



Lucknow Invited to ASEAN Forum as Knowledge City

Why in News?

Officials of **Lucknow Municipal Corporation** were invited to attend the meeting of **ASEAN Governors & Mayors Forum (AGMF)** in Kuala Lumpur as a '**Knowledge City**', after gaining recognition for its initiatives in cleanliness, green development, and **sustainable urban management**.

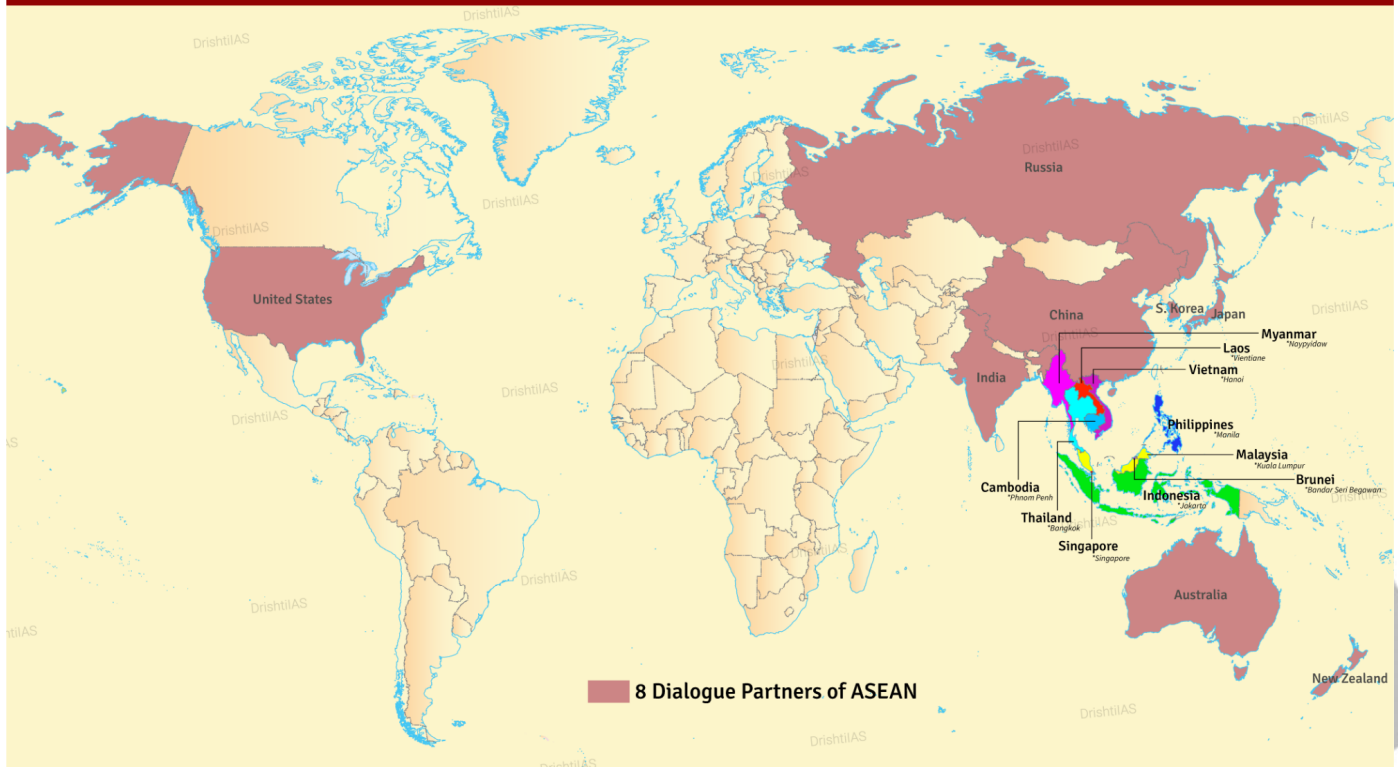
Key Points

- **About:** The AGMF, originally the **ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) in 2011**, was founded to highlight **local contributions to ASEAN integration**.
 - In 2018, AMF was accredited as an entity associated with ASEAN, due to ASEAN member states' official recognition of its common goals and contribution to **ASEAN's community building**.
- **Participants:** The AGMF is being held from **10th August 2025 to 15th August 2025**, bringing together governors, mayors, urban experts from Asia, and international organizations such as the German Corporation for International Cooperation (**GIZ**), **United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC)**, and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (**UNESCAP**).
- **Objective:** The forum aimed to **exchange knowledge on proven urban management** models, sustainable growth, climate action, and citizen participation.
- **Recognition:** Lucknow was **one of six Indian cities** selected to share its experiences in urban management at this prestigious event, marking a significant achievement in its journey towards sustainability and better urban governance.
 - Mayor **Sushma Kharkwal**, Municipal Commissioner **Gaurav Kumar**, and Additional Commissioner **Arvind Kumar Rao** presented the city's innovative projects.
 - Key projects highlighted during the event included the establishment of the **Shivri Solid Waste Processing Plant**, along with other initiatives.



ASEAN

Association of Southeast Asian Nations



8 Dialogue Partners of ASEAN

Founded: By signing ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) (1967)

Founding Members: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand

Secretariat: Indonesia, Jakarta

Chairmanship: Rotates annually

ASEAN Summit Meetings: Occur biannually

ASEAN Economy:

- Combined GDP: ~ USD 3.66 trillion (2022)
- Total Exports: USD 1.73 trillion (8.24% of global exports in 2021)
- Major Export Item: Monolithic Integrated Circuit, Palm Oil, Data Processing Equipment

ADMM+Meeting: Platform for ASEAN and its 8 Dialogue Partners (India, Australia, US, Japan, S. Korea, China, Russia and New Zealand)

- First Convened in: Hanoi, Vietnam (2010)

