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East Asia Summit

Relevance: Prelims & GS Mains II; International Issues

Why in news?

- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar addressed the East Asia Summit on the visit to Cambodia, as the three-day Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit concluded.
- EAS is held on the sidelines of ASEAN Summit.

East Asia Summit

- Beginning in 2005, 16 participating countries comprise this grouping, with their first meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- These members were the 10 ASEAN countries, Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, and the Republic of Korea.
- ASEAN's 10 member countries are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- The United States and the Russian Federation joined at the 6th East Asia Summit in 2011.
- EAS is an ASEAN initiative and refers to the annual Meeting of Heads of States/Governments of these countries, where they are able to discuss common concerns and interests.
- Its creation was based on the idea of enhancing cooperation among East Asian countries and those in the neighbouring regions.

EAS's links with India

- This year marks the **30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations** and is being celebrated as the **ASEAN-India Friendship Year**.
- In a joint statement, ASEAN-India acknowledged the deep civilisational linkages, maritime connectivity, and cross-cultural exchanges between Southeast Asia and India which have grown stronger over the last 30 years, providing a strong foundation for ASEAN-India relations.

Istanbul terror act

Relevance: Prelims & GS Mains II; International Issues

What happened?

- Bomb explosion killed six people and injured at least 80 at **Istiklal Avenue** located in **Istanbul, Turkey**.
- **Kurdish militants (PKK is the organisation)** are responsible for the terror attack.
- In **1978**, the **Marxist revolutionary Abdullah Öcalan** formed the **Kurdistan Workers' Party (Partiya Karkerên Kurdistanê or PKK** in Kurdish) with the aim of setting up an **independent Kurdistan**.

Kurds

- Kurds are an ethnic group in the Middle East, mostly **inhabiting a contiguous area comprising southeastern Turkey, north-western Iran, northern Iraq, north eastern Syria and south-western Armenia**.
- Since the early 20th century, Kurds are **considering the creation of a Kurdish homeland called 'Kurdistan'**.



World's population touches 8 billion: How India is placed

Relevance: Prelims & GS Mains I; Social Issues

UN population report

- The **United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs** released the **World Population Prospects 2022**, the **27th edition** of **official UN population estimates and projections** prepared by the department's **Population Division**.
- The report is **released every year on World Population Day**.
- World Population Day is an annual event, observed on **July 11 every year**, which seeks to **raise awareness of global population issues**.
- The event was **established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989**.

Why in news?

- The human population touched **8 billion November 15**, a milestone that heralds both opportunities and challenges — especially for India, which is set to become the world's most populous country next year by surpassing China.

Population Growth

- The UN population report said the global population is **growing at its slowest rate since 1950, having fallen under 1 per cent in 2020.**
- The world's population could grow to around **8.5 billion in 2030** and **9.7 billion in 2050.**
- It is projected to reach a **peak of around 10.4 billion people during the 2080s** and to remain at that level until 2100.

How India is placed

- **India is projected to overtake China** as the world's most populous country in **2023.**
- The population prospects report had said that **India's population** stands at **1.412 billion in 2022**, compared to **China's 1.426 billion.**
- India is projected to have a population of **1.668 billion in 2050**, way ahead of **China's 1.317 billion people** by the middle of the century.
- India has prospects to reap the demographic dividend as the **median age** of an Indian this year was **28.7 years**, compared to **38.4 for China** and **48.6 for Japan** against a **global value of 30.3 years.**
- According to estimates, **68 per cent of India's population** is **between 15-64 years old in 2022**, while **people aged 65 and above** comprise **seven per cent** of the population.
- At **253 million**, India is also home to the world's **largest adolescent population (10-19 years)**. It is currently experiencing a demographic window of opportunity, a **"youth bulge"**.

How China is placed

- China's elderly population reached 267 million last year, accounting for 18.9 per cent.
- It is estimated that the elderly population will top 300 million by 2025 and 400 million by 2035.
- The size of China's senior population and its proportion of the total population is expected to peak around 2050, posing huge challenges to the provision of public services and to the national social security system.
- On the one hand, China is rapidly ageing, and on the other, its population is in decline due to falling birth rates. This is raising concerns over the future availability of a labour force, the main driver of the country's economic growth.
- China's population grew by less than half a million-last year to 1.4126 billion as the birth rates fell for the fifth consecutive year.
- Since last year, China has allowed couples to have three children and even announced incentives for people to have more children.