

1. QUAD Nations Launch First-Ever 'At Sea Observer Mission' to Boost Maritime Cooperation



QUAD Launches First 'At Sea Observer Mission' for Maritime Ties

The Wilmington Declaration has marked the first-ever At Sea Ship Observer Mission of the QUAD countries India, the US, Japan and Australia. Each of the two countries has sent two officers, of whom may be women, on board the USCGC Stratton, which is on a voyage to Guam. This is boosting maritime security and interoperability between the Indo-Pacific. It combines with SAGAR vision and the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) according to India. The mission establishes a basis of greater cooperation at the coast guard level.

Context

- With the increase of the problems in the maritime field, QUAD countries have stepped up the collaboration even more by launching a cross-embarkation program that will enhance domain awareness, interoperability and trust among the Indo-Pacific.

Key Highlights

Strengthening Indo-Pacific Maritime Security



What is QUAD At Sea Observer Mission?

- An Indo-Pacific Maritime Initiative in which maritime officers of the QUAD nations serve on cross-deployment rotations aboard the USCGC Stratton in co-training and operational responses.

Purpose:

- Improve maritime domain awareness and maritime security
- Enhance operational preparedness and inter-agency response
- Strengthen a Free, Open, Inclusive and a Rules-Based Indo Pacific

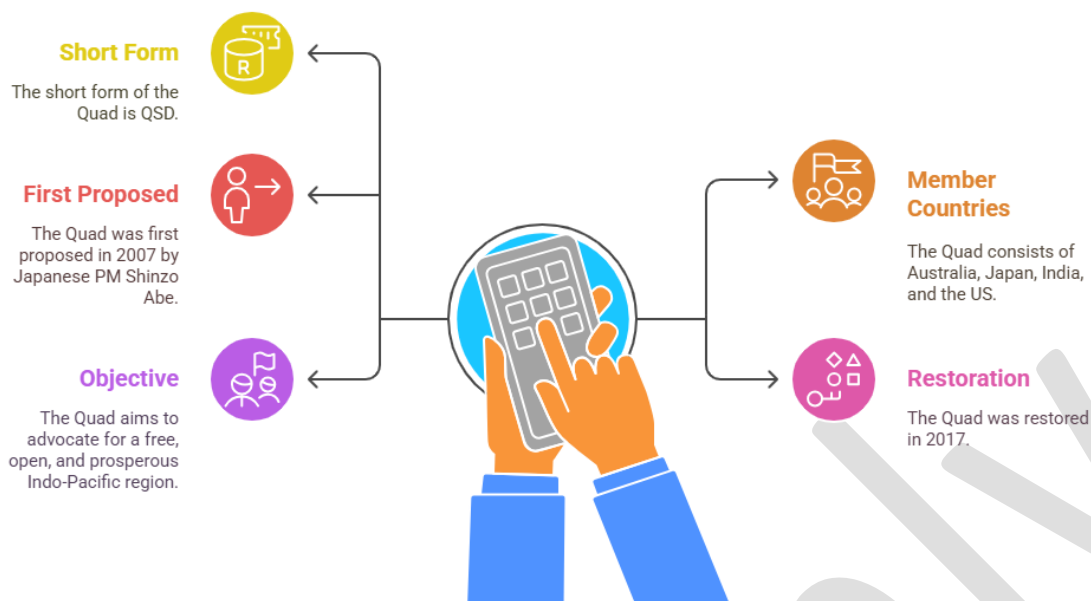
Strategic relevance

- Gives SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) support
- Stays in unison with Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) to develop regional capacity building and humanitarian undertakings

Outcomes Expected:

- Increased levels of trust between the maritime agencies
- Operational interoperability
- Improved countering transnational maritime threat Issues

Quad Details



What is QUAD?

- Short Form: QSD
- Members: Australia, Japan, India, the US
- First Proposed: 2007 Japanese PM Shinzo Abe
- Restored: 2017 as the answer to the increased influence of China in the region
- Objective: advocate free and open and prosperous Indo-Pacific, particularly through free maritime trade and the open global order



QUAD opportunity to India

Countering China



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- Takes advantage of the Indian maritime geography to rival Chinese hegemony of the waters around existing sea trading routes.
- During the period of tensions on the borders, India can coordinate its collaboration with QUAD countries to paralyze the maritime trade of China.
- The maritime strategy can counter the continental problems coming out of China-Pakistan collusion.

The Business of Net Security Provider

- India is located between the East and West central Indo-Pacific region which makes it important to the stability of the region.
- Has the capability to lead HADR (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief), anti-piracy and maritime surveillance.
- Advances India vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth to All in the Region).
- Facilitates infrastructure development and capacity building in at risk island states.

Issues and Challenges

- Lack of Strategic Vision: QUAD has no long-term vision or specific institutional procedures.
- Maritime-Centric: The Maritime focus on the Indo-Pacific can shut out the possibilities of land-based threats or Eurasian issues.
- Non-Alignment Policy of India: India is reluctant to join in formal alliances and lowers the growth of military or strategic QUAD.

Challenges in QUAD's Strategic Development



Way Forward

- Respond to Indo-Pacific Vision: Create a more extensive and accommodating system that is beneficial to mutual economic and security concerns.

- Widen Membership: Widening membership to like-minded countries such as Indonesia and Singapore has also been proposed to make membership big enough to forge a cooperative platform.
- Create a Coherent Plan: India must come up with a coherent Indo-Pacific strategy that covers not only military features but also non-military, which would include trade, security, digital infrastructure, and environmental problems

Conclusion

This mega maritime program is the first of its kind by QUAD, and it further demonstrates its interests in promoting the peace and maritime rule of law in the region making it an independent force in securing the Indo-Pacific

2. MY Bharat 2.0: Digital Upgrade to Empower Youth and Drive Viksit Bharat Vision



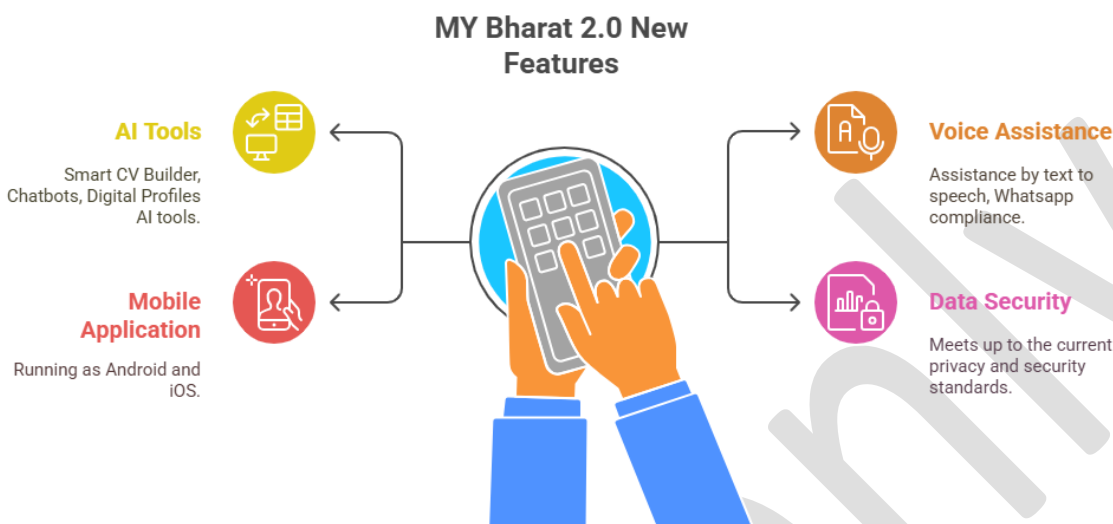
To initiate the next-gen of digital youth engagement, an MoU between the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, and the Ministry of Electronics & IT was signed to introduce MY Bharat 2.0, a next-gen digital platform of youth engagement. The platform is fueled by AI and modularity, and it contains Smart CV Builders, Chatbots, and voice navigation. It combines such services as mentorship, career support, and fitness programs, and it already has more than 1.76 crore of youth registered. It seeks to engage the Amrit Peedhi in construction of Viksit Bharat by 2047. A mobile application will be released as well.



Context

- MY Bharat 2.0 is a transformational idea of digitally empowering the Indian youth and recognizing them with the possibilities to attain mentorship, skills, and jobs through a cohesive structure running on a litany of service, aspiration, and nation-building.

Key Highlights



Platform Overview:

- Created by the Digital India Corporation of the MeitY
- First released in 31 October 2023
- Registered Users: 1.76 crore young people, 1.19 lakh organizations

MY Bharat 2.0 New Features:

- Smart CV Builder, Chatbots, Digital Profiles AI tools
- Voice: Assistance by text to speech, Whatsapp compliance
- Mobile App: running as Android and iOS
- Data Security: Meets up to the current privacy and security standards

Fundamental Areas of Key Concentrations:

- Profession: Mentorship Hub, National Career Services
- Well-being: Fit India, Health and Wellness Programs
- Community: Proactive learning, techo-tagged volunteering, result check dashboards
- Connection to National Platforms:** Aadhaar, DigiLocker, Bhashini, MyGov
- Support Infrastructure:** Call centers and cloud services, MIS, e-mail / SMS integration



About My Bharat

MY Bharat Overview



What is Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)?

- Introduced by: Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
- Type: Independently regulated body with Department of youth Affairs
- Objective:
 - It is one of the strategies of the government to inculcate young people in the development of the nation as beneficiaries, as well as contributors, through Mera Yuva Bharat.
 - In recent times, MY Bharat began recruiting volunteers concerned with the civil defence as a form of disaster management and civic engagement.

Target Group:

- Young people: 15-29 years (according to the National Youth Policy)
- Teenagers (programs): 10 -19 years

Vision:

- To convert Indian youth as passive recipients of development to active drivers of the development.

Mission:

- Apply e-tools to increase involvement of the youth, skills acquisition, national building, and volunteer work.

MY Bharat Portal Features

- Website: <https://www.mybharat.gov.in>
- The nature: Phygital Platform (Physical + Digital)

Features:

- Profiling and registering of the youths
- The ability to volunteer, train and attend events



- Connection with the government agencies such as Police, Urban local Bodies (ULBs), and different ministries
- Live monitoring of the schemes, programs, and internships aimed at youths

Goals and Advantages

- Supercharge volunteerism and civic participation
- Increase online education and online opportunities
- Encourage national unity and national leadership
- Provide opportunities concerning skills and employability
- Support the voice of young people in climate action, in disaster response and innovation

Conclusion

MY Bharat 2.0 will be a digital revolution in the youth policy of India, becoming an empowering gateway of wholeness to use the energy of the young population and to reach Viksit Bharat by 2047.

3. Rajasthan's Vision for a Data-Driven Future Unfolds at 19th State-level Statistics Day



Sector: Governance, Data & Statistics

Subject: Public Administration, SDGs, Economic Planning, Statistical Systems

- The 19th State-level Statistics Day was celebrated on 29 June at Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, on the birth anniversary of Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis.
- Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma emphasized the critical role of accurate statistics in fulfilling public aspirations and achieving the vision of a developed Rajasthan.



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- The event theme was “75 Years of National Sample Survey”.
- CM inaugurated the “**SDG Website 2.0**” and released “**Statistical Yearbook 2025**” and “**Rajasthan SDG Status Report 2025**”.
- CM announced the establishment of **SDG Coordination and Acceleration Centre** for effective implementation of Sustainable Development Goals.
- Rajasthan aims to become a **\$350 billion economy** through data-driven governance and evidence-based policymaking.
- As part of statistical infrastructure expansion:
 - 68 new Block Statistical Offices
 - 8 new District Statistical Offices
 - Financial approval granted for manpower and resources
 - India, under PM Modi, is becoming a **global leader in statistics**, with data being viewed as a **strategic asset**.
 - Jaipur District Collector Jitendra Soni and 15 others were awarded the **Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis State Statistical Award**.
 - CM reiterated the importance of **statistical transparency, quality and utility** for policy decisions and governance reform.

Detailed Explanation (For RAS Mains)

- **Background of Statistics Day:** Celebrated annually on 29 June to commemorate Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis’ contribution to Indian statistical systems. He founded the Indian Statistical Institute and played a pivotal role in national planning and policy formation.
- **Importance of Statistics in Governance:**
 - Enables **data-driven decisions** in public policy.
 - Crucial for monitoring and evaluation of welfare schemes.
 - Helps in identifying **gaps in service delivery** and **optimizing resources**.
- **State-Level Developments in Rajasthan:**
 - Infrastructural push with **68 new Block and 8 District Statistical Offices**.
 - SDG Coordination and Acceleration Centre will act as a **policy implementation hub** for 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.
 - Strengthens **last-mile data collection** and **real-time policy feedback loop**.
- **Digital Initiatives:**
 - **SDG Website 2.0:** A central platform for tracking Rajasthan's progress on global SDG indicators.
 - **Statistical Yearbook 2025:** Will act as a ready reference for planners, researchers, and administrators.



- **National and Global Relevance:**

- PM's emphasis on **data as a strategic asset** aligns with global trends in governance.
- India's emergence as a **global statistical power** enhances credibility in international development forums.

- **Economic Vision:**

- Rajasthan's goal of a **\$350 billion economy** depends on **evidence-based policymaking**.
- Data will be used for **targeted delivery** of welfare benefits under the *Antyodaya* vision.

- **Recognition and Motivation:**

- Awards like **Prof. Mahalanobis Statistical Award** aim to recognize and motivate excellence in field-level data work.

राजस्थान में आंकड़ों के माध्यम से सुशासन का संकल्प — 19वां राज्य स्तरीय सांख्यिकी दिवस समारोह

- 29 जून को जयपुर के राजस्थान इंटरनेशनल सेंटर में प्रो. पी.सी. महालनोबिस की जयंती पर 19वां सांख्यिकी दिवस मनाया गया।
- मुख्यमंत्री भजनलाल शर्मा ने कहा कि सटीक आंकड़े जन अपेक्षाओं की पूर्ति और विकास के लिए अनिवार्य हैं।
- इस वर्ष का थीम: "नेशनल सैंपल सर्वे के 75 वर्ष"।
- मुख्यमंत्री ने "एसडीजी वेबसाइट 2.0", "स्टैटिस्टिकल इयरबुक 2025", और "राजस्थान एसडीजी स्टेटस रिपोर्ट 2025" का शुभारंभ किया।
- एसडीजी कोर्डिनेशन एंड एक्सीलरेशन सेंटर की स्थापना की घोषणा की गई।
- 68 नवीन ब्लॉक सांख्यिकी कार्यालय, 8 नए जिला सांख्यिकी कार्यालय, और आवश्यक संसाधनों के लिए वित्तीय स्वीकृति दी गई।
- भारत सांख्यिकी क्षेत्र में वैश्विक नेतृत्व की ओर अग्रसर; आंकड़ों को "रणनीतिक संपदा" माना गया है।
- राजस्थान का लक्ष्य: 350 बिलियन डॉलर की अर्थव्यवस्था आंकड़ा आधारित निर्णयों से प्राप्त करना।
- जयपुर जिला कलक्टर जितेन्द्र सोनी सहित 16 अधिकारियों को "प्रो. महालनोबिस सांख्यिकी पुरस्कार" प्रदान किया गया।

विस्तृत विश्लेषण (RAS मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु)

- सांख्यिकी दिवस की पृष्ठभूमि: हर वर्ष 29 जून को प्रो. महालनोबिस की स्मृति में मनाया जाता है। उन्होंने भारतीय सांख्यिकी संस्थान की स्थापना की और योजना आयोग में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई।
- राज्य में आंकड़ों की भूमिका:
 - लोक कल्याण योजनाओं की यथार्थ योजना और मूल्यांकन में सहायक।
 - समस्या की पहचान और समाधान में संसाधन नियोजन को बेहतर बनाता है।
- राजस्थान सरकार की पहल:
 - 68 ब्लॉक और 8 जिला सांख्यिकी कार्यालयों की स्थापना।
 - एसडीजी केन्द्र सरकार की प्राथमिकताओं के साथ राज्यीय तालमेल को मजबूत करेगा।



- डिजिटल प्रयास:
 - SDG वेबसाइट 2.0 – सतत विकास लक्ष्यों पर निगरानी हेतु ऑनलाइन प्लेटफॉर्म।
 - स्टैटिस्टिकल ईयरबुक – नीति निर्धारकों और शोधकर्ताओं के लिए संदर्भ सामग्री।
- राष्ट्रीय और वैश्विक महत्व:
 - प्रधानमंत्री का डेटा को रणनीतिक संसाधन मानना प्रशासनिक क्रांति की दिशा में कदम है।
 - भारत वैश्विक सांख्यिकीय नेतृत्व में अग्रसर।
- आर्थिक दृष्टिकोण:
 - 350 अरब डॉलर की अर्थव्यवस्था बनने की दिशा में डाटा आधारित सुशासन आवश्यक।
 - अंत्योदय की भावना के अनुरूप योजनाओं का लक्षित लाभ वितरण।
- सम्मान और प्रेरणा:
 - महालनोबिस पुरस्कार आंकड़ा क्षेत्र में उत्कृष्टता को मान्यता देता है।

MCQs

What major digital initiative was launched during the 19th Rajasthan State-Level Statistics Day?

- A. Jan Kalyan Dashboard
- B. SDG Website 2.0
- C. Mahatma Data Portal
- D. BharatStat Core

Answer: B. SDG Website 2.0

राजस्थान के 19वें राज्य स्तरीय सांख्यिकी दिवस के दौरान कौन-सी डिजिटल पहल शुरू की गई?

- A. जन कल्याण डैशबोर्ड
- B. एसडीजी वेबसाइट 2.0
- C. महात्मा डेटा पोर्टल
- D. भारतस्टेट कोर

उत्तर: B. एसडीजी वेबसाइट 2.0

Which of the following statements is TRUE regarding Rajasthan's statistical reforms?

- A. No new offices have been proposed.
- B. SDG Acceleration Centre will be established in Jaipur only.
- C. 68 new Block Statistical Offices and 8 District Statistical Offices will be set up.
- D. Data is used only for academic research.

Answer: C. 68 new Block Statistical Offices and 8 District Statistical Offices will be set up.

निम्नलिखित में से कौन-सा कथन राजस्थान की सांख्यिकी सुधारों के संदर्भ में सही है?

- A. कोई नया कार्यालय प्रस्तावित नहीं है।



- B. एसडीजी एक्सीलरेशन सेंटर केवल जयपुर में स्थापित होगा।
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D. आंकड़ों का उपयोग केवल अकादमिक अनुसंधान में होता है।

उत्तर: C. 68 नए ब्लॉक सांख्यिकी कार्यालय और 8 जिला सांख्यिकी कार्यालय स्थापित किए जाएंगे।

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