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Current Affairs

3. What is 'One China Two Systems policy'? How US policy towards Taiwan is hurting it. What could be its possible implications? Give recommendation.

One China Two Systems:

It is a constitutional principle of the People's Republic of China describing the governance of the special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macau. It was formulated in the early 1980s during negotiation over Hong Kong between China and United Kingdom. It said there would be only one China but that these regions could have their own economic and administrative systems, while rest of the China uses the socialism. The PRC has also proposed to apply the principle in the unification it aims for with Taiwan.

US Policy towards Taiwan:

- ① US acknowledges but doesn't necessarily accept Chinese position that there is but one China and Taiwan is a part of China.
- ② US rejects any force to settle the dispute between China and Taiwan in which China is not ready to declare Taiwan as an independent state.
- ③ US maintains cultural, commercial and other ties with Taiwan, carried out through the American Institute of Taiwan (AIT).
- ④ US commits to selling arms to Taiwan for self-defense.
- ⑤ US will maintain the ability to come to Taiwan's defense while not actually committing to do so - a policy known as strategic ambiguity.

Joe Biden stated several times that the US would come to Taiwan's defense if China attacked.

Implications and Recommendation:

In Jan, 2019, Xi Jinping (President of China) had announced an open letter to Taiwan proposing a 'one country two systems' formula for eventual unification.

President Tsai Ing-wen responded to Xi in Jan, 2019 speech by stating that Taiwan rejected the proposal remarking that Taiwan's democracy was hard earned and had to be guarded and renewed.

Biden and Xi would meet themselves to consider how these policy suggestions might serve to put US-China relations on a different level.