



# Nalanda University

## Why in News?

The **Prime Minister of India** will inaugurate the new campus of **Nalanda University** at Rajgir, Bihar.

## Key Points

- The University is conceived as a **joint collaboration** between India and [East Asia Summit \(EAS\)](#) countries.
- The Campus is a '[Net Zero](#)' Green Campus. It is **self-sustainable** with a **solar plant, domestic and drinking water treatment plant, water recycling plant** for reusing wastewater, **100 acres of water bodies**, and many other environment friendly facilities.
- The **original Nalanda University**, established around **1600 years ago**, is considered to be amongst the **first residential universities of the world**.
- The **ruins of Nalanda University** was declared as a [UN Heritage Site](#).
- **East Asia Summit:**
  - The **EAS** was established in **2005** as an **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-led initiative**.
  - The **EAS** is the only **leader-led forum** in the **Indo-Pacific** that brings together all key partners to discuss political, security and economic issues of strategic importance.
  - The EAS operates on the principles of **openness, inclusiveness, respect for international law, ASEAN centrality**, and **ASEAN's role** as the driving force.

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