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1. INDIA-ITALY JOINT DECLARATION



Key Areas of Cooperation

1. Strategic Partnership

- I. Both countries reaffirmed commitment to:
 - A. Democratic values
 - B. Rule-based international order
 - C. Multilateral cooperation

2. Trade & Investment

- I. Focus on:
 - A. Expanding bilateral trade
 - B. Industrial collaboration
 - C. Investment partnerships
- II. Encouragement for:
 - A. Business-to-business cooperation

3. Technology & Innovation

- I. Cooperation in:
 - A. Artificial Intelligence
 - B. Digital technologies
 - C. Startups and innovation ecosystems
 - D. Research and development

4. Defence & Security

- I. Enhanced engagement in:
 - A. Defence manufacturing
 - B. Maritime security
 - C. Counter-terrorism cooperation

5. Energy & Sustainability

- I. Collaboration on:
 - A. Renewable energy
 - B. Green transition
 - C. Climate action and sustainable development

6. Education & Cultural Exchange

- I. Promotion of:
 - A. Academic cooperation
 - B. Mobility of students and researchers
 - C. Cultural partnerships

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

India-Italy Relations

- I. Bilateral relations include cooperation in:
 - A. Trade
 - B. Manufacturing
 - C. Defence
 - D. Clean energy
 - E. Science and technology

Italy

- I. Located in:
 - A. Southern Europe
- II. Member of:
 - A. European Union
 - B. G7

Strategic Importance

- I. Italy is an important partner for India in:
 - A. Europe and the Mediterranean region
- II. Cooperation aligns with:
 - A. India's engagement with Europe and Indo-Pacific partners

Importance of Joint Declarations

- I. Provide:
 - A. Framework for bilateral cooperation
 - B. Policy direction and diplomatic coordination

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Countries:** India and Italy.
- **Nature:** Joint Declaration.
- **Focus areas:** Trade, technology, defence, sustainability.
- **Global dimension:** Multilateral and strategic cooperation.
- **Importance:** Strengthened bilateral partnership.
- **Sectoral cooperation:** Innovation and clean energy.
- **Way Forward:** Deepen strategic and economic engagement.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Country:** Italy
- **Region:** Southern Europe
- **Organizations:** EU and G7
- **Themes:** Technology and sustainability
- **Focus:** Strategic partnership
- **Sector:** Defence and trade cooperation
- **Goal:** Stronger India-Europe engagement

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Italy is a member of the European Union.
2. India-Italy cooperation includes technology, defence, and renewable energy sectors.
3. Joint declarations between countries can provide a framework for bilateral cooperation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

2.INDIA'S EVOLVING METROLOGY ECOSYSTEM



CERTIFIED BY BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS

What is Metrology?

- I. Science of:
 - A. Measurement and standards
- II. Ensures:

- A. Accuracy, uniformity, and reliability in measurements

Key Areas of India's Metrology Ecosystem

- Scientific metrology
- Industrial metrology
- Legal metrology

Major Objectives

- Strengthen quality infrastructure
- Improve industrial precision and calibration systems
- Support manufacturing and exports
- Enhance consumer protection and standardization

Significance

- I. Essential for:
 - A. Manufacturing
 - B. Healthcare
 - C. Defence
 - D. Space and scientific research
 - E. Trade and commerce
- II. Supports:
 - A. "Make in India" and advanced manufacturing initiatives

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Scientific Metrology

- I. Focuses on:
 - A. Development of national measurement standards
- II. Important for:
 - A. Research and innovation
- I. Ensures:

- A. Precision in industrial production and quality control
- II. Used in:
 - A. Engineering
 - B. Automotive
 - C. Electronics sectors

Legal Metrology

- I. Deals with:
 - A. Regulation of weights and measures used in trade
- II. Protects:
 - A. Consumer interests and fair trade practices

Key Institutions

National Physical Laboratory

- India's premier institute for measurement standards

Bureau of Indian Standards

- National standards body of India

Importance in Modern Economy

- I. Accurate measurement systems are critical for:
 - A. International trade
 - B. Product certification
 - C. Technological innovation
 - D. Industrial competitiveness

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Field:** Metrology.
- **Focus:** Measurement science and standards.
- **Types:** Scientific, industrial, legal metrology.

- **Institutions:** NPL and BIS.
- **Importance:** Quality infrastructure and precision manufacturing.
- **National goal:** Industrial modernization and competitiveness.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen digital and advanced measurement capabilities.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Metrology:** Science of measurement
- **Scientific metrology:** National standards
- **Industrial metrology:** Manufacturing precision
- **Legal metrology:** Weights and measures regulation
- **Institution:** National Physical Laboratory
- **Standards body:** BIS
- **Goal:** Quality infrastructure and trade facilitation

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Metrology is the science of measurement.
2. Legal metrology deals with regulation of weights and measures used in trade.
3. Industrial metrology is unrelated to manufacturing quality control.

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.DEMOGRAPHIC STRENGTH GIVES BRICS COUNTRIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF WORK: DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA



Key Themes Highlighted

- Demographic dividend of BRICS nations
- Future of work and digital transformation
- Skills, innovation, and employment generation

Opportunities for BRICS Countries

- Large youth population
- Expanding digital economy
- Growing startup and innovation ecosystems

Focus Areas

- Skill development and reskilling
- Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies
- Entrepreneurship and gig economy
- Inclusive and sustainable employment

Significance

- I. BRICS nations can:
 - A. Influence global labour and economic trends

- B. Shape technology-driven employment models
- II. Supports:
 - A. Sustainable economic growth and social inclusion

- Technological disruption
- Informal employment
- Need for social protection systems

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

BRICS

- I. BRICS consists of:
 - A. Brazil
 - B. Russia
 - C. India
 - D. China
 - E. South Africa
- II. Represents a significant share of:
 - A. Global population and economic output

Demographic Dividend

- I. Refers to:
 - A. Economic growth potential arising from a large working-age population
- II. Requires:
 - A. Education
 - B. Skills
 - C. Employment opportunities

Future of Work

- I. Driven by:
 - A. Automation
 - B. AI
 - C. Digital platforms
 - D. Remote and flexible work systems

Challenges

- Skill mismatch

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Forum:** BRICS.
- **Theme:** Future of work.
- **Focus:** Demographic strength and skills.
- **Key driver:** Youth population.
- **Sector:** Digital economy and employment.
- **Importance:** Inclusive and sustainable growth.
- **Way Forward:** Invest in skilling, innovation, and workforce readiness.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **BRICS:** Emerging economies grouping
- **Concept:** Demographic dividend
- **Future of work:** AI and digital transformation
- **Focus:** Skill development
- **Challenge:** Automation and reskilling
- **Opportunity:** Youth workforce
- **Goal:** Inclusive employment growth

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Demographic dividend refers to the economic potential arising from a large working-age population.
2. BRICS countries together account for a significant share of the global population.
3. The future of work is unaffected by automation and digital technologies.

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. ICAR LEADS NATIONWIDE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON BALANCED USE OF FERTILISERS AHEAD OF KHARIF 2026



Objectives of the Campaign

- I. Promote:
 - A. Scientific and balanced fertiliser application
- II. Encourage:
 - A. Soil health management
 - B. Efficient nutrient use

Key Focus Areas

- I. Optimum use of:
 - A. Nitrogen (N)
 - B. Phosphorus (P)
 - C. Potassium (K)
 - D. Micronutrients

- II. Soil testing and nutrient-based fertiliser application

Expected Benefits

- Improved crop yield and productivity
- Reduced input costs for farmers
- Prevention of soil degradation and nutrient imbalance

Significance

- I. Supports:
 - A. Sustainable agriculture
 - B. Long-term soil fertility
 - C. Food security objectives

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

ICAR

- I. Indian Council of Agricultural Research:
 - A. Apex body for agricultural research and education in India
- II. Operates under:
 - A. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Balanced Fertilisation

- I. Refers to:
 - A. Appropriate and scientific use of nutrients based on crop and soil requirements
- II. Helps:
 - A. Maintain soil productivity and environmental sustainability

Kharif Season

- I. Crops sown during:
 - A. Southwest monsoon season
- II. Major Kharif crops:
 - A. Rice
 - B. Maize
 - C. Cotton
 - D. Soybean

Soil Health Concerns

- I. Excessive use of chemical fertilisers can lead to:
 - A. Soil degradation
 - B. Nutrient imbalance
 - C. Reduced productivity over time

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Organization:** ICAR.
- **Campaign:** Balanced fertiliser use awareness.
- **Season:** Kharif 2026.
- **Focus:** Soil health and nutrient efficiency.
- **Approach:** Scientific fertiliser management.
- **Importance:** Sustainable agriculture and productivity.
- **Way Forward:** Expand soil testing and precision nutrient management.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **ICAR:** Agricultural research apex body
- **Season:** Kharif
- **Concept:** Balanced fertilisation
- **Major nutrients:** NPK
- **Goal:** Soil health management
- **Challenge:** Nutrient imbalance
- **Benefit:** Sustainable crop productivity

PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. ICAR is the apex body for agricultural research and education in India.
2. Balanced fertilisation involves scientific nutrient application based on soil and crop needs.
3. Excessive fertiliser use can negatively affect soil health.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a)

5. UNION ENVIRONMENT MINISTER INTERACTS WITH MID-CAREER TRAINING PARTICIPANTS OF INDIAN FOREST SERVICE



Key Themes Highlighted

- Conservation of forests and biodiversity

- Climate action and ecological sustainability
- Role of forest officers in environmental governance

Focus of the Interaction

- Capacity building and leadership development
- Strengthening conservation-oriented administration
- Community participation in environmental protection

Importance of Indian Forest Service Officers

- I. Protection of:
 - A. Forest ecosystems
 - B. Wildlife habitats
 - C. Biodiversity resources
- II. Implementation of:
 - A. Environmental and forest laws

Significance

- I. Reinforces:
 - A. India's commitment to sustainable development and ecological conservation

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Indian Forest Service (IFS)

- I. Indian Forest Service:
 - A. One of the All India Services
- II. Established in:
 - A. 1966
- III. Responsible for:
 - A. Forest administration
 - B. Wildlife protection

- C. Environmental management

Role of Forest Officers

- I. Ensure:
 - A. Conservation of natural resources
 - B. Prevention of illegal activities like poaching and deforestation
- II. Support:
 - A. Climate resilience and ecological balance

Environmental Governance in India

- I. Guided by:
 - A. Sustainable development principles
 - B. Biodiversity conservation commitments

Importance of Training Programmes

- I. Enhance:
 - A. Administrative capabilities
 - B. Scientific understanding
 - C. Policy implementation skills

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Minister:** Bhupender Yadav.
- **Service:** Indian Forest Service.
- **Theme:** Environmental conservation and leadership.
- **Focus:** Forest and wildlife protection.
- **Importance:** Biodiversity and ecological sustainability.
- **Training:** Mid-career capacity building.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen conservation governance and ecological stewardship.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **IFS:** Indian Forest Service
- **Type:** All India Service
- **Established:** 1966
- **Role:** Forest and wildlife conservation
- **Focus:** Biodiversity protection
- **Theme:** Sustainable development
- **Goal:** Ecological balance and climate resilience

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Consider the following statements:

1. The Indian Forest Service is one of the All India Services.
2. Forest officers play a role in biodiversity and wildlife conservation.
3. The Indian Forest Service was established before independence.

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)