

Year 2022 declared as ASEAN-India Friendship year

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Why is in news? Year 2022 declared as ASEAN-India Friendship year

The year 2022 has been declared as the **ASEAN-India Friendship year**, as ASEAN and India **commemorate 30** years of partnership.

A series of events has been planned to celebrate the occasion throughout the year. As a part of this programme, Indian media delegation is on a visit to Singapore and Combodia under the ASEAN- INDIA Media exchange programme from 8th November to 13th November.

The delegation visited the **Angkor Vat and Ta Prohm temple complexes** and witnessed the prominent role played by the Government of India and Archeological Survey of India in restoring these UNESCO World Heritage sites there.

ASEAN:

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, was established on **8 August 1967** in Bangkok, Thailand, with the signing of the **ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration)**.

Founding Fathers of ASEAN: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

Brunei Darussalam joined ASEAN on 7 January 1984, followed by Vietnam on 28 July 1995, Lao PDR and Myanmar on 23 July 1997, and Cambodia on 30 April 1999, making up what is **today the ten Member States of ASEAN**.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations is a regional organization which was established to **promote political and social stability** amid rising tensions among the Asia-Pacific's post-colonial states.

The motto of ASEAN is "One Vision, One Identity, One Community".

8th August is observed as ASEAN Day.

ASEAN Secretariat – **Indonesia**, **Jakarta**.

ASEAN's primary objective was to **accelerate economic growth** and through that social progress and cultural development.

With some of the fastest growing economies in the world, ASEAN has **broadened its objective beyond the economic and social spheres.**

India became a **sectoral dialogue partner of ASEAN in 1992**. Mutual interest led ASEAN to invite India to become its full dialogue partner during the fifth ASEAN Summit in Bangkok in 1995. India also **became a member of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) in 1996**.

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