

## 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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