

Prelim Bits 11-08-2018

'One District One Product' Summit

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- The President of India has recently inaugurated 'One District One Product' Summit in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

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- 'One District One Product' is a scheme developed by U.P state government to popularise products produced by MSME sector.

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- Under the scheme, the government has set a goal of providing employment to 25 lakh people in 5 years through the financial assistance of Rs. 25,000 crores.

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- It aims to improve the economic progress of MSME artisans by improving the skills of local people and increasing the reach of products.

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Operation 'Madad'

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- The operation 'Madad' has been launched by the Southern naval command at Kochi.

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- It is for assisting the state administration of Kerala and undertaking disaster relief operations due to the unprecedented flooding experienced in many parts.

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- Flooding in many parts is due to incessant rainfall and release of excess water from Idukki and other dams.

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- INHS Sanjivani has been deployed for rendering medical assistance.

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SCO Peace mission

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- Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Peace Mission Exercise is conducted biennially for SCO member states.

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- The joint exercise for the year 2018 will be conducted at Chebarkul, Chelyabinsk, Russia by Central Military Commission of Russia.

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- The upcoming peace mission is considered as a historic occasion due to participation of India after becoming a full member in 2017.

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- It will involve tactical level operations in an international counter insurgency or counter terrorism environment under SCO Charter.

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Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

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- SCO is a Eurasian political, economic, and military organisation which was founded by the leaders of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

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- India and Pakistan has recently become members of SCO in its 2017 meeting held at Astana, Kazakhstan.

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- Observer status is given to Iran, Mongolia, Belarus, Afghanistan.

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- The official working languages of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation are Chinese and Russian.

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- The Council of Heads of State is the top decision-making body in the SCO.

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- The Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS), headquartered in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, is a permanent organ of the SCO which serves to promote cooperation of member states against terrorism, separatism and extremism.

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- Pro-Active and Responsive facilitation by Interactive, Virtuous and Environmental Single-window Hub was recently launched by the Prime Minister of India.
- It is a Single-Window Integrated Environmental Management System, launched on the occasion of World Biofuel Day.
- It has been designed, developed and hosted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEFCC), with technical support from National Informatics Centre, (NIC).
- It has been rolled out for online submission, monitoring and management of proposals seeking various types of environment clearances from Central, State and district-level authorities.
- It enables project proponents, citizens to view, track and interact with scrutiny officers, generates online mail alerts to state functionaries in case of delays beyond stipulated time for processing of applications.

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Investors' Conference for the Holistic Development of Islands

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- NITI Aayog, together with the Ministry of Home Affairs and the UT Administrations of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep hosted the conference.
- Island Development Agency (IDA), an apex body, under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister, was constituted in June 2017.
- NITI Aayog has been mandated to steer the Holistic Development of Islands program, along with the respective UT administration/ State Governments.
- Under the said program in the first phase 10 Islands in Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep have been taken up for holistic development.
- The IDA has listed 11 anchor tourism projects and several other infrastructure projects such as Ro-Ro ferry services, desalination plants, digital connectivity, green energy in the first phase of holistic development of

these islands.

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