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1. INS SAGARDHWANI ENHANCES INDIA–VIETNAM MARITIME & SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION



- I. INS Sagardhwani is a specialized vessel used for:
 - A. Oceanographic and acoustic research
- II. Objectives of the mission:
 - A. Enhance bilateral maritime cooperation
 - B. Promote scientific collaboration in marine studies
- III. Activities include:
 - A. Joint scientific interactions
 - B. Maritime engagement and outreach
- IV. Significance:
 - A. Strengthens India–Vietnam strategic partnership
 - B. Supports regional maritime security and research cooperation
- V. Overall, reinforces India’s role in the **Indo-Pacific maritime framework**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

INS Sagardhwani

- I. Operated by:
 - A. Indian Navy
- II. Used for:
 - A. Acoustic trials and oceanographic studies

India–Vietnam Relations

- I. Strategic partners in:
 - A. Defence and maritime cooperation
- II. Shared interest in:
 - A. Freedom of navigation and regional stability

Indo-Pacific Importance

- I. Critical region for:
 - A. Global trade routes
 - B. Maritime security
- II. Cooperation helps:
 - A. Strengthen regional partnerships

Scientific Cooperation

- I. Marine research supports:
 - A. Ocean studies
 - B. Climate understanding
 - C. Naval operations

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Vessel:** INS Sagardhwani.
- **Countries:** India and Vietnam.
- **Focus:** Maritime and scientific cooperation.
- **Region:** Indo-Pacific.
- **Agency:** Indian Navy.
- **Impact:** Stronger strategic partnership.
- **Way Forward:** Expand collaborative maritime research.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Ship:** INS Sagardhwani
- **Type:** Research vessel
- **Partner country:** Vietnam
- **Region:** Indo-Pacific
- **Focus:** Maritime cooperation
- **Agency:** Indian Navy
- **Goal:** Scientific collaboration

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. INS Sagardhwani is associated with oceanographic research.
2. India and Vietnam cooperate in maritime security.
3. The Indo-Pacific region has no strategic importance.

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. UNION HOME MINISTER REVIEWS INDIA'S PREPAREDNESS FOR FLOODS & HEAT WAVES



- I. The meeting reviewed:
 - A. National and state-level disaster preparedness mechanisms
- II. Key focus areas:
 - A. Early warning systems
 - B. Inter-agency coordination
 - C. Relief and rescue preparedness
- III. Emphasis on:
 - A. Minimizing loss of life and property
 - B. Timely response during extreme weather events
- IV. Directions included:
 - A. Better coordination among states and agencies
 - B. Strengthening awareness and mitigation strategies
- V. Overall, highlights India's efforts toward **climate resilience and disaster preparedness.**

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Floods in India

- I. Caused by:
 - A. Heavy rainfall
 - B. River overflow
 - C. Urban drainage issues
- II. Major impacts:
 - A. Loss of life, crops, and infrastructure

Heat Waves

- I. Prolonged periods of:
 - A. Extremely high temperatures
- II. Increasing due to:
 - A. Climate change and urbanization

Disaster Management Framework

- I. Guided by:
 - A. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- II. Includes:
 - A. Preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery

Importance of Early Warning Systems

- I. Help:
 - A. Reduce casualties
 - B. Improve response planning

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Minister:** Amit Shah.
- **Issues reviewed:** Floods and heat waves.
- **Location:** New Delhi.
- **Focus:** Disaster preparedness.
- **Agency:** NDMA.

- **Concern:** Climate-related disasters.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen early warning and coordination systems.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **NDMA:** Disaster management authority
- **Hazards:** Floods and heat waves
- **Concept:** Early warning systems
- **Issue:** Climate resilience
- **Focus:** Disaster preparedness
- **Goal:** Minimize losses
- **Approach:** Coordination and mitigation

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. NDMA is responsible for disaster management in India.
2. Early warning systems help reduce disaster impacts.
3. Heat waves are unrelated to climate change.

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. "WATER CONSERVATION SHOULD BECOME A MASS MOVEMENT" — NITIN GADKARI



Water Conservation Measures

- I. Rainwater harvesting
- II. Check dams and watershed development
- III. Efficient irrigation techniques:
 - A. Drip and sprinkler irrigation

Government Initiatives

- I. Jal Shakti Abhiyan
- II. Atal Bhujal Yojana
- III. Campaigns promoting:
 - A. Water-use efficiency and sustainability

Importance of Public Participation

- I. Community involvement helps:
 - A. Improve local water management
 - B. Ensure sustainability of conservation efforts

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Minister:** Nitin Gadkari.
- **Theme:** Water conservation.
- **Approach:** Mass movement and public participation.
- **Focus:** Rainwater harvesting and reuse.
- **Challenge:** Water scarcity.
- **Goal:** Sustainable water security.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen awareness and local conservation efforts.

- I. The Minister stressed:
 - A. Collective responsibility in conserving water resources
- II. Key focus areas:
 - A. Rainwater harvesting
 - B. Watershed management
 - C. Reuse and recycling of water
- III. Importance:
 - A. Ensuring long-term water security
 - B. Supporting agriculture and livelihoods
- IV. Encouraged:
 - A. Community participation and awareness campaigns
- V. Overall, the message promotes **sustainable water management and environmental stewardship.**

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Water Stress in India

- I. India faces:
 - A. Declining groundwater levels
 - B. Uneven rainfall distribution
- II. Increasing pressure due to:
 - A. Population growth and urbanization

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Issue:** Water scarcity
- **Technique:** Rainwater harvesting
- **Scheme:** Jal Shakti Abhiyan
- **Programme:** Atal Bhujal Yojana
- **Goal:** Water security
- **Approach:** Community participation
- **Focus:** Sustainable management

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Rainwater harvesting is a method of water conservation.
2. Atal Bhujal Yojana is related to groundwater management.
3. Water conservation has no role in sustainable development.

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. UNION MINISTER SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN LAUNCHES PMGSY-IV IN MADHYA PRADESH



- I. **PMGSY-IV** aims to:
 - A. Strengthen rural road connectivity
 - B. Improve access to remote villages
- II. Focus areas:
 - A. All-weather road infrastructure
 - B. Connectivity to economic and social services
- III. Expected benefits:
 - A. Better transport and market access
 - B. Improved healthcare and education accessibility
 - C. Rural economic development
- IV. Development package includes:
 - A. Infrastructure and regional development projects
- V. Overall, supports inclusive growth and rural transformation in Madhya Pradesh.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

- I. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana:
 - A. Launched to provide all-weather rural road connectivity
- II. Objective:
 - A. Connect unconnected habitations

Importance of Rural Connectivity

- I. Enhances:
 - A. Agricultural market access
 - B. Employment opportunities
 - C. Delivery of public services

Madhya Pradesh

- I. Large rural population:
 - A. Requires extensive infrastructure development
- II. Rural roads play a key role in:
 - A. Socio-economic progress

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Scheme:** PMGSY-IV.
- **Launch location:** Bhairunda, Sehore.
- **State:** Madhya Pradesh.
- **Focus:** Rural connectivity.
- **Benefit:** Infrastructure-led development.
- **Sector:** Rural development.
- **Way Forward:** Expand all-weather road networks.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **PMGSY:** Rural roads scheme
- **Objective:** Village connectivity
- **State:** Madhya Pradesh
- **Focus:** All-weather roads
- **Benefit:** Rural development
- **Sector:** Infrastructure
- **Goal:** Inclusive growth

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. PMGSY focuses on rural road connectivity.
2. Rural connectivity improves access to markets and services.
3. PMGSY is related only to urban transport 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)

5. UNION MINISTER DR. JITENDRA SINGH REVIEWS “SATHI” FACILITY AT BHU, VARANASI



- I. **SATHI** stands for:
 - A. Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes
- II. Objective:
 - A. Provide shared advanced scientific infrastructure for researchers and startups
- III. Key features:
 - A. High-end analytical instruments
 - B. Interdisciplinary research support
 - C. Access for academia, industry, and innovators
- IV. Benefits:
 - A. Promotes cutting-edge research
 - B. Encourages innovation and technology development
 - C. Supports startups and young scientists
- V. Overall, it strengthens India's scientific ecosystem and research capacity.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

SATHI Programme

- I. Launched by:
 - A. Department of Science and Technology
- II. Aim:
 - A. Create professionally managed shared research facilities
- III. Focus areas:
 - A. Nanotechnology
 - B. Materials science
 - C. Biotechnology
 - D. Advanced instrumentation

Banaras Hindu University (BHU)

- I. Banaras Hindu University:
 - A. One of India's premier central universities
- II. Known for:
 - A. Research and higher education excellence

Importance of Shared Research Facilities

- I. Reduce duplication of expensive equipment
- II. Improve:
 - A. Research accessibility and collaboration

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Facility:** SATHI.
- **Location:** BHU, Varanasi.
- **Support:** DST.
- **Focus:** Advanced scientific infrastructure.
- **Users:** Researchers, startups, academia.
- **Impact:** Innovation and interdisciplinary research.
- **Way Forward:** Expand shared R&D infrastructure nationwide.

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **SATHI:** Shared research facility programme
- **Ministry support:** DST
- **Institution:** BHU
- **Focus:** Advanced instrumentation
- **Goal:** Research accessibility
- **Sector:** Science & Technology
- **Benefit:** Innovation ecosystem

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MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. SATHI facilities are supported by the Department of Science and Technology.
2. The initiative promotes shared access to advanced scientific instruments.
3. BHU is located in Rajasthan.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 only