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## I. INDIA HOSTS ISO SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS ON 'SPACE SYSTEMS AND OPERATIONS' FOR THE FIRST TIME



- I. The meetings focused on:
  - A. Developing and harmonizing global standards for:
    1. Space missions
    2. Satellite systems
    3. Space operations
- II. Participants included:
  - A. International experts
  - B. Space agencies
  - C. Industry representatives
- III. Key objectives:
  - A. Promote interoperability and safety in space activities
  - B. Facilitate international cooperation in emerging space technologies
- IV. India showcased:
  - A. Its expanding capabilities in:
    1. Satellite launches
    2. Space exploration
    3. Commercial space services
- V. Overall, it strengthens India's role in **global space governance and technological collaboration.**

## BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

### International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

- I. International Organization for Standardization:
  - A. Develops international standards for quality, safety, and efficiency

### Space Systems and Operations

- I. Covers:
  - A. Satellite communication
  - B. Launch vehicles
  - C. Space mission management
  - D. Space safety protocols

### India's Space Programme

- I. Led by:
  - A. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- II. India has achieved:
  - A. Cost-effective satellite launches
  - B. Lunar and interplanetary missions
  - C. Expanding commercial space activities

### Importance of Global Standards

- I. Ensures:
  - A. Compatibility between international systems
  - B. Safe and sustainable use of outer space

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Organization:** ISO.
- **Theme:** Space Systems and Operations.
- **Host Country:** India.
- **Agency:** ISRO.
- **Focus:** International standards.
- **Impact:** Stronger role in space governance.
- **Way Forward:** Enhance global cooperation in space technology.

## PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **ISO:** International standards organization
- **ISRO:** India's space agency
- **Field:** Space systems
- **Concept:** Interoperability
- **Focus:** Space safety
- **Goal:** Global cooperation
- **Impact:** Standardized operations

## PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. ISO develops international standards across sectors.
2. ISRO is India's national space agency.
3. International standards are irrelevant for space cooperation.

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.SOMNATH: THE ETERNAL FLAME OF BHARAT



- Somnath Temple is one of the:
  - A. Most revered pilgrimage sites in India
- Dedicated to:
  - A. Lord Shiva as the **first Jyotirlinga**
- Symbolizes:
  - A. Faith, resilience, and national pride
- The temple has:
  - A. Been rebuilt multiple times after invasions and destruction
- Represents:
  - A. Revival of India's cultural identity after Independence
- Located at:
  - A. Prabhas Patan near Veraval in Gujarat

## BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

### Somnath Temple

- Ancient temple on the:
  - A. Arabian Sea coast
- Historically renowned for:
  - A. Wealth and architecture

### Jyotirlinga Significance

- I. One of the:
  - A. 12 sacred Jyotirlingas of Shiva
- II. Important center of:
  - A. Shaivite worship

### Historical Importance

- I. Attacked and rebuilt several times:
  - A. Most notably after raids by:
    1. Mahmud of Ghazni
- II. Reconstruction after Independence supported by:
  - A. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

### Cultural Symbolism

- I. Seen as:
  - A. Symbol of resilience and continuity of Indian civilization

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Temple:** Somnath Temple.
- **State:** Gujarat.
- **Deity:** Lord Shiva.
- **Importance:** First Jyotirlinga.
- **Symbolism:** Cultural resilience.
- **Historical figure:** Sardar Patel.
- **Way Forward:** Preserve cultural heritage and pilgrimage tourism.

### PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Location:** Gujarat
- **Temple:** Somnath
- **Deity:** Shiva
- **Type:** Jyotirlinga
- **Coast:** Arabian Sea
- **Leader linked:** Sardar Patel
- **Concept:** Cultural heritage

## PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. Somnath Temple is associated with Lord Shiva.
2. It is regarded as the first Jyotirlinga.
3. Somnath Temple is located on the eastern coast of India.

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.DRDO & IAF SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCT MAIDEN FLIGHT-TRIAL OF TACTICAL ADVANCED RANGE AUGMENTATION (TARA) WEAPON



- I. The TARA weapon system is designed to:
  - A. Enhance strike range and operational capability
- II. Key features:
  - A. Precision targeting
  - B. Advanced guidance systems
  - C. Improved tactical effectiveness
- III. The successful trial validated:
  - A. Flight performance
  - B. Navigation and control systems
- IV. Significance:
  - A. Strengthens India's self-reliance in defence technology
- V. Supports:
  - A. Modernization of air combat capabilities
- VI. Overall, boosts India's **indigenous weapons development programme**.
  - A. Dependence on imports
- II. Enhances:
  - A. Strategic autonomy and national security

## Policy Linkages

- Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence
- Defence indigenization initiatives

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Organizations:** DRDO & IAF.
- **Weapon:** TARA.
- **Event:** Maiden flight-trial.
- **Focus:** Precision and range enhancement.
- **Impact:** Indigenous capability boost.
- **Sector:** Defence technology.
- **Way Forward:** Further testing and induction.

## BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

### DRDO

- I. Defence Research and Development Organisation:
  - A. India's premier defence R&D agency
- II. Develops:
  - A. Missiles, aircraft systems, radars, and weapon technologies

### Indian Air Force (IAF)

- I. Indian Air Force:
  - A. Air arm of India's armed forces
- II. Responsible for:
  - A. Air defence and aerial warfare

## Importance of Indigenous Defence Systems

- I. Reduces:

## PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **DRDO:** Defence R&D agency
- **IAF:** Air force of India
- **Weapon:** TARA
- **Focus:** Tactical strike capability
- **Policy:** Atmanirbhar Bharat
- **Goal:** Defence self-reliance
- **Impact:** Strategic autonomy

## PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

### Consider the following statements:

1. DRDO is India's defence research agency.
2. Indigenous weapon systems enhance strategic autonomy.

3. The Indian Air Force is responsible only for naval warfare.

**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.INDIA ADVANCES BRICS MSME COOPERATION UNDER ITS 2026 CHAIRSHIP



- I. India emphasized:
  - A. Greater MSME cooperation among BRICS members
- II. Key areas of collaboration:
  - A. Digital transformation
  - B. Innovation and technology sharing
  - C. Market access for MSMEs
  - D. Sustainable and inclusive growth
- III. Objectives:
  - A. Improve global competitiveness of MSMEs
  - B. Strengthen cross-border partnerships
- IV. Importance:

- A. MSMEs are major contributors to employment and GDP
- V. Overall, the initiative promotes stronger **economic cooperation within BRICS.**

## BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

### BRICS

- I. BRICS includes:
  - A. Brazil
  - B. Russia
  - C. India
  - D. China
  - E. South Africa
- II. Expanded grouping now includes additional members.

### MSMEs in India

- I. MSMEs play a vital role in:
  - A. Employment generation
  - B. Manufacturing and exports
- II. Important for:
  - A. Inclusive economic growth

### India's Chairship

- I. India's BRICS Chairship in 2026 focuses on:
  - A. Economic cooperation
  - B. Innovation and entrepreneurship

### Significance of MSME Cooperation

- I. Facilitates:
  - A. Technology transfer
  - B. Investment opportunities
  - C. Global value chain integration

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Forum:** BRICS.
- **Focus:** MSME cooperation.
- **Chairship:** India 2026.
- **Areas:** Innovation, digitalization, trade.
- **Impact:** Inclusive economic growth.
- **Sector:** MSMEs.
- **Way Forward:** Deepen business collaboration among BRICS nations.

## PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **BRICS:** Emerging economies grouping
- **MSME:** Small business sector
- **Focus:** Economic cooperation
- **Goal:** Inclusive growth
- **Area:** Technology and trade
- **Importance:** Employment generation
- **Chairship:** India 2026

## PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC

### MCQ

#### Consider the following statements:

1. BRICS is a grouping of emerging economies.
2. MSMEs contribute significantly to employment generation.
3. MSME cooperation discourages technology sharing.

#### 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.UIDAI DATA HACKATHON 2026 SHOWCASES DATA-DRIVEN INNOVATIONS FOR INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE



- I. The hackathon encouraged:
  - A. Students
  - B. Researchers
  - C. Innovators
  - D. Technology professionals
- II. Focus areas:
  - A. Data analytics
  - B. Artificial Intelligence (AI)
  - C. Governance solutions
- III. Objectives:
  - A. Develop innovative digital governance tools
  - B. Improve efficiency and transparency in public services
- IV. Themes included:
  - A. Inclusion
  - B. Accessibility
  - C. Citizen-centric service delivery
- V. Supports:

- A. India's digital governance ecosystem
- VI. Overall, promotes innovation-driven approaches for **better public administration**.

- **Way Forward:** Expand digital public infrastructure.

## BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

### UIDAI

- I. Unique Identification Authority of India:
  - A. Issues Aadhaar numbers
- II. Functions under:
  - A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

### Importance of Data-Driven Governance

- I. Helps governments:
  - A. Make evidence-based decisions
  - B. Improve targeting of welfare schemes
- II. Enhances:
  - A. Transparency and efficiency

### Hackathons

- I. Platforms for:
  - A. Collaborative innovation and problem-solving
- II. Encourage:
  - A. Practical technology solutions

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Organizer:** UIDAI.
- **Event:** Data Hackathon 2026.
- **Focus:** Inclusive governance.
- **Technology:** AI and data analytics.
- **Goal:** Citizen-centric innovation.
- **Impact:** Better governance solutions.

## PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **UIDAI:** Aadhaar authority
- **Technology:** Data analytics
- **Focus:** Inclusive governance
- **Concept:** Digital public infrastructure
- **Goal:** Transparency and efficiency
- **Event:** Hackathon
- **Sector:** E-governance

## PadhAI-GENERATED UPSC MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. UIDAI is responsible for Aadhaar.
2. Data-driven governance can improve public service delivery.
3. Hackathons discourage innovation.

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)**