

## VS BEC

With a quiet acceptance of India in global bars & increasing distrust towards Chinese investment, it is an opportunity for India to focus on Arctic region. Analyse. (200 words).

### Arctic circle

- 1) It is an Inter-governmental organisation started by eight Arctic nations: Iceland, Denmark, USA, Canada, Russia, Norway, Sweden, Finland.
- 2) It has no scientific mandate but emphasizes sustainability of resources in the region without affecting local populations.
- 3) With recent melting of ice and increasing discovery of route & technologies, the region becomes significant.
- 4) Recent meeting in Oct 9-12, 2019 - India also visited as observer; 10 countries participated & 170 sessions held.

### China

- 1) China also member and increasing its influence in the region.
- 2) Denmark expressed distrust over China investment in Arctic.
- 3) China investing in Polar Silk route & Belt & Road Initiatives are significant policies by China.

## India

- 1) India with leading scientific research and achievements may reach at Antarctic, 1982 research, has entered membership of Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting group 2013.
- 2) Also gained observer status in Arctic circle group in 2013, reinstated in 2019.
- 3) Few delegates from National Centre for Polar and Oceanic research presented view points and research on the meeting.
- 4) India entered into partnership with Russia for hydrocarbon trade.

## Conclary

1) With all above improvements in naval and significance of India in global arena, Indian government and industry should devise methods to establish its influence and research in the region for its National Interest.