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07 November 2019 Current Affairs: Union Minister for Environment, Forest and climate change **Shri Prakash Javadekar** participated in the **15th governing council meeting (GCM) of the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)** at Dhaka, **Bangladesh.**

#### Highlights of 15th GCM of SACEP:

- ◆ The Minister discussed India's efforts to put forward the demand for clean technology at affordable cost. He also discussed the liberal financing to the developing countries from developed countries during the forthcoming **2019 United Nations Climate Change Conference** in Madrid, Spain.
- ◆ Issues of plastic waste management, biodiversity, and other issues related to the environment were discussed among south Asian Member countries.
- ◆ The meeting reaffirmed the commitment given at Paris on issues like emission intensity reduction, the share of renewable power in India's power mix, and other issues such as increasing the forest cover.
- ◆ Discussion to provide clean technology at affordable cost price to spread the new technology was held.
- ◆ The ministers sought aid from the developed countries to the developing world that suffers

#### SACEP:

The South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) was established in **1982** by the **South Asian governments.** The programme aims to promote and support the protection, management, and enhancement of the environment in the South Asian region. The member nations of SACEP are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bhutan, Pakistan, Nepal.

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