **Focus:** Women empowerment.
- **Themes:** Leadership, entrepreneurship.
- **Approach:** International cooperation.
- **Impact:** Gender-inclusive development.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen collaboration and policy exchange.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Group:** BRICS
- **Ministry:** MWCD
- **Focus:** Women empowerment
- **Concept:** Women-led development
- **SDG:** SDG 5
- **Scope:** Multilateral cooperation
- **Goal:** Equality

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. BRICS includes Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
2. The Women's Working Group focuses on gender-related issues.
3. BRICS is a military alliance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

3. NATIONAL SUMMIT ON INNOVATION & INCLUSIVITY: FOCUS ON STRONGER HEALTH SYSTEMS



- V. Overall, aims to build a **resilient, inclusive, and efficient healthcare system.**

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Healthcare Innovation

- I. Includes:
 - A. Telemedicine
 - B. AI-based diagnostics
 - C. Digital health records

Inclusivity in Healthcare

- I. Ensures:
 - A. Access for vulnerable and marginalized populations
- II. Focus on:
 - A. Rural and underserved areas

Health System Strengthening

- I. Involves:
 - A. Infrastructure
 - B. Workforce
 - C. Governance

Policy Linkages

- Ayushman Bharat
- National Health Mission
- Digital Health Mission

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Event:** National Summit.
- **Focus:** Innovation and inclusivity.

- I. The summit brought together:
 - A. Policymakers
 - B. Healthcare professionals
 - C. Innovators
- II. Key focus areas:
 - A. Improving **accessibility and affordability of healthcare**
 - B. Promoting **innovation in health technologies**
 - C. Strengthening **primary healthcare systems**
- III. Encouraged:
 - A. Sharing of successful models across states
 - B. Adoption of scalable solutions
- IV. Highlighted role of:
 - A. Digital health
 - B. Data-driven governance

- **Sector:** Healthcare.
- **Themes:** Access, technology, best practices.
- **Impact:** Improved health outcomes.
- **Challenge:** Implementation gaps.
- **Way Forward:** Scale innovations and strengthen systems.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Concept:** Health innovation
- **Scheme:** Ayushman Bharat
- **Focus:** Inclusivity
- **Tool:** Digital health
- **Goal:** Universal health coverage
- **Sector:** Healthcare
- **Approach:** Best practices

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Innovation in healthcare includes telemedicine and digital tools.
2. Inclusivity ensures access to healthcare for vulnerable groups.
3. Health system strengthening is unrelated to infrastructure.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
 (b) 1 only
 (c) 2 and 3 only
 (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

4.DELIVERY OF PROJECT 17A STEALTH FRIGATE 'MAHENDRAGIRI'



- I. 'Mahendragiri' is part of **Project 17A**, a programme to build advanced stealth frigates.
- II. Built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited.
- III. Features:
 - A. Stealth technology (reduced radar signature)
 - B. Advanced weapons and sensors
 - C. Improved survivability
- IV. Enhances:
 - A. Indian Navy's **blue-water capabilities**
 - B. Maritime security in the Indo-Pacific
- V. Promotes:

- A. Indigenous design and manufacturing
- VI. Aligns with:
 - A. Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence
- VII. Overall, strengthens India's **naval power and strategic deterrence**.

- **Ship:** Mahendragiri.
- **Project:** 17A.
- **Builder:** Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd.
- **Feature:** Stealth frigate.
- **Role:** Naval defence.
- **Impact:** Enhanced maritime capability.
- **Way Forward:** Continue indigenous defence production.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Project 17A

- I. Follow-on to Project 17 (Shivalik-class frigates)
- II. Aims to build:
 - A. Next-generation stealth frigates

Stealth Technology

- I. Reduces:
 - A. Radar, infrared, and acoustic signatures
- II. Makes ships:
 - A. Harder to detect

Strategic Importance

- I. Supports:
 - A. Maritime security
 - B. Protection of sea lanes
- II. Important for:
 - A. Indo-Pacific region

Policy Linkages

- Aatmanirbhar Bharat
- Defence modernization

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Project:** 17A
- **Type:** Stealth frigate
- **Builder:** MDL
- **Concept:** Stealth technology
- **Policy:** Aatmanirbhar Bharat
- **Sector:** Defence
- **Goal:** Naval strength

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Project 17A involves construction of stealth frigates.
2. Stealth technology reduces the detectability of naval ships.
3. Mahendragiri is an aircraft carrier.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

5. BIS PUBLISHES 6 NEW STANDARDS FOR PRIORITY ASSISTIVE PRODUCTS



CERTIFIED BY BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS

- I. Standards cover **assistive devices** such as:
 - A. Mobility aids (wheelchairs, walkers)
 - B. Hearing and visual aids
 - C. Supportive devices for daily living
- II. Objectives:
 - A. Ensure **quality, safety, and reliability**
 - B. Promote **standardization in manufacturing**
- III. Benefits:
 - A. Improved accessibility for PwDs
 - B. Greater trust in assistive technologies
- IV. Encourages:
 - A. Innovation and domestic production
- V. Aligns with:
 - A. Inclusive development and universal accessibility
- VI. Overall, strengthens India's **assistive technology ecosystem**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

- I. Bureau of Indian Standards:
 - A. National standards body
- II. Responsible for:
 - A. Standardization, certification, quality assurance

Assistive Products

- I. Devices that help individuals:
 - A. With disabilities or impairments
- II. Enable:
 - A. Independent living and participation

Legal Framework

- I. Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016
- II. Emphasizes:
 - A. Accessibility and inclusion

Policy Linkages

- Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)
- Digital inclusion initiatives

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Agency:** BIS.
- **Action:** 6 new standards issued.
- **Focus:** Assistive products.
- **Target:** Persons with Disabilities.
- **Benefit:** Quality and accessibility.
- **Challenge:** Affordability and reach.
- **Way Forward:** Scale adoption and innovation.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **BIS:** Standards body
- **Act:** RPWD Act 2016
- **Concept:** Accessibility
- **Devices:** Assistive products
- **Goal:** Inclusion
- **Campaign:** Sugamya Bharat
- **Impact:** Quality assurance

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. BIS is responsible for standardization in India.
2. Assistive products help persons with disabilities lead independent lives.
3. The RPWD Act does not address accessibility.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)