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## IDEA OF “VIKSIT BHARAT”







### Context

- Recently, the expression “Viksit Bharat” figured in the interim budget speech.

### About notion of “Viksit Bharat”

- The ‘Viksit Bharat 2047’ agenda is a comprehensive vision plan by the Government of India, aiming to transform India into a **developed nation by the year 2047**, marking the 100th anniversary of its independence.
- The vision encompasses various **aspects of development**, including economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainability, and good governance.
- The soul of Indian Version of notion of development is emphasised through Hon’ble PM’s **Sankalp of Panch Pran**, with Viksit Bharat being one of them and of utmost importance.
- The **four pillars of Viksit Bharat** are Yuva (Youth), Garib (Poor), Mahila (Women) and Kisan (Farmers).
- Other aspects like happiness ought to be the central pursuit in this journey. Without achieving happiness, development has no meaning. Ironically, the nations have developed, but people are not happy.

### Goals

KEY FOCUS AREAS	
	<b>Education:</b> Enhancing educational infrastructure, increasing school enrollments, and improving the quality of education.
	<b>Healthcare:</b> Ensuring accessible and quality healthcare services for all citizens.
	<b>Technology:</b> Embracing and innovating technology for the nation's progress.
	<b>Infrastructure:</b> Developing robust infrastructure including transportation, communication, and urban facilities.
	<b>Agriculture:</b> Modernizing farming techniques and supporting farmers for increased productivity.
	<b>Environment:</b> Implementing sustainable practices and preserving natural resources for a cleaner and healthier environment.

### Do you know ?

- There is no definition of developing and developed countries (or areas) within the UN system.
- Over time the use of the distinction between ‘**Developed regions**’ and ‘**Developing regions**’, including in the flagship publications of the United Nations, has diminished.”
- The World Bank no longer uses terms like “developed” and “developing”. Instead, the categories are **low-income, lower-middle income, upper-middle income and high income**.
  - ♦ Low income is for per capita income less than \$1,085, lower-middle income is for per capita income between \$1,086 and \$4,255, higher-middle income for per capita income between \$4,256 and \$13,205 and high income for per capita income more than \$13,205.
  - ♦ The World Bank’s categories are based on official exchange rates. With official exchange rates, India is in the lower-middle income category now.

### Challenges

- Rising population growth and demographic changes pose challenges to goal of ‘Viksit Bharat. There are also challenges on the infrastructure, regulatory and tax front.
- Also, the conventional focus on GDP fails to consider crucial social indicators, neglecting human and social aspects of development.

### Key Initiatives undertaken so far for Viksit Bharat@2047 Agenda



**Viksit Bharat Sankalp  
Yatra**



**Amrit Kaal Vimarsh**



**"Voice of Youth"**

- **Other steps :** The government's free ration scheme, Ayushman scheme, 80% discounts on medicines, the PM Samman Nidhi scheme for farmers, houses for the poor, tapped water connections, and construction of new toilets will continue at a fast pace.
  - ♦ The Union government will provide Rs 75,000 crore as interest-free loan for 50 years to support reforms by states for realising the vision of 'Viksit Bharat'.
  - ♦ **Interim Budget 2024 : Rs. 11 lakh 11 thousand 111 crore** has been allocated for **capital expenditure**.
    - This will not only lead to the construction of 21st-century modern infrastructure in Bharat, but also create countless new opportunities for employment for the youth

### Suggestions and Way Ahead

- Realizing the vision of 'Viksit Bharat' demands **unwavering dedication**, a firm belief in India's destiny and a profound recognition of the vast potential talent and capabilities of its people, particularly the youth.
  - ♦ There is a need to channel the energy of the students and the youth of every university towards achieving the common goal of '**Viksit Bharat**'
- It requires **comprehensive efforts with large-scale infrastructure development**, broad-based welfare measures for poverty alleviation, commitments to empowering women and youth through entrepreneurship, as well as the development of a vibrant agriculture sector.
- To achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047, all sectors must contribute to the economic growth of the nation.
- For that, regulatory reforms and ease of doing business are critical as they pave the way for attracting global investments.

### DAILY MAINS QUESTION

What does the term 'Viksit Bharat' indicate ? Discuss the roadmap for India's pursuit of 'Viksit Bharat'.

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