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## DAY -1

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**Q.1. To ensure a free, open, inclusive and prosperous Indo-Pacific region, major players like India and the US must take coordinated steps. Analyse. [Paper II: International Relations]**

### **Answer Format:**

- 👍 Brief introduction of the Indo-Pacific region.
- 👍 Meaning of making the region free, open and inclusive.
- 👍 Existing challenges in the region.
- 👍 Why do actors like India and the US require to take coordinated steps?
- 👍 Possible impact.
- 👍 Conclusion.

**SOURCE ARTICLE****Close partnership between India and US is central to a free, open, inclusive and prosperous Indo-Pacific region: Shri Piyush Goyal****The World now looks at India as a reliable and trusted partner: Shri Piyush Goyal****India has leapfrogged from 'Make in India' to 'Make in India for the world': Shri Piyush Goyal****Shri Piyush Goyal addresses USIBC's 46th Annual General Meeting and India Ideas Summit**

Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister for Commerce & Industry and Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution today said that close partnership between India and the United States is central to a free, open, inclusive and prosperous Indo-Pacific region. He was addressing the United States – India Business Council's (USIBC) 46th Annual General Meeting and India Ideas Summit themed 'From Recovery to Resurgence: reflecting the growing importance of global economic recovery amidst emerging healthcare issues and technological trends'.

Congratulating Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for completing 20 years of uninterrupted public service as the head of a duly elected democratic government, Shri Goyal lauded his untiring efforts that has accorded India a special status in the comity of nations.

Shri Goyal said that the world now looks at India as a reliable and trusted partner and a driving force in the world economy. Appreciating USIBC for bringing in 'Unity, Strength, Inclusion, Boldness & Commitment' in India-US relationship, he lauded its efforts to act as a bridge to build strong India-US business ties for the last 46 years.

He said that India-U.S. relationship

had developed to a global strategic partnership, based on our convergence on bilateral, regional and global issues and added that PM Modi and President Biden have been proactive in deepening our relations. Referring to PM Modi's visit to US last month for Quad Leaders' Summit, Shri Goyal said that the first in-person meeting of the two leaders was extremely fruitful.

Shri Goyal said that the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted that supply chains should not be based only on cost but also on trust. He added that India wanted to focus in areas where it has a Competitive advantage to become a bigger stakeholder in global value chains

Expressing concern over the increasing trust deficit in Post Covid world, Shri Goyal called for a resilient India-US relationship. Observing that India is recognized as a major defence partner of US, Shri Goyal also called for multiple dialogues across areas of energy, health, trade and innovation to improve our business to business relationships and provide the people of both countries with better services and opportunities.

Shri Goyal said that India is currently negotiating FTAs with like-minded nations like Australia, UAE, EU and UK

and added that India has been focusing on strengthening 24 sectors where it has competitive and comparative edge. Speaking of a National Infrastructure Pipeline in the making, Shri Goyal said that India was working to boost investment, simplify its tax regime, liberalize its FDI policy and strive to encourage invention, innovation, research and development.

Emphasizing that the World now looked upon India for its openness, opportunities & growth, Shri Goyal said that India is now the 3rd largest Startup ecosystem in the world. He added that under the leadership of PM Modi, India today is set on the path of 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat', a mantra which would make India even more open and empower it to work with the world nations from a position of

strength.

Observing that India had leapfrogged from 'Make in India' to 'Make in India for the world', Shri Goyal said that India is strengthening its domestic Industry and will offer quality with cost-competitiveness. Shri Goyal said that from addressing a range of issues, from the pandemic to climate change, India-US partnership has a leadership role to play. "India and US need to leverage our complementary strengths in technology, finance, production and supply and enhance cooperation in Electronic manufacturing, Fintech, Ed-tech, pharma and health, biotechnology, etc", he added.

Describing USA as a natural ally of India, Shri Goyal said that with a shared vision, the two nations can become true partners in progress and prosperity of their people.

**Q.2. India's entry into High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People will make the group more democratic to achieve global biodiversity targets. Discuss. [Paper III: Environment]**

**Answer Format:**

- 👍 Introduction to High Ambition Coalition.
- 👍 Why has it been formed?
- 👍 India's entry into the coalition.
- 👍 How will India make it more democratic?
- 👍 Global biodiversity targets.
- 👍 How will they be achieved?
- 👍 Conclusion.

**SOURCE ARTICLE****India Joins High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People****India joining the High Ambition Coalition is a real game changer, says France Ambassador**

At a ceremony held between the French and Indian governments on 7th October in New Delhi, India officially joined the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, a group of more than 70 countries encouraging the adoption of the global goal to protect 30x30.

HAC members currently include a mix of countries in the global north and south; European, Latin American, Africa and Asia countries are among the members. India is the first of the BRICS bloc of major emerging economies (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) to join the HAC.

India's announcement comes in the lead up to a high-level biodiversity meeting, hosted by China. The virtual meeting to take place October 11-15 will tackle key aspects of the biodiversity treaty to be finalized in 2022. The global 30x30 goal is currently a centrepiece of the treaty.

Shri Rameshwar Prasad Gupta, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India handed over the signed HAC agreement to H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Lenain, Ambassador of France to India in a ceremony held today.



Expressing delight on India joining member countries of HAC, Shri Rameshwar Prasad Gupta, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, said that resource mobilization will always be the cornerstone for implementation of policies and programmes for conserving biodiversity and said India would ensure all support in meeting the global biodiversity targets.

Welcoming India's decision to join the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, which was initiated at the "One Planet Summit" in Paris in January 2021, Mr. Emmanuel Lenain, Ambassador of France to India said that on the eve of the opening of COP15, India joining the High Ambition Coalition is a real game changer and will boost our multilateral efforts. Stating that India is a major player for biodiversity protection, the French ambassador informed that this coalition aims to promote an international agreement to protect at least 30 % of the world's land and ocean by 2030.

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Q.1. Considering the increasingly growing threats of cyber crimes, new guidelines have recently been released by the Government of India in power sector. How will these ensure a secure cyber ecosystem? [Paper III: Internal Security]

### Answer Format:

- 👍 Concept and few examples of cyber crimes.
- 👍 Reasons for their rapid growth and spread.
- 👍 Analytical note on the recently released guidelines.
- 👍 What will be their impact on cyber ecosystem?
- 👍 Conclusion.

## SOURCE ARTICLE

## Government releases guideline for the Cyber Security in Power Sector

Under direction of Union Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister Shri R K Singh the Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power has prepared the guideline for the Cyber Security in Power Sector and it has been released today.

CEA under the provision of Section 3(10) on Cyber Security in the “Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019” has framed Guideline on Cyber Security in Power Sector to be adhered by all Power Sector utilities to create cyber secure eco system. This is the first time that a comprehensive guideline has been formulated on cyber security in power sector. The guideline lays down required actions for cyber security preparedness across various utilities in power sector so as to raise the level of cyber security preparedness for power sector.

The Guideline has been prepared after intensive deliberations with stakeholder and inputs from expert agencies in the field of cyber security, such as CERT-In, NCIIPC, NSCS, IIT Kanpur and subsequent deliberations in Ministry of Power as well.

The Guideline have been issued with the objective of creating a cyber secure ecosystem. It lays down a cyber assurance framework, the strengthens the regulatory framework, puts in place mechanisms for security threat early warning, vulnerability management and response to security threats, securing remote operations and services, protection and resilience of critical information infrastructure, reducing

cyber supply chain risks, encouraging use of open standards, promotion of research and development in cyber security, human resource development in the domain of Cyber Security, Developing effective public private partnerships and information sharing and cooperation.

Guideline are applicable to all Responsible Entities as well as System Integrators, Equipment Manufacturers, Suppliers/Vendors, Service Providers, IT Hardware and Software OEMs engaged in the Indian Power Supply System for protection of Control Systems for System Operation and Operation Management, Communication System and Secondary Automation and Tele control technologies.

These Guideline are mandatory requirements to be met by all stakeholders and lay emphasis on establishing cyber hygiene, training of all IT as well OT Personnel on Cyber Security, designating of Cyber Security Training Institutes as well as Cyber Testing labs in the Country. The Guideline mandates ICT based procurement from identified “Trusted Sources” and identified “Trusted Products” or else the product has to be tested for Malware/Hardware Trojan before deployment for use in power supply system network when system for trusted product and service is in place. It will promote research and development in cyber security and open up market for setting up Cyber Testing Infra in Public as well as Private Sector in the country.

CEA is also working on cyber security regulations. This Cyber Security guideline is precursor to the same.

Q.2. The PM Cares for Children Scheme is a step in the direction of ensuring all round development of children to include them in the mainstream of development. Discuss. [Paper II: Social Justice]

**Answer Format:**

- 👍 Introduction to the scheme.
- 👍 Major tenets and the entitlements.
- 👍 Meaning of all round development of children.
- 👍 Inclusion of children into the mainstream of development.
- 👍 Possible impacts on the process of development.
- 👍 Conclusion.

## SOURCE ARTICLE

## Government Issues Guidelines For PM Cares For Children Scheme

### Scheme To Give Comprehensive Support For Children Who Have Lost Their Parents Due To COVID-19 Pandemic

### PM CARES For Children Scheme To Provide Monthly Stipend From Age Of 18 Years & Rs. 10 Lakh On Attaining 23 Years Of Age

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued the detailed guidelines for PM CARES for Children Scheme. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 29th May, 2021 had announced comprehensive support for children who have lost both their parents due to COVID 19 pandemic. The objective of the scheme is to ensure comprehensive care and protection of children who have lost their parent(s) to COVID pandemic, in a sustained manner, enable their wellbeing through health insurance, empower them through education and equip them for self-sufficient existence with financial support on reaching 23 years of age.

The PM CARES for children scheme inter alia provides support to these children through convergent approach, gap funding for ensuring education, health, monthly stipend from the age of 18 years, and lump sum amount of Rs. 10 lakh on attaining 23 years of age.








The eligible children shall be enrolled from 29.05.2021 which is the date of announcement by the Prime Minister to 31.12.2021 to avail benefits of PM CARES for Children Scheme. The Scheme is expected to continue till the year when every identified beneficiary shall turn 23 years of age.

The eligibility criterion for the scheme will cover all children who have lost i)

Both parents or ii) Surviving parent or iii) legal guardian/adoptive parents/single adoptive parent due to COVID 19 pandemic, starting from 11.03.2020 the date on which WHO has declared and characterized COVID-19 as pandemic till 31.12.2021, shall be entitled to benefits under this scheme. iv) Child should not have completed 18 years of age on the date of death of parents

**PM-CARES FOR CHILDREN**  
Launched for support & empowerment of COVID-19 affected children

**PM CARES**  
Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi

-  Government stands with children who lost their parents due to COVID-19
-  Such children to get a monthly stipend once they turn 18 and a fund of 10 lakh when they turn 23 from PM CARES
-  Free education to be ensured for children who lost their parents to COVID-19
-  Children will be assisted to get an education loan for higher education & PM CARES will pay interest on the loan
-  Children will get free health insurance of 5 lakh under Ayushman Bharat till 18 years & premium will be paid by PM CARES
-  Children represent the future of the country and we will do everything to support and protect the children: **PM Narendra Modi**
-  It is our duty, as a society, to care for our children and instil hope for a bright future: **PM Narendra Modi**

The Entitlements under the scheme include:

- i. Support for Boarding and Lodging:
  - a) Efforts will be made by the District Magistrate with the

- assistance of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) to explore the possibility of rehabilitating the child within her/his extended family, relatives, kith, or kin.
- b) If the extended family, relatives, kith or kin of the child are not available/not willing/not found fit by CWC or the child (aged 4 -10 years or above) is not willing to live with them, the child should be placed in foster care, after due diligence as prescribed under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and rules made thereof as amended from time to time.
  - c) If the Foster family is not available/not willing /not found fit by CWC, or the child (aged 4 -10 years or above) is not willing to live with them, the child 1Beneficiary/ Beneficiaries means eligible child beneficiaries under the PM CARES for Children Scheme. 3 should be placed in age appropriate and gender appropriate Child Care Institution (CCI).
  - d) Children more than 10 years old, not received by extended families or relatives or foster families or not willing to live with them or living in child care institutions after the demise of parents, may be enrolled in Netaji Subhash Chand Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Eklavya Model Schools, Sainik School, Navodaya Vidyalaya, or any other residential school by the District Magistrate, subject to the respective scheme guidelines.
  - e) It may be ensured that the siblings stay together, as far as possible.
  - f) For non-institutional care, financial support at the prevailing rates prescribed under the Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme shall be provided to Children (in account with guardian). For child in institutional care, a maintenance grant at the prevailing rates prescribed under the Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme shall be given to Child Care Institutions. Any provision for subsistence support under the State scheme may also be provided additionally to the children.
- ii. Assistance for Pre-school and School Education
    - a. For children below 6 years of age Identified beneficiaries will receive support and assistance from the Anganwadi services for supplementary nutrition, pre-school education/ ECCE, immunization, health referrals, and health



check-up.

- b. For children below 10 years of age
- i) Admission shall be provided in any nearest school as a day scholar i.e. Government/ Government aided School/ Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs)/ Private Schools.
  - ii) In Government Schools, two sets of free uniform and textbooks shall be provided, under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, as per the scheme guidelines.
  - iii) In private schools, tuition fees shall be exempted under section 12(1)(c) of RTE Act.
  - iv) Under circumstances where child is unable to receive above benefits, the fees, as per the RTE norms, will be given from the PM CARES for Children scheme. The Scheme will also pay for expenditure on uniform, textbooks, and notebooks. A matrix of such entitlements is detailed out in Annexure-1.
- c. For children between 11-18 years of age
- i) If the child is living with the extended family, then admission in the nearest Government/ Government aided School/ Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs)/ Private Schools as a day scholar may be ensured by the DM.
  - ii) The child may be enrolled in Netaji Subhash Chand Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya/ Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya/ Eklayva Model Schools/Sainik School/ Navodaya Vidyalaya/ or any other residential school, by the DM, subject to the respective scheme guidelines.
  - iii) The DM may make alternative arrangements for accommodation of such children during vacations at CCIs or any appropriate place.
  - iv) Under circumstances where child is unable to receive above benefits, the fees, as per the RTE norms, will be given from the PM CARES for Children scheme. The scheme will also pay for expenditure on uniform, textbooks, and notebooks. A matrix of such entitlements is detailed out in the detailed annexure.
- d. Assistance for Higher Education:
- i) The child will be assisted in obtaining education loan for Professional courses /Higher Education in India
  - ii) Under circumstances where beneficiary is unable to avail interest exemption from extant Central and State Government scheme, then the interest on the educational loan will be paid from PM CARES for Children Scheme.
  - iii) As an alternative, scholarship as per the norms will be provided to the beneficiaries of the PM CARES for Children Scheme from the schemes of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Tribal Affairs,

Ministry of Minority Affairs, and Department of Higher Education. Beneficiaries will be assisted through National Scholarship portal for availing such entitlements. The scholarship awarded to the beneficiaries will be updated on the PM CARES for Children portal.

iii. Health Insurance:

- a. All children will be enrolled as a beneficiary under Ayushman Bharat Scheme (PM-JAY) with a health insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakhs.
- b. It shall be ensured that the child identified under PM CARES for Children scheme receives benefits under PM JAY
- c. The details of benefits available to children under the scheme are at Annexure.

iv. Financial Support:

- a. The lump sum amount will be transferred directly in the post office account of beneficiaries upon opening and validation of the account of the beneficiaries. A pro-rata amount will be credited upfront in the account of each identified beneficiary such that the corpus for each beneficiary becomes Rs. 10 lakhs at the time of attaining 18 years of age.
- b. Children will receive monthly stipend once they attain 18 years of age, by investing the corpus of Rs 10 lakhs. The beneficiary will receive stipend till they attain 23 years of age.
- c. They will receive an amount of Rs. 10 lakh on attaining 23 years of age.

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Q.1. Indo-ASEAN region is one the largest trading areas globally but only equitable trade can help achieve the trading targets. Analyse. [Paper II: International Relations]

### Answer Format:

- 👍 Status of India-ASEAN relations.
- 👍 Specific features of this relationship and their significance.
- 👍 Meaning of equitable trading.
- 👍 Challenges before India-ASEAN trade relations.
- 👍 Steps to be taken.
- 👍 Conclusion.

**SOURCE ARTICLE****Shri Piyush Goyal called upon the ASEAN bloc to do away with Non-Tariff Barriers****“Curb misuse of FTAs by third parties, allow reciprocal concessions”: Shri Piyush Goyal tells ASEAN****Indo-ASEAN region one the largest trading areas globally at \$80 bn, equitable trade can help achieve target of \$200 bn trade, says Shri Goyal**

The Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs & Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal has called upon the ASEAN bloc to do away with Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs). Addressing the “Special Plenary with the Trade Ministers of the Region: Indo-ASEAN Business”, organised by the CII, Shri Goyal also called for “curbing the misuse of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) by third parties, often outside the ASEAN Region.”

“It is unfortunate that in the recent past we had to deal with several restrictive barriers on our exports to the ASEAN region, particularly in the Agriculture & Auto sector. I think these only result in reciprocal action from other countries including from India, and will hurt the long term desire of our leaders to expand trade between the two countries,” said Shri Goyal, in his address through video conference.

Shri Goyal also called upon the ASEAN Bloc to allow reciprocal FTA concessions to imports from India to correct the skewed trade imbalance in favour of the ASEAN.

“India has currently been witnessing exponential growth in imports from the ASEAN Region while our exports have been impeded by non-reciprocity in FTA concessions, NTBs, import regulations, quotas & export taxes from

ASEAN countries. Such a review will enable alignment with contemporary trade practices, procedures & regulatory harmonization,” said Shri Goyal.

“Current trade of about \$80 Billion makes Indo-ASEAN region one the largest trading areas globally. Despite increasing trade we are short of the target of \$200 bn, which India & ASEAN were to achieve by 2022,” he added.

Shri Goyal reiterated the importance for fair, equitable, transparent, reciprocal and inclusive trade rather than enhancing trade through tariff reductions.

“Let me also underscore that if we were to review the ASEAN-India Trade In Goods Agreement (AITIGA), it may truly promote trade on both sides, support industry and manufacturing on both sides and help us support each other to truly become modern, progressive economies,” he said.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of India-ASEAN partnership. India’s bilateral trade with ASEAN has grown steadily. India’s merchandise exports to ASEAN increased from \$ 23 bn in 2010 to \$ 30 bn in 2020. While India’s imports from ASEAN have surged from \$ 30 bn in 2010 to \$ 44 bn in 2020.

Shri Goyal said, under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India’s “Look East” policy has

transformed into “Act East” policy. In the 17th India-ASEAN Summit, on 12th November, 2020, PM Modi had announced contribution to the ASEAN COVID-19 Response Fund.

“During COVID-19 pandemic, India has shown its capacity and its capability to the entire world. We not only met all our international service commitments but also became self-sufficient in production of critical medical supplies including PPEs,” he said.

Shri Goyal said India is known as the “Pharmacy of the World” by providing Medicines & Vaccines to all. India will give ASEAN nations full cooperation in generic drugs and vaccine manufacturing to meet their demands. To be Aatmanirbhar, India has announced PLI scheme for supporting critical Bulk Drugs & APIs worth nearly a billion dollars, Pharma Drugs (\$ 2 bn) & Medical devices (\$ 456 mn).

“We are implementing one of the biggest

vaccination drive anywhere in the world, having crossed 930 million vaccine doses so far, soon going to (reach) the 1 billion mark. We expect that in the next few weeks India will have a fully vaccinated adult population and probably in another 3-4 months we would be fully double dose vaccinated across the length and breadth of the country for all willing adults. Our one day record has exceeded 23 million vaccines,” he said.

Shri Goyal said a prosperous ASEAN is central to India’s Vision for Indo-Pacific region with Security And Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR).

“With a combined population of 2.1 billion, India & ASEAN countries are home to rapidly growing markets with immense opportunities. By combining our strengths, we can rewrite and make a golden chapter of progress and prosperity for the 30 percent of the world population that reside in ASEAN countries and India,” he said.

Q.2. Disinvestment is not only a finding mechanism, but it also ensures efficiency in public sector enterprises. Critically analyse. [Paper III: Economy]

**Answer Format:**

- 👍 Meaning of disinvestment and its significance in Indian economy.
- 👍 Need of disinvestment.
- 👍 Policy design of disinvestment.
- 👍 How does it bring in efficiency in public sector enterprise?
- 👍 Prospects and challenges.
- 👍 Conclusion.

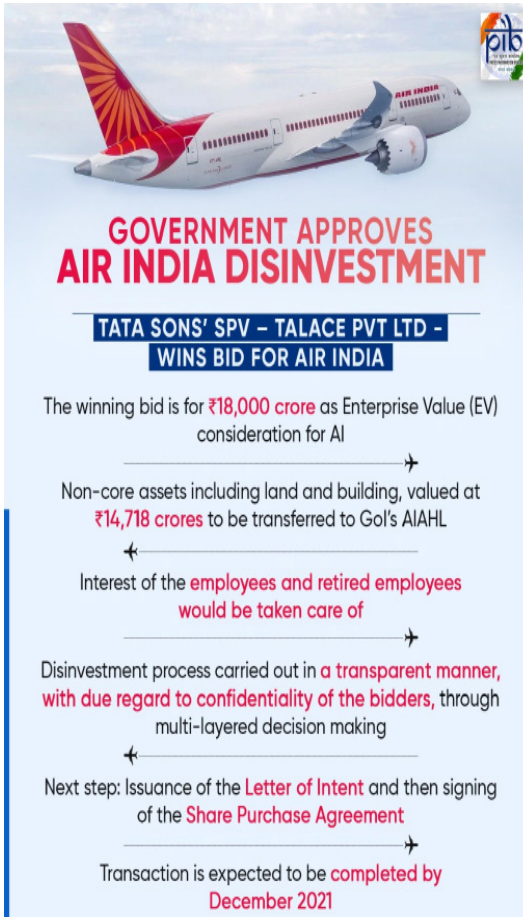
## SOURCE ARTICLE

## Government Approves Air India Disinvestment Tatasons' SPV – Talace Pvt Ltd - Wins Bid for Air India

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) - empowered Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM) comprising of Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah; Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman; Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal and Union Civil Aviation Minister Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia approved the highest price bid of M/s Talace Pvt Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of M/s Tata Sons Pvt. Ltd for sale of 100% equity shareholding of Government of India in Air India along with equity shareholding of Air India in AIXL and AISATS. The winning bid is for Rs 18,000 crore as Enterprise Value (EV) consideration for AI (100% shares of AI along with AI's shareholding in AIXL and AISATS). The transaction does not include non-core assets including land and building, valued at Rs 14,718 crore, which are to be transferred to GoI's Air India Asset Holding Limited (AIAHL).

The process for disinvestment of Air India and its subsidiaries commenced in June 2017 with the 'in-principle' approval of CCEA. The first round did not elicit any Expression of Interest. The process re-commenced on 27 January 2020 with issue of Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) and request for Expressions of Interest (EOI). The original construct as per the January 2020 PIM envisaged (i) pre-determined, fixed amount of debt to be retained in AI (with balance to be transferred to Air India Asset Holding Limited (AIAHL) and (ii) the sum of certain identified current and non-current liabilities (other

than debt) to be retained in AI and AIXL would be equal to the sum of certain identified current and non-current assets of AI and AIXL (excess liabilities to be transferred to AIAHL).



**GOVERNMENT APPROVES AIR INDIA DISINVESTMENT**

**TATA SONS' SPV – TALACE PVT LTD - WINS BID FOR AIR INDIA**

The winning bid is for **₹18,000 crore** as Enterprise Value (EV) consideration for AI

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Non-core assets including land and building, valued at **₹14,718 crores** to be transferred to GoI's AIAHL

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Interest of the **employees and retired employees** would be taken care of

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Disinvestment process carried out in a **transparent manner, with due regard to confidentiality of the bidders**, through multi-layered decision making

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Next step: Issuance of the **Letter of Intent** and then signing of the **Share Purchase Agreement**

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Transaction is expected to be **completed by December 2021**

The timelines had to be extended on account of the situation arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. In view of the excessive debt and other liabilities of Air India arising out of huge accumulated losses, the bidding construct was revised in October 2020 to Enterprise Value (EV) to allow prospective bidders an opportunity to resize the balance sheet and increase chances of receiving bids and competition. The EV construct allowed the bidders to bid on the total consideration for equity and debt instead of a pre-determined, fixed debt with

minimum cash consideration of 15% for equity. As per both the original and revised construct, all non-core assets (land, buildings, etc.) are to be transferred to AIAHL and are therefore not a part of the transaction. It has been ensured that the interest of the employees and retired employees would be taken care of.

The transaction saw keen competition with seven EOIs being received in December, 2020. Five of the bidders, however, had to be disqualified as they could not meet the requirements set out in the PIM/EOI, even after allowing them an opportunity for clarification. The Request for Proposal (RFP) and draft Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) was issued on 30 March, 2021. Air India provided comprehensive information through the Virtual Data Room to the qualified bidders who were also provided access to inspect the assets and facilities being offered as a part of the transaction. A large number of queries from bidders were responded to. On request of bidders, the bid due date was extended to 15 September, 2021 so that they could complete their due diligence before submission of bid. The final SPA containing detailed terms and conditions and the respective responsibilities to meet the conditions precedent for closing the transaction including release of Government guarantees prior to closing was agreed upon prior to bid submission. Two sealed bids were received on the due date along with non-financial bid documents and bid security from the two qualified bidders.

In line with the approved procedure for strategic disinvestment, a reserve price was fixed after the receipt of sealed financial bids for the transaction, based on valuation using methodologies as per the established process. After the independent fixation of Reserve Price, the already received sealed financial bids were opened in the presence of the bidders, who were as follows:

M/s Talace Pvt Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of M/s Tata Sons Pvt Ltd for an EV of Rs 18,000 crore

Consortium led by Sh Ajay Singh for an EV of Rs 15,100 crore.

Both the bids were above the reserve price of Rs 12,906 crore.

The entire disinvestment process has been carried out in a transparent manner, with due regard to confidentiality of the bidders, through multi-layered decision making involving Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG), Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment (CGD) and the empowered Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM) at the apex Ministerial level. Transaction Adviser, Legal Adviser, Asset Valuer, professionals in their respective fields, have supported the entire process.

The next step will be to issue the Letter of Intent (LoI) and then sign the Share Purchase Agreement following which, the conditions precedent would need to be satisfied by the successful bidder, the company and Government. It is expected that the transaction will be completed by December 2021.



## DAY-4

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Q.1. The recently held Ministerial Energy Dialogue between India and UK will enhance their growth partnership. Discuss. [Paper II: International Relations]

### Answer Format:

- 👍 Brief note on the dialogue between India and Uk.
- 👍 Why such a dialogue mechanism is needed in foreign policies?
- 👍 Approach of the two nations towards clean energy.
- 👍 How will this dialogue contribute to their growth partnership?
- 👍 Conclusion.

## SOURCE ARTICLE

## 3rd India – UK Energy for Growth Partnership – Ministerial Energy Dialogue

### Both sides to set in motion concrete action plans for driving clean energy transition in Power Sector

The 3rd India – UK Energy for Growth Partnership – Ministerial Energy Dialogue was co-chaired by Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri R.K. Singh from the Indian side and the Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) from the UK side. The dialogue was held last evening virtually.

Energy Transition was a major area of discussion in the dialogue and the Energy Ministers spoke in detail on the ongoing Energy Transition activities in their respective countries with focus on renewables, including solar, offshore wind, storage, EVs, alternative fuels, etc. The UK side presented a detailed summary of the significant ongoing work and the past work done in the last two years under the umbrella of bilateral cooperation which was appreciated and endorsed by both the sides.

The dignitaries welcomed the Roadmap 2030 for India-UK future relations launched by both the Prime Ministers during India-UK Virtual Summit on 4th May 2021 and identified various future areas of collaboration in line with the

Roadmap 2030.

The sides deliberated and agreed on a Forward Action Plan on Power and Clean Transport, Renewables, Green Finance and Clean Energy Research as part of the roadmap 2030, covering a range of topics including smart grids, energy storage, green hydrogen, charging infrastructure, battery storage and need of mobilizing investments in renewable energy along with other proposals under multilateral collaboration.

The dialogue concluded with both sides underlining the importance of international cooperation in securing affordable and sustainable energy for the world while setting in motion, concrete action plans for driving the clean energy transition in Power Sector. Union Minister for Power and NRE specifically detailed ambitious targets in areas such as green hydrogen, storage, offshore wind and electricity market. He further hoped that the One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG) initiative launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister could act as a promising alternative to support the RE integration in the grid.



Q.2. The concept of human rights is closely related to the dignity of the poor. Comment on the statement with reference to India. [Paper II: Governance/Constitution]

**Answer Format:**

- 👍 Human rights and their significance.
- 👍 Human rights in India vis-a-vis fundamental rights.
- 👍 Causes of violation of such rights.
- 👍 Role of poverty in violation of human rights.
- 👍 Steps taken by India in their protection.
- 👍 Conclusion.

**SOURCE ARTICLE**

**PM attends 28th National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Foundation day programme**

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**Cautions against the selective interpretation of human rights**

**The biggest infringement of human rights takes place when they are seen from the prism of politics and political profit and loss: PM**

**Rights and duties are two tracks on which the journey of human development and human dignity takes place: PM**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended 28th National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Foundation day programme today through video conference.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister remarked that India's freedom movement and its history has been a great source of inspiration for human rights and the values of human rights for India. "As a nation, as a society we resisted injustice-atrocities, we fought for our rights for centuries. At a time when the whole world was engulfed in the violence of World War I, India suggested the path of 'rights and non-violence' to the whole world. Not only India but the

whole world sees our Bapu as a symbol of human rights and human values", said the Prime Minister remembering Mahatma Gandhi. Even when, on many occasions, the world was disillusioned and confused, India remained steadfast and sensitive towards human rights, he added.

The Prime Minister said that the concept of human rights is closely related to the dignity of the poor. He said when the poorest of the poor does not get an equal share of the government schemes then the question of rights arises. The Prime Minister enumerated the government's efforts to ensure the dignity of the poor. He said when a poor person gets toilets ensuring freedom from open defecation,

he gets dignity, similarly, a poor man who was hesitant to enter a bank, gets a Jan Dhan account, which ensures dignity, he said. Similarly, measures like Rupay card, Ujjwala gas connections, and property rights of pucca houses for women are major steps in that direction.

Continuing with the listing of measures, in the past few years, the Prime Minister said that the country has also tried to remove the injustice happening at different levels in different sections. “For decades Muslim women had been demanding a law against triple talaq. We have given new rights to Muslim women by enacting a law against triple talaq” the Prime Minister said. Many sectors have been opened for women and it has been ensured that they can work with security round the clock. He said India has ensured 26 weeks of paid maternity leave for career women, a feat that even many developed nations could not achieve. Similarly, the Prime Minister listed the measures by the government for trans-genders, children and nomadic and semi-nomadic communities.

Recalling the inspired performance of the para-athletes in the recent Paralympics, the Prime Minister said that in recent years laws have been enacted for the Divyang Jan. They have been connected to new facilities. Buildings are being made, divyang friendly and language for divyang is being standardized.

Shri Modi said that during the pandemic, poor, helpless and senior citizens were given direct financial support in their account. Migrant labourers were spared

much hassle due to the implementation of the One Nation-One Ration Card.

The Prime Minister cautioned against the selective interpretation of human rights and using human rights to diminish the image of the country. He said of late, some people have started interpreting human rights from their own angle as per their selfish interests. Tendency to see infringement in one situation and not in a similar situation has damaged human rights a great deal, he said. He also said that the biggest infringement of human rights takes place when they are seen from the prism of politics and political profit and loss. “This selective behaviour is equally damaging for democracy too”, cautioned the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister said that it is important to understand that human rights is not associated with rights only but is a subject of our duties too. Saying “rights and duties are two tracks on which the journey of human development and human dignity takes place, he stressed that duties are equally important as rights and they should not be discussed separately as they complement each other.

The Prime Minister concluded by mentioning the human rights of future generations. He emphasized that with measures like International Solar Alliance, renewable energy goals and Hydrogen Mission, India is rapidly moving in the direction of sustainable life and eco-friendly growth.

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## DAY-5

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Q.1. The economic and financial dialogue partnership between India and the US will strengthen their bilateral relations. Discuss. [Paper II: International Relations]

### Answer Format:

- 👍 Significance of dialogue mechanism in bilateral relations.
- 👍 Recently held dialogue on economic and financial partnership.
- 👍 Present status of India-US bilateral relations.
- 👍 Future prospects in relationship.
- 👍 Conclusion.

## SOURCE ARTICLE

## 8th ministerial meeting of India-U.S.A. Economic & Financial Partnership Dialogue held in Washington D.C.

The eighth ministerial meeting of the India-U.S.A. Economic and Financial Partnership Dialogue was held today at Washington D.C. The meeting was chaired by Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States Dr. Janet Yellen.



During the ministerial meeting of the India-U.S.A. Economic & Financial Partnership, discussions were held

on a range of subjects, including the macroeconomic outlook and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, financial regulatory and technical collaboration, multilateral engagement, climate finance and anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT). Both sides affirmed their commitments to continue collaboration both at bilateral and multilateral fora to address mutual and global economic issues and strive towards amicable strategies and solutions.



The meeting concluded with adoption of Joint Statement by the Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs and the Treasury Secretary for the United States.

Enclosure:

Joint Statement of the 8th ministerial meeting of the India-U.S.A. Economic & Financial Partnership

Q.2. The lowering of India's rank in the Global Hunger Report signifies that food security still remains one of the most serious concerns. Critically discuss. [Paper II: Social Justice]

**Answer Format:**

- 👍 Introduction to Global Hunger Report.
- 👍 Why has the report lowered India's rank?
- 👍 Why has India reacted to the findings?
- 👍 Government's stand and its rationality.
- 👍 Status of food security in India and related issues.
- 👍 Conclusion.



## SOURCE ARTICLE

## Statement of Ministry of Women and Child Development on Global Hunger Report 2021

Following are the observations of Ministry of Women and Child Development on the Global Hunger Report 2021, released on 14th October, 2021 by Concern Worldwide and Welt Hunger Hilfe, the publishing agencies:

“It is shocking to find that the Global Hunger Report 2021 has lowered the rank of India on the basis of FAO estimate on proportion of undernourished population, which is found to be devoid of ground reality and facts and suffers from serious methodological issues. The publishing agencies of the Global Hunger Report, Concern Worldwide and Welt Hunger Hilfe, have not done their due diligence before releasing the report.

The methodology used by FAO is unscientific. They have based their assessment on the results of a ‘four question’ opinion poll, which was conducted telephonically by Gallup. The scientific measurement of undernourishment would require measurement of weight and Height, whereas the methodology involved here is based on Gallup poll based on pure telephonic estimate of the population. The report completely disregards Government’s massive effort to ensure food security of the entire population during the covid period, verifiable data on which are available. The opinion poll does not have a single question on whether the respondent received any food support from the Government or other sources. The representativeness of even this opinion poll is doubtful for India and other countries.

It is noted with surprise, from the FAO report ‘The State of Food Security and

Nutrition in the World 2021’, that other four countries of this region – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka, have not been affected at all by Covid-19 pandemic induced loss of job/business and reduction in income levels, rather they have been able to improve their position on the indicator ‘proportion of undernourished population’ by 4.3%, 3.3%, 1.3% and 0.8% points respectively during the period 2018-20 over 2017-19.

The Global Hunger Report 2021 and FAO report on ‘The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021’ have completely ignored the following facts available in public domain:

- As part of Economic Response to Covid-19, Government of India has implemented additional nation-wide schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna (PMGKAY) and Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme (ANBS).
- Under PMGKAY, Government of India has made allocation of food grains @ 5 kg per person per month free of cost for around 80 Crore (800 million) beneficiaries of the 36 States/UTs covered under National Food Security Act (Antyodaya Anna Yojana and Priority Households) including those covered under Direct Benefit Transfer for the period April to November 2020 and again for the period May to November 2021.
- During the year 2020, 3.22 Crore (32.2 million) Metric Tons of food grains and during the year 2021, about 3.28 Crore (32.8 million) Metric Tons of food grains have been allocated free



of cost under PMGKAY scheme to approximately 80 Crore (800 million) NFSA beneficiaries.

- In addition to food grains, pulses have been provided @ 1 kg per household per month for the period April to November 2020 free of cost to all beneficiaries under NFSA covering 19.4 Crore (194 million) households.
- Under ANBS, Government made allocation of about 8 Lakh (800 thousand) Metric Tons of additional free of cost food grains covering all the States/UTs for migrants/stranded migrants who were neither covered under NFSA nor State Scheme PDS cards, @ 5 kg per person per month free of cost for a period of two months, May and June 2020. In addition to food grains, about 0.27 Lakh (27 thousand) Metric Tons whole chana was allocated under ANBS for this period.
- The allocation of free food grains, pulses/whole chana under PMGKAY and ANBS was in addition to normal allocation done under the NFSA
- In addition to PMGKAY and ANBS, Government of India has allocated food grains under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) for all the beneficiaries to whom ration cards have been issued by the State Governments under their own schemes but who are not covered under NFSA for three months from April to June 2020 at Rs. 21 per Kg. wheat and Rs. 22/- per Kg. rice. There is no upper limit for allocation of food grains. This scheme has been extended beyond May 2021.
- To prevent disruption in the employment of the wage-earners below Rs 15,000/- per month in organized sector businesses having less

than 100 workers, government paid 24 percent of their monthly wages into their PF accounts for three months, April to June 2020.

- MNREGA wages were increased by Rs 20/- with effect from 1 April 2020 to provide an additional Rs 2,000/- benefit annually to a worker to benefit approximately 13.62 Crore (136.2 million) families.
- The first instalment of Rs 2,000/- due in 2020-21 was front-loaded and paid in April 2020 itself under the PM KISAN Yojana to benefit 8.7 Crore (87 million) farmers.
- A total of 20.4 Crore (204 million) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna women account-holders were given ex-gratia of Rs. 500/- per month for three months, April to June 2020.
- Limit of collateral free lending was increased from Rs 10 to Rs 20 Lakhs (Rs. 1 million to 2 million) for women organised through 63 Lakh (6.3 million) Self Help Groups (SHGs) supporting 6.85 Crore (68.5 million) households.
- Government gave Rs 1,000/- per month from April to June 2020 to 3 Crore (30 million) aged widows and people in Divyang category who are vulnerable due to economic disruption caused by COVID-19 to tide over difficulties.

As per this report, India's position on the first indicator, child mortality, has improved in 2021 compared with 2020. Position on two indicators, i.e., child wasting and child stunting, has remained unchanged in 2021 compared with 2020."

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Q.1. Emphasis must be laid on micro food processing enterprises to strengthen India's industrial sector in its decentralised form. Discuss.  
[Paper III: Economy]

### Answer Format:

- 👍 Concept of micro food processing enterprises.
- 👍 Government scheme to address the issues of such enterprises.
- 👍 Their role in industrial development at the grassroot level.
- 👍 Contribution of the enterprises in economic growth.
- 👍 Challenges and prospects.
- 👍 Conclusion.

## SOURCE ARTICLE

## Food Tech Summit 2021 organised by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries on 'World Food Day' Summit organised under PMFME Scheme for Micro Food Processing Enterprises

To commemorate World Food Day, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, organised the Food Tech Summit on 16th October 2021. The Food Tech Summit 2021 aimed at setting the stage for all food-tech stakeholders to impart, discuss and acquaint micro enterprises on the new emerging trends in food processing and technological innovation.

Sh. Minhaj Alam, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries addressed the Food Tech Summit and highlighted the importance of the micro food processing sector as the growth driver of the Indian economy and through the PMFME Scheme the government's efforts to encourage food processing in India.



The summit witnessed the presence of eminent industry speakers sharing insightful pieces for micro enterprises and to pave a way in the food processing sector at the domestic and global level.

Among the distinguished speakers were, Dr. Prasun Kumar Das, Secretary General, Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA), who spoke about the "Role of small food enterprises

in achieving food security – India vs. Global Perspective". Dr. Prabodh Halde Head- Regulatory and Government Affairs Marico India, conducted a session on "Indigenous Food - Scale, Market and its Processing in Micro Industries".

The session on "New Generation Food and Technology / Recent Trends (RTE/ Convenient Foods)" was taken by Mr. Anand Chordia, Director – Technology & Innovation from Pravin Masale, (ONESuhana). Mr. Bidyut Baruah, Assistant General Manager, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), took a session on "Export Potential Food Products and its Scope in Micro Food Industries".

The session on "Infrastructure and logistic Interventions for Micro Food Processing Industries" was taken by Mr. Vivek Jha, Associate Director - Government and Public Services, KPMG Advisory Service Private Limited. Mr. Akhilesh Gupta, Assistant Director - Regulatory Compliance Division, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), took the session on "Regulatory Compliances, Challenges & Solutions for Micro Industries".

Ms. Tonisha Dixit, National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Thanjavur (NIFTEM) took the session on "Introduction on PMFME Scheme and Process for Applying (Online Form for Interested Enterprises/Groups)".



The Food Tech Summit is one of a kind initiative by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries along with the support of distinguished industry experts to educate and guide the stakeholders to make informed decisions in order to scale up their food business in the present scenario.

In addition to the participation of the various eminent guest speakers, the summit saw the participation of government officials from across the states and also the food processing micro enterprises. It was hosted live successfully

and witnessed the vast participation of all stakeholders.

## About the PMFME Scheme

Launched under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme that aims to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and to promote formalization of the sector and provide support to Farmer Producer Organizations, Self Help Groups, and Producers Cooperatives along their entire value chain. With an outlay of Rs. 10,000 crore over a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25, the scheme envisions to directly assist the 2,00,000 micro food processing units for providing financial, technical, and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises.

Q.2. Education, skill development and entrepreneurship are interrelated and are capable of leading the economy of India on the path of rapid growth. Discuss. [Paper III : Economy]

**Answer Format:**

- 👍 Brief note on the interrelationship between education, skill development and entrepreneurship.
- 👍 Their significance in the economy of India.
- 👍 What are the pre-requisites of economic growth in an economy like India.
- 👍 Challenges and prospects.
- 👍 Conclusion.

**SOURCE ARTICLE**

**Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates the 29th “HunarHaat” at Rampur, Uttar Pradesh today.**

**Each and every village of the country has a number of “Vishwakarma” and “Hunar Haat” has provided a credible platform for their talent: Shri Dharmendra Pradhan.**

**"HunarHaat" is the most beautiful platform to strengthen Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's campaign of “Aatmanirbhar Bharat” and "Vocal for Local": Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal.**

**Target has been set to provide employment and employment opportunities to 7 lakh 50 thousand artisans, craftsmen and people associated with them through 75 “Hunar Haats” being organised under “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”: Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan today inaugurated the 29th “HunarHaat” at Rampur, Uttar Pradesh in the august presence of Union Minister for Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said that each and every house of our country has skilled people. There is a need to provide branding and market-opportunities to their skills and “Hunar Haat” is playing an important role in this regard. “Hunar Haat” is also available on GeM (Government e Marketplace) which will provide large scale national as well as international markets to indigenous products of artisans and craftsmen.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said that each

and every village of the country has a number of “Vishwakarma” and “Hunar Haat” has provided a credible platform for their talent. He said that “New Education Policy” of the Government gives emphasis on “Padhayi Bhi aur Kamai Bhi”. Union Education Ministry and Union Minority Affairs Ministry will work together to provide education as well as skill development training to children of artisans and craftsmen.

In his address, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal said that God has given art and skill in the hands of artisans and craftsmen of “Hunar Haat”. “Hunar Haat” is the most beautiful platform to strengthen Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's campaign of “Aatmanirbhar Bharat” and “Vocal for Local”. “Hunar Haat” in Rampur will prove to be a milestone in taking forward the “Atmanirbhar Bharat” campaign.

Addressing the function Shri Naqvi said that “Hunar Haat” has become a “credible



platform” to strengthen Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s call for “Swadeshi-Swavlamban” and “Vocal for Local” and providing market to indigenous products of traditional artisans and craftsmen.



Shri Naqvi said that a target has been set to provide employment and employment opportunities to 7 lakh 50 thousand artisans, craftsmen and people associated with them through 75 “Hunar Haats” being organised under “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”.

Union Ministry for Minority Affairs is organising “Hunar Haat” in Rampur, UP from 16th to 25th October, 2021 as a part of series of 75 “Hunar Haat”, to be organised across the country under “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” to celebrate 75 years of India’s Independence.

“Vishwakarma Vatika” will also be an attraction in “Hunar Haats”, to promote and preserve precious traditional skills of artisans and craftsmen where they will also be displaying live how India’s traditional exquisite and elegant indigenous handmade products are made. The first such “Vishwakarma Vatika” has been set up in “Hunar Haat” at Rampur to protect, preserve and promote India’s glorious legacy of centuries-old skills and craftsmanship. Proficient craftsmen, sculptors, stonemasons, blacksmiths, carpenters, potter and other artisans from across the country, will give live demonstration of hundreds of India’s traditional art and craft at one place in

these “Vishwakarma Vatika”.



Besides “Vocal for Local”, “Hunar Haats” are also based on the theme of “Best from Waste”. Exquisite products made from used and discarded items in households such as Plastic, paper, ply, wood, glass, ceramic, jute, cotton, wool as well as banana stems, sugarcane pulp, paddy and wheat straw-stems, husk, Tur, rubber, iron, brass, etc will be available in “Hunar Haat” for sale and display.

About 700 artisans and craftsmen from more than 30 States and UTs have brought their indigenous products made with wood, brass, bamboo, glass, cloth, paper, clay etc at the “Hunar Haat”, being organised at Numaish Ground, Panwaria in Rampur. The people are also enjoying traditional food from almost every corner of the country under one roof at “Bawarchikhana” section in the “Hunar Haat”. Renowned artists will enthral the audience with their musical, cultural programmes in the evening every day at “Hunar Haat” in Rampur.

After Rampur, “Hunar Haat” will be organised at Dehradun (29 October to 7 November), Lucknow (12 to 21 November), Hyderabad (26 November to 5 December), Surat (10 to 19 December), New Delhi (22 December 2021 to 02 January 2022). “Hunar Haat” will also be organised in Mysuru, Guwahati, Pune, Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Patna, Puducherry, Mumbai, Jammu, Chennai, Chandigarh,



Agra, Prayagraj, Goa, Jaipur, Bengaluru, Kota, Sikkim, Srinagar, Leh, Shillong, Ranchi, Agartala and other places in the coming days.

Shri Sanjay Bhatia, MP, Karnal, Haryana, UP Minister Shri Baldev Aulakh, former Haryana Minister Capt. Abhimanyu, Rampur Zila Panchayat Chairman Shri

Khayali Ram Lodhi, MLA Smt. Rajbala Singh, Shri Surya Prakash Pal, Chairman Pacfed, other people's representatives, Secretary, Union Ministry for Minority Affairs Smt. Renuka Kumar and other senior officials of Union Minority Affairs Ministry and the administration were also present.