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# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## ADMM PLUS

*This article covers "Daily Current Affairs" and the topic details "ADMM Plus". This topic has relevance in the International Relations section of the UPSC CSE exam.*

*GS 2: International Relations*

### Why in the news?

In conjunction with the ADMM Plus meetings, the Indian Defence Minister is set to engage in bilateral discussions with the defence ministers of participating nations. The focus will be on addressing defence cooperation and fostering mutually beneficial partnerships. This engagement holds significance in the context of India's evolving relationship with ASEAN and its commitment to regional security.

### India-ASEAN Relations Timeline:

India's formal involvement with ASEAN began in 1992 as a 'Sectoral Dialogue Partner,' involving Secretary-level interactions. By 1995, India had attained the status of a 'Dialogue Partner,' marking the progression of its engagement with ASEAN.

### About ADMM Plus:

The ASEAN Security Community (ASC) Plan of Action, endorsed during the 10th ASEAN Summit, laid the foundation for the establishment of the annual ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM). Inaugurated in Kuala Lumpur in 2006, the ADMM became a preeminent defence consultative and cooperative mechanism within ASEAN.

### ADMM-Plus and Its Objectives:

- The ADMM-Plus serves as a pivotal platform for ASEAN and its eight Dialogue Partners, including India. The collaborative effort aims to strengthen security and defence cooperation, contributing to peace, stability, and development in the region.
- Key objectives include fostering the development of capabilities, promoting mutual trust, collaborating in defence and security initiatives, and contributing to the realization of an ASEAN Security Community.
- Since 2017, the ADMM-Plus has been holding annual meetings, providing a forum for intensified dialogue and cooperation among ASEAN and the Plus Countries. This is particularly crucial given the progressively challenging regional security landscape.

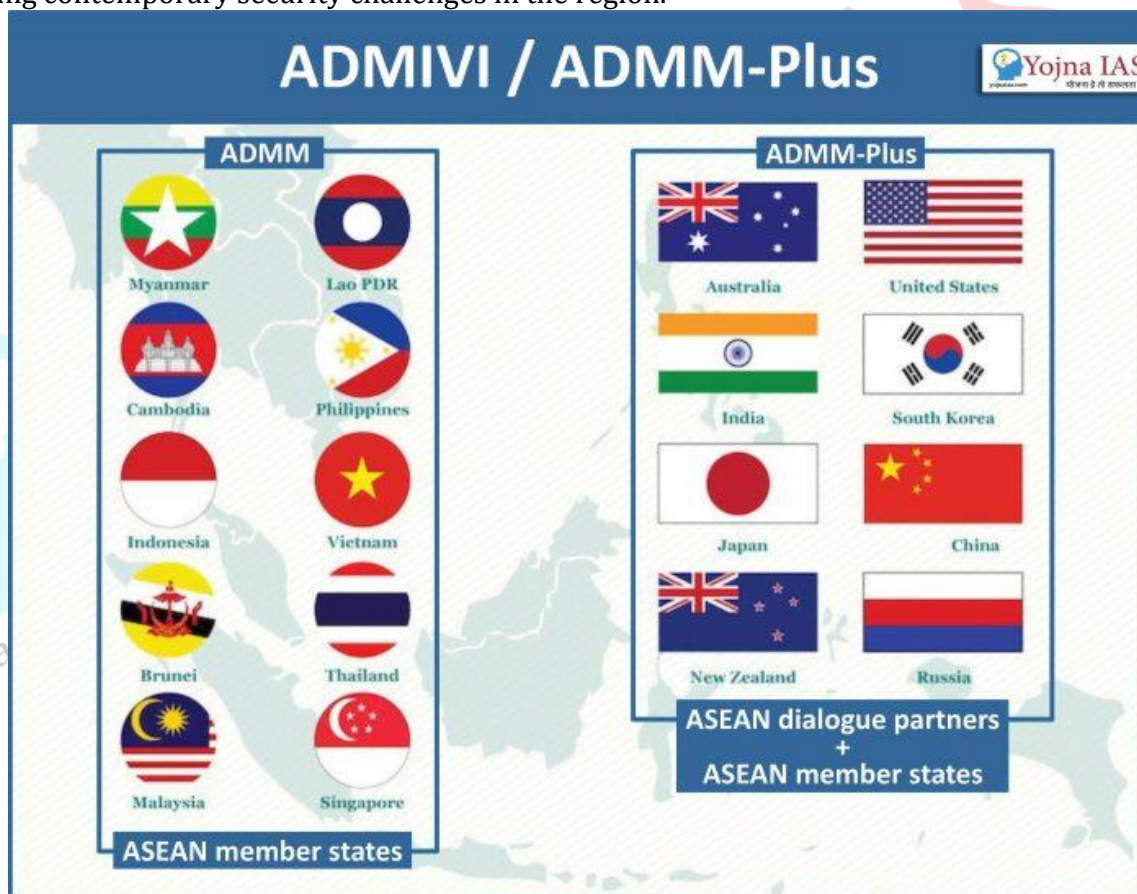
### Achievements and Focus Areas:

- ADMM Plus concentrates on seven key areas of practical collaboration i.e. maritime security, counter-terrorism, humanitarian assistance and disaster management, peacekeeping operations, military medicine, humanitarian mine action, and cyber security.
- Experts' Working Groups (EWGs) facilitate cooperation in these domains, operating on a three-year cycle and co-chaired by ASEAN Member States and Plus Countries.

### Membership Principles:

Principles for Membership outline the criteria for participating in the ADMM-Plus process. The Plus country must hold the status of a full-fledged Dialogue Partner of ASEAN, have substantial interactions with ASEAN's defence establishment, and demonstrate the ability to collaborate on capacity-building initiatives in defence and security within the region.

India's active participation in the ADMM Plus reflects its commitment to regional security and the fostering of collaborative efforts among ASEAN member-states and Dialogue Partners. The annual meetings and achievements in key focus areas underscore the growing importance of such platforms in addressing contemporary security challenges in the region.



### ASEAN Overview:

#### Formation and Purpose:

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a regional organization established to promote political and social stability in the Asia-Pacific region, addressing tensions among post-colonial states.

**Motto:**

The motto of ASEAN is "One Vision, One Identity, One Community." ASEAN Day is observed on 8th August annually.

**ASEAN Secretariat:**

The ASEAN Secretariat is located in Jakarta, Indonesia.

**Member Nations:**

Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia

**Source:**

<https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/India/rajnath-speaks-at-asean-defence-ministers-meeting-plus-affirms-centrality-of-region/ar-AA1k2uMK>

**Q.1 With reference to the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) Plus, consider the following statements:**

1. The inaugural ADMM took place in Kuala Lumpur in 2006.
2. The ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) Plus involves ASEAN member-states and eight dialogue partners, including India, China, and the United States.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: C**

**Q.2 With reference to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), consider the following statements:**

1. ASEAN consists of ten member nations, including Bangladesh
2. The ASEAN Secretariat is headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: D**

**Q.3 Discuss the significance of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM Plus) in fostering regional security cooperation.**

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