

# East Asia Summit

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**In news**– Vice President of India has recently addressed the East Asia Summit.

## **About the East Asia Summit(EAS)-**

- The **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.
- **Beginning in 2005**, 16 participating countries comprised 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.
- **Its creation was based on the idea of enhancing cooperation among East Asian countries and those in the neighbouring regions.**
- **Six priority areas of cooperation** were identified – environment and energy, education, finance, global health issues and pandemic diseases, natural disaster management, and ASEAN Connectivity.

**Note: The year 2022 marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations** and is being celebrated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year.

## **About ASEAN-**

- **The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a**

**political and economic union of 10 member states in Southeast Asia**, which promotes intergovernmental cooperation and facilitates economic, political, security, military, educational, and sociocultural integration between its members and countries in Asia-Pacific.

- ASEAN's primary **objective is to accelerate economic growth** and through that social progress and cultural development.
- A secondary objective is to promote regional peace and stability based on the rule of law and the principle of United Nations charter.
- **ASEAN was preceded by an organisation formed on 31 July 1961 called the Association of Southeast Asia (ASA)**, a group consisting of Thailand, the Philippines, and the Federation of Malaya.
- **ASEAN itself was created on 8 August 1967**, when the foreign ministers of five countries- Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand, signed the ASEAN Declaration.
- Today it comprises Indonesia, Singapore, Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Thailand, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam.
- **It is headquartered in Jakarta, Indonesia.**