

# NEWS ANALYSIS THE HINDU

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## U.P. madrasas to also teach in English, Hindi

- Context-Along with Urdu, madrasas in Uttar Pradesh will now also be required to teach students in English and Hindi, and follow the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) syllabus and the books prescribed under it.
- On May 15, the Uttar Pradesh Madrasa Education Board had taken a decision to prescribe NCERT textbooks for teaching modern subjects in recognised madrasas of the State.
- The decision will come into effect from the 2018-19 academic session.

# Capital remaining for banks is 'sufficient': Govt.

- Context-Despite huge losses made by large public sector banks in the fourth quarter of 2017-18, the government has indicated it may not increase the capital allocation beyond what had already been budgeted.
- In 2017, the government had announced a 2.11 lakh crore capitalisation plan for the public sector banks for two years, including 1.35 lakh crore via **recapitalisation bonds**.
- The Finance Ministry is also planning to rate public sector banks based on their performance and make the rating available on public domain.

# India's 1st Sports University In Manipur

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- Context-The Union Cabinet has approved an ordinance to set up the country's first national sports university in Manipur.
- The Bill establishes a National Sports University located in Manipur. It will promote sports education in the areas of: (i) sports sciences, (ii) sports technology, (iii) sports management, and (iv) sports coaching. It will function as a **national training centre** for select sports disciplines. It may also establish campuses and study centres in other parts of the country. The University will be empowered to grant degrees, diplomas and certificates.
- The University will be required to maintain a fund which will be credited with the funds that it receives from the central government, state government, and fees and money received from any other sources .

- The key objectives of the University are: (i) research, development and dissemination of knowledge in physical education and sports sciences, (ii) strengthening physical education and sports training programmes, (iii) generating knowledge capabilities, skills and competence at various levels, and (iv) training talented athletes to help them to evolve into international level athletes.
- Setting up of National Sports University in Manipur will result in giving an opportunity for youth of country in general and of North Eastern States in particular for pursuing courses such as B.PEd, MPEd, Diploma/certificate courses in coaching, physiotherapy, fitness, sports management, sports journalism, etc.

# Nepal: first country in South-East Asia validated for eliminating trachoma

- Context: The World Health Organization (WHO) has validated Nepal for having eliminated **trachoma** as a public health problem – a milestone, as the country becomes the first in WHO's South-East Asia Region to defeat the world's leading infectious cause of blindness.
- Trachoma is a chronic infective disease of the eye and is the leading cause of **infective blindness** globally. Trachoma is a disease of poor environmental and personal hygiene and inadequate access to water and sanitation. It affects the conjunctiva under the eyelids. Repeated infections cause scarring leading to in-turning of the eyelashes and eyelids. This further causes damage to the cornea and blindness.

# ASEAN India Film Festival

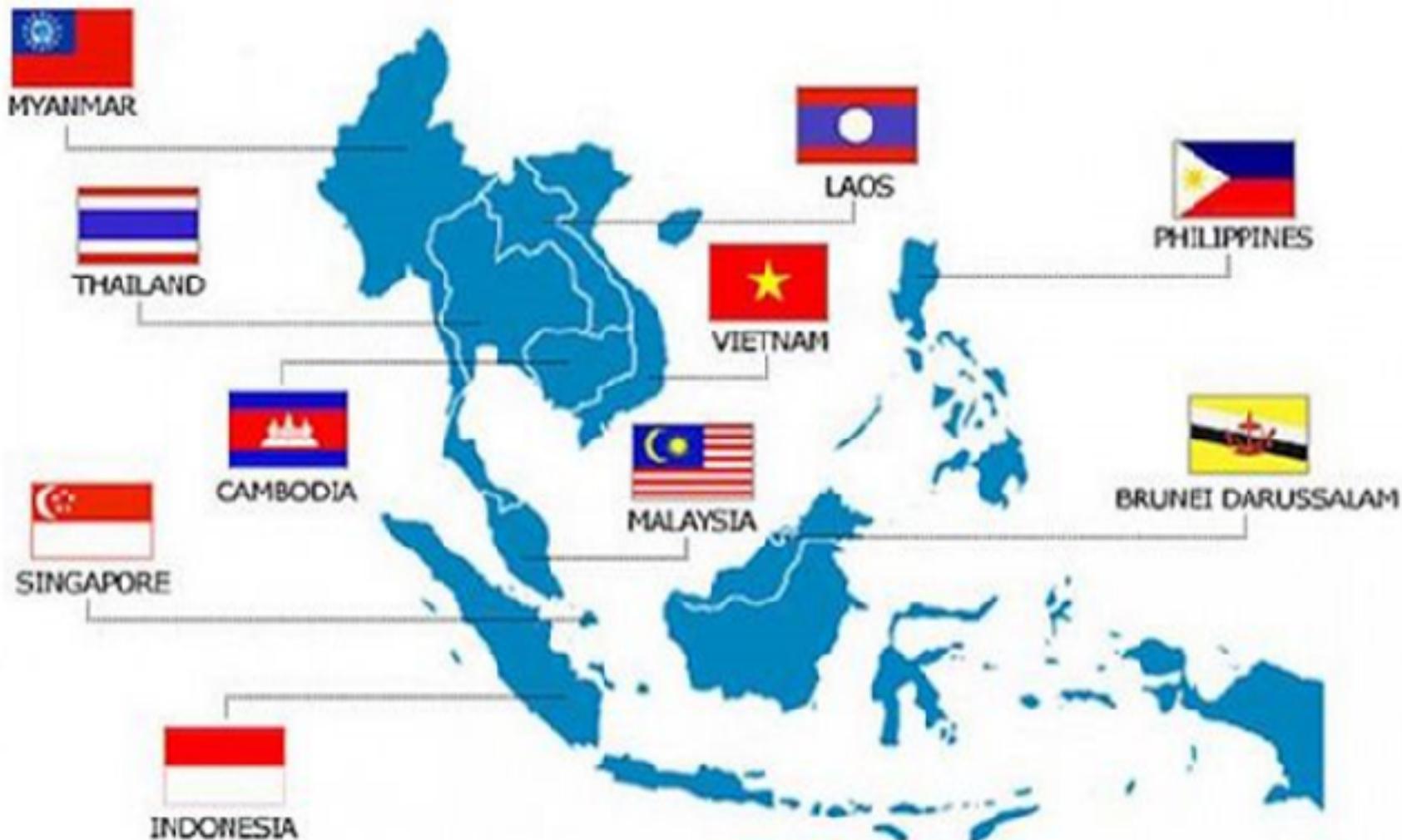
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- **Context:** India is hosting the ASEAN India Film Festival. The Film Festival will be a platform for people of the film industry of member countries to explore areas of cooperation in the domain of “cinema and cultural cooperation.
- The tagline of the Festival is proposed to be ‘Friendship through Films’.
- The Directorate of Film Festivals is organising ASEAN India Film Festival in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (ASEAN Multilateral Division) as part of the series of events to commemorate the 25 years of ASEAN and India relations.

# ASEAN

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a regional intergovernmental organization comprising ten Southeast Asian countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam) which promotes Pan-Asianism and intergovernmental cooperation and facilitates economic, political, security, military, educational and socio-cultural integration amongst its members and other Asian countries, and globally.

# ASEAN Member Countries



# MAINS Answer Writing Practice

Q.) India must calculate 'its green GDP' to factor in the value of the environment in its growth. Comment.

Source: Natural capital in the 21st century (Hindu Editorial )

Answer Structure-

- Introduction-Define Green GDP and its estimation
- Main Body- India's Green GDP calculation and past efforts made
- Conclusion-Significance this would bring to India