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TODAY'S ANALYSIS

(23 September 2023)

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- QUAD
- SAMUDRAYAAN MISSION
- INDIAN DIASPORA



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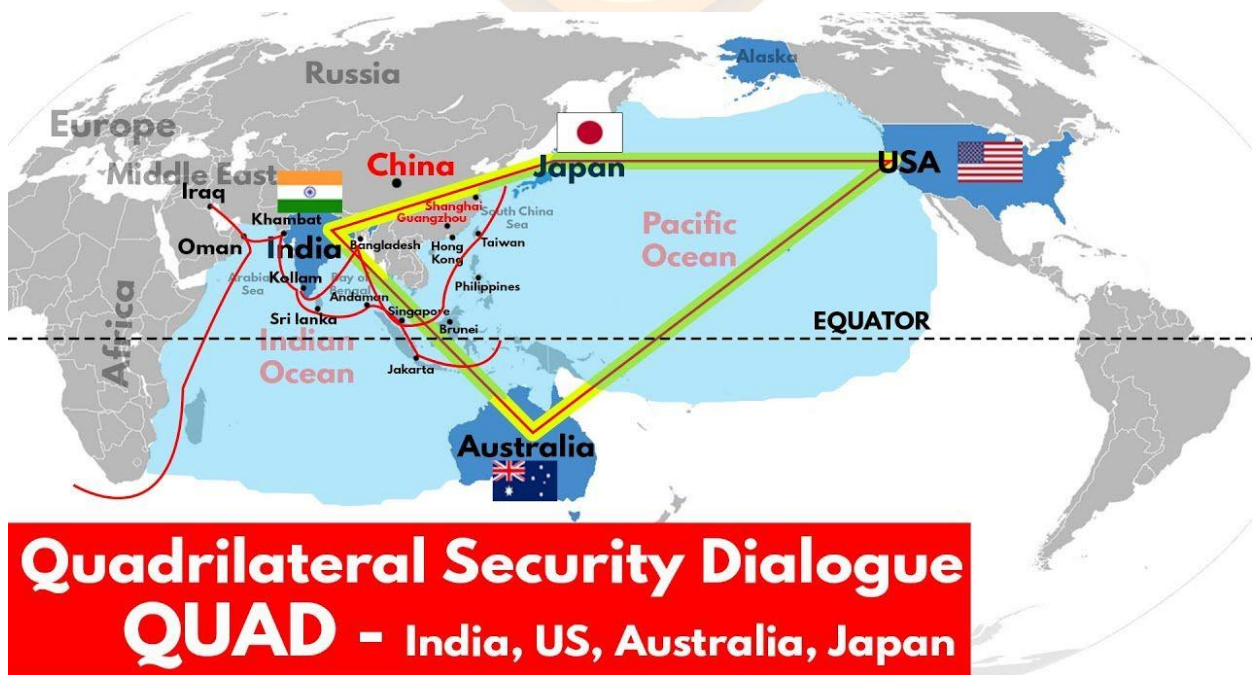
QUAD

India has invited **Mr. Joe Biden** as the **Chief Guest in 2024 Republic Day**. India is aligning his visit with the QUAD summit also to be hosted by India.

ABOUT QUAD:

It is an informal grouping in the **Indo Pacific region**.

Indo Pacific is home to more than **64% of the global population** and which contributes over **60% of world's GDP**. About **half of the global trade** happens through the maritime trade routes in this region.



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MEMBERS OF QUAD:

The grouping of four democracies – **India, Australia, US and Japan** – is known as the quadrilateral security dialogue or quad.

AIM OF QUAD:

The aim of this grouping is to **ensure a free and open international order based on the rule of law in the Indo-Pacific.**

OBJECTIVES:

- Maritime security,
- Combating the Covid-19 crisis, especially vis-à-vis vaccine diplomacy,
- Addressing the risks of climate change,
- Creating an ecosystem for investment in the region and
- Boosting technological innovation.

EVOLUTION OF QUAD:

- Following the Indian Ocean tsunami, India, Japan, Australia, and the US created an informal alliance to collaborate on disaster relief efforts.

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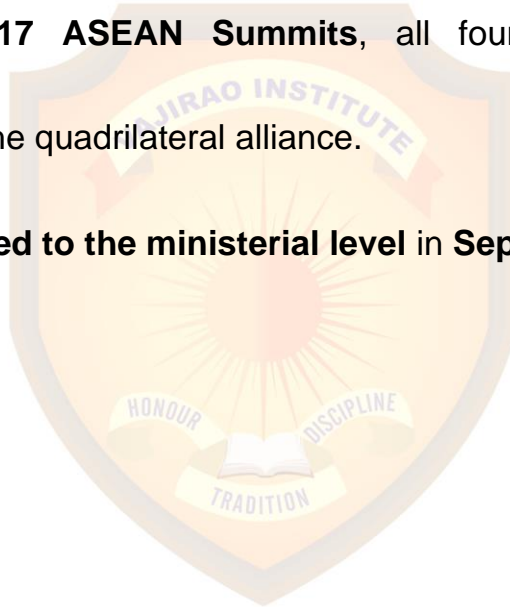
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- Quad as a formal group was **first mooted by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in 2007.**
- However, due to **Chinese resistance** and **reluctance shown by India**, it could not move ahead.
- Later, during the **2017 ASEAN Summits**, all four former members re-joined negotiations to revive the quadrilateral alliance.
- The Quad was **upgraded to the ministerial level** in **September 2019.**



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India's 1st Manned Deep Ocean Mission

-  Sending **3 humans** to **6-km ocean depth** in a **self-propelled submersible**
-  Exploring **deep sea resources & biodiversity assessment**
-  Endurance of **12 hours** under normal operation and **96 hours** in case of **emergency**



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सत्यमेव जयते

India is now set to launch '**Samudrayaan**' - involving its **first manned submersible vehicle** called '**Matsya-6000**', which will descend **6,000 metres** into the **Bay of Bengal** with a **three-man crew**.

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ABOUT SAMUDRAYAAN MISSION

- **Samudrayaan Mission** is aimed to **develop a self-propelled manned submersible** to carry three human beings to a **water depth of 6,000 meters** in the ocean with a suite of scientific sensors and tools for **deep ocean exploration**.
- The experts will be sent in a manned submersible vehicle called '**MATSYA 6000**'.
- This vehicle is being designed and **developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai under the Ministry of Earth Sciences**.
- It has an **endurance of 12 hours** under normal operation and 96 hours in case of emergency for human safety.
- **Manned submersible** provides a feel of **direct physical presence for researchers** and has better intervention capability.
- With the launch of 'Samudrayaan' in October 2021, **India joined the elite club** of nations such as the **US, Russia, Japan, France, and China** to have niche technology and vehicles to carry out subsea activities.

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RELEVANCE FOR INDIA

- India has a unique maritime position, a **7517 km long coastline**, which is home to **nine coastal states and 1,382 islands**.
- The mission aims to boost the Central government's vision of 'New India' that **highlights the Blue Economy as one of the ten core dimensions of growth**.
- For India, with its **three sides surrounded by the oceans** and around 30% of the nation's population living in coastal areas and coastal regions play a major economic factor. It supports fisheries and aquaculture, tourism, livelihoods, and blue trade.

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INDIAN DIASPORA

Diaspora is derived from a greek word - **Diasperein**.

Diasperien means dispersion. Hence Diaspora is the dispersed people from India.

Indian Diaspora = NRI + OCI (Prior to 2015, it was NRI + PIO + OCI. PIO merged into OCI in 2015)

SIGNIFICANCE

- **ECONOMIC:**

- **Remittances to India:** India receives more than 85 bn USD annually as remittances & it is predicted to be around **100 bn USD in 2022**.
- Flow of business ideas, tacit information & technology into India.
- Migration of less skilled labour from India creates a reduced pressure in India for employment generation.

- **POLITICAL:**

- Indians hold critical positions of power in many countries like **USA, Mauritius, UK** etc.

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- The diaspora has an immense potential to **influence the electoral results** of their host countries.
- The NRI & OCI is a potential lobby for India.

- **CULTURAL:**

- Presence of diaspora has led to spread of Indian culture & inter racial marital ties thus contributing in the soft power of India.

CHALLENGES

- Heterogeneous nature of the Indian diaspora.
 - West Asia needs support on welfare issues.
 - From the west, we need increased investment & trade.
- Racial Discrimination.
- Nature of jobs ie in West Asia most of our diaspora is involved in blue collared jobs.
- Connection with Anti - India or separatists.

WHERE IS INDIAN DIASPORA SETTLING?

A total of **1,63,370** Indians **relinquished Indian Citizenship in 2021** and received citizenship from other countries, a trend noted highest since 2019.

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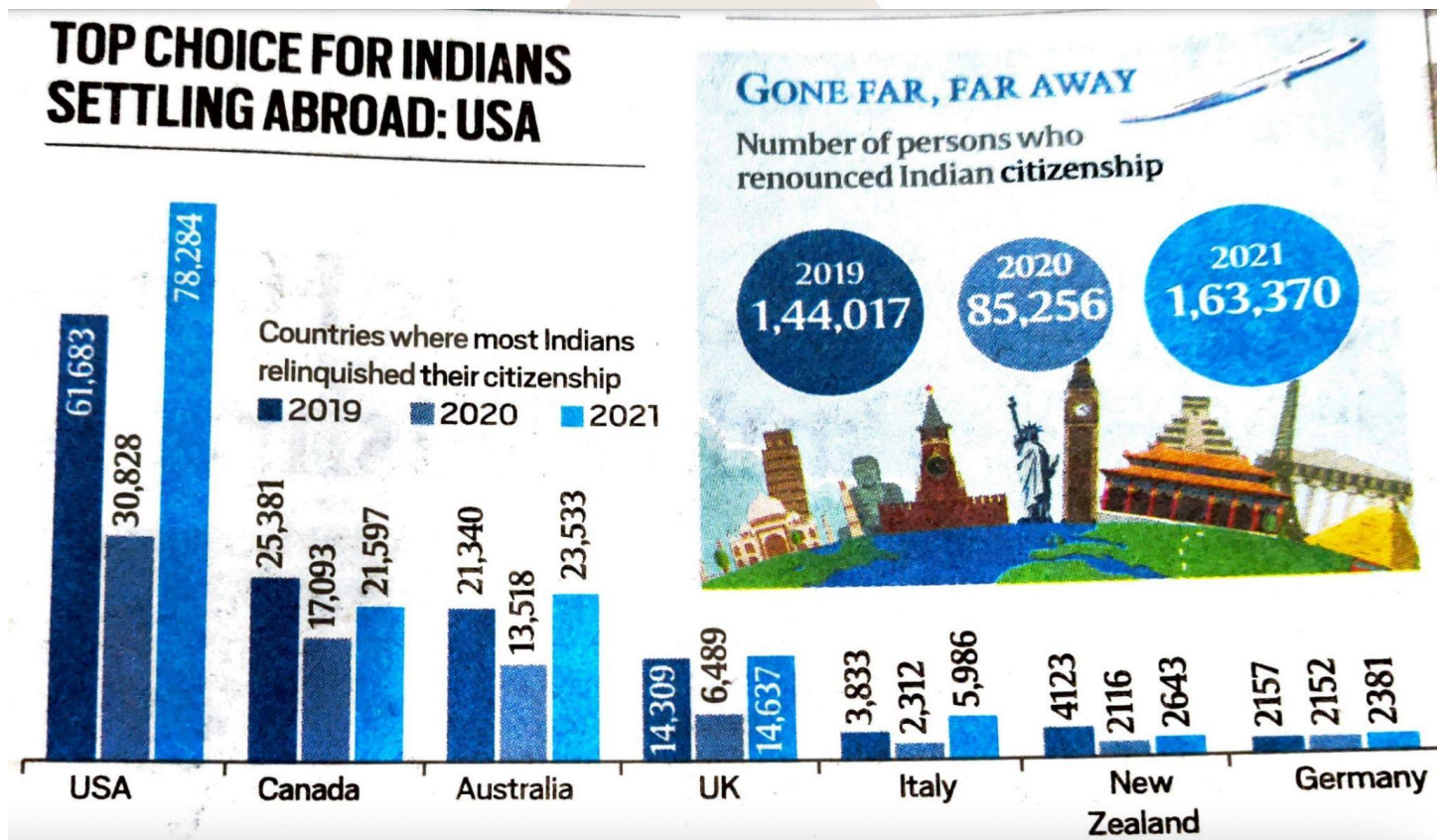
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According to the government data, **over 3.9 lakh citizens have given up their citizenship in the past 3 years to settle abroad.**

The data mentions that there are 103 countries where Indians relinquished Indian citizenship.

WHERE ARE INDIANS SETTLING ABROAD?



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