

1. India – Bangladesh CORPAT, 2019

Why in News?

- ▶▶ The second edition of Indian Navy (IN) –Bangladesh Navy (BN) Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) commenced in Northern Bay of Bengal on 10 Oct 19.

About IN-BN CORPAT:

- ▶▶ The IN-BN CORPAT commenced in 2018, is aimed at upgrading to a bilateral exercise with the navies engaging in seamanship evolutions, flying exercises with integral helicopters and maritime patrol aircraft at sea.
- ▶▶ Exercises entailing the development of mutual communication and sharing of best practices are undertaken, adding a new dimension to the Indo - Bangladesh maritime relations.
- ▶▶ With a common territorial boundary of over 4000 km and a maritime boundary, navies of both the countries aim to practice and hone their mutual cooperation whilst patrolling near the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) during the current edition of CORPAT.
- ▶▶ INS Ranvijay, a guided-missile destroyer and INS Kuthar, an indigenously built missile Corvette are participating in the CORPAT along with BNS Ali Haider, a Type 053 frigate and BNS Shadinota, a Type 056 stealth guided missile corvette.

2. Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC)

Why in News?

- ▶▶ Indian Handmade Carpet Industry is ranked No. 1 status in the international market achieved highest quantity both in terms of value and production in the world market. It is to be noted that India is possessing market share of around 35% of total world import of Handmade Carpets.

About Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC):

- ▶▶ CEPC, a non-profit making organization, was setup in 1982 by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.
- ▶▶ **Objective:** To promote export of Carpets, all types of Handmade / handmade knotted Carpets, Rugs, Floor Coverings & other allied Products from India.

Functions of the Council:

- ▶▶ CEPC is an ardent advocate of exporters to the Government and the primary focus isto provide export assistance to its member exporters.

- ▶▶ CEPC sends trade delegation to all major and developing markets around the world, showcases Indian exports all over the world through exhibitions, fairs.

3. Asia Environmental Enforcement Award

Why in News?

- ▶▶ Senior Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer Ramesh Pandey has been selected by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for prestigious Asia Environmental Enforcement Award.

His Achievements:

- ▶▶ He has been recognised for combating trans-boundary environmental crime.
- ▶▶ He was the who introduced M-Stripes (Monitoring System for Tigers Intensive Protection & Ecological Status), a novel software-based patrolling in Dudhwa Tiger Reserve on the recommendation of National Tiger Conservation Authority.

About the Award:

- ▶▶ The purpose of the Awards is to publicly recognise outstanding achievements by public organisations and individuals in Asia to combat transboundary environmental crime.
- ▶▶ This award is presented by the UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme).
- ▶▶ The awards recognize excellence in law enforcement by government officials and institutions or teams combating transboundary environmental crime, such as illegal trade in wildlife, chemicals or waste, including plastic, in Asia.

Categories based on which the award is given:

1. Collaboration
2. Impact
3. Innovation
4. Integrity
5. Gender leadership