

Prelim Bits 24-01-2017

Doha amendment to Kyoto protocol:

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- The Kyoto Protocol signed in 1997, is an international treaty that commits state parties to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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- Under the Kyoto Protocol, industrialized nations agreed to cut their greenhouse gas emissions below 1990 levels.

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- It is operational since 2005.

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- A group of rich and industrialized countries were assigned emission reduction targets with the first commitment period of 2005-2012.

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- The Doha amendment was made to Kyoto protocol in 2012 to extend the obligations of the developed countries for the second commitment period of 2012-2020.

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- It requires ratification from a total of 144 of the 192 parties of the Kyoto Protocol to become operational.

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- As only 75 countries have so far ratified the Doha amendments it could not be enforced.

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- China, Poland, Australia, Mexico, South Africa, Indonesia are some of the countries that ratified Doha amendments.

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- India is expected to ratify it this month.

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- US have not ratified the Kyoto Protocol and Canada withdrew from Kyoto protocol in 2012.

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ATM machine on Warship:

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- INS Vikramaditya is the largest warship and latest aircraft carrier of the Indian Navy.

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- INS Vikramaditya has a new ATM machine with other transaction facilities like deposit and transfer, installed onboard by SBI.

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- This is to enable 1500 personnel of the ship to manage their domestic financial requirements and money transactions at their own convenience

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New Programme under National Health Mission:

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- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is launching population based prevention, screening and control programme for five common non-communicable diseases i.e Hypertension, Diabetes, and Cancers of oral cavity, breast and cervix.

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- There are many prevention strategies.

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- Population based prevention strategies target the whole population e.g a mass-media anti-smoking campaign.

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- These interventions are a one size fits all type, with no allowance for targeting specific populations.

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- While these programs are usually expensive, they are quite economic when calculated on a cost-per-person basis.

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- Population-based prevention strategies include:\n

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1. legislation

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2. media-based strategies (including mass media campaigns and reduction in the advertising and promotion of alcohol and tobacco)

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3. drug education (including school drug education)

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