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Indus Best Mega Food Park at Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Why in the News?

- Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Narendra Singh Tomar virtually inaugurated the Indus Best Mega Food Park at Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Indus Best Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd



Key Points

About Indus Best Mega Food Park:

- Mega Food Park is being implemented by M/s Indus Best Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd.
- M/s Indus Best Mega Food Park Pvt Ltd has been set up in 63.8 acres of land at a project cost of Rs. 145.5 crore.

Benefits:

- The Mega Food Park will ensure value addition, longer shelf life for farm produce, better price realization for farmers, excellent storage facility and will provide an alternate market for farmers in the region.
- The Park will also provide direct and indirect employment to about 5,000 persons and benefit about 25,000 farmers.



About Mega Food Park Scheme:

- Mega Food Park is a scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing, Government of India with the aim of establishing a "direct linkage from farm to processing and then to consumer markets" through a network of Collection Centres (CCs) and Primary Processing Centres (PPCs).
- The Mega Food Park project is implemented by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) which is a Body Corporate registered under the Companies Act 2013.
- Under the Scheme, the Government of India provides financial assistance up to Rs.



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50.00 Crore per Mega Food Park project.

Note:

- 42 Mega Food Parks have been sanctioned in six phases.
- Presently, 22 Mega Food Parks are operational.

Source: PIB

State of Finance for Nature Report 2021: UN

Why in the News?

- The State of Finance for Nature Report by the United Nations analyzes the investment flow in nature-based solutions and identifies the future investment needed to meet the climate change, biodiversity and land degradation crises.
- The report was jointly produced by the **UN Environment Programme (UNEP)**, the **World Economic Forum (WEF)** and the **Economics of Land Degradation (ELD)**



Key Points

About the 'Nature-based solutions':

- A nature-based solution refers to the sustainable management and use of nature for tackling socio-environmental challenges. The challenges include issues such as climate change, water security, water pollution, food security, human health, biodiversity loss and disaster risk management.

Key Findings of Report:

- A total investment in nature of USD 8.1 trillion is required between now and 2050 – while annual investment should reach USD 536 billion by 2050.
- The report finds that annual investments in nature-based solutions will have to triple by 2030 and increase four-fold by 2050 from the current investments into nature-based solutions of USD 133 billion (using 2020 as base year).

Top Spenders:

- Public sector spending for the same is dominated by the US and China, followed by Japan, Germany and Australia.
- Countries such as India, Brazil and Saudi Arabia are likely spending large amounts of money too, but they do not report internationally comparable data.

About the UN Environment Programme (UNEP):

- The United Nations Environment Programme is responsible for coordinating responses to environmental issues within the United Nations system.
- **Headquarters:** Nairobi, Kenya
- **Formation:** June 1972



About the World Economic Forum (WEF):

- The World Economic Forum is an international NGO.
- **Headquarters:** Cologne, Switzerland
- **Formation:** January 1971

About the Economics of Land Degradation (ELD) Initiative:

- The ELD Initiative is a global initiative established in 2011 by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the European Commission. It is supported by a broad network of partners across diverse fields of knowledge.

Source: unep.org

Digitized versions of flagship health schemes on NHA's IT platform

Why in the News?

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the revamped **Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS)** and the **Umbrella schemes of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN)** and **Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG)** on National Health Authority (NHA)'s IT platform.



Key Points

- This will enable seamless delivery of healthcare services to eligible beneficiaries under these schemes by making the whole process paperless.
- Now all the schemes have become cashless, paperless and citizen centric.

About Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS):

- The CGHS, a comprehensive Health Scheme for Serving Employees, Pensioners, Members of Parliament, ex-MPs, etc., and their dependent family members, during the last 7 years has expanded to 72 Cities with more than 38 lakh beneficiaries covered under the scheme.

About Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN):

- The Scheme provides for financial assistance of Rs. 15 lakh to patients, living below poverty line and who are suffering from major life threatening diseases, to receive medical treatment at any of the super specialty Government hospitals / institutes.

About Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG):

- Under HMDG a maximum amount of Rs.1,25,000/- is provided to patients whose annual income does not exceed Rs.1,25,000/-, to defray a part of the expenditure on



hospitalization/treatment in Government Hospitals.

Source: PIB

NASA announces 2 missions to Venus

Why in the News?

- NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has selected 2 missions for the exploration of Venus.



Key Points

The selected missions:

- DAVINCI+ (Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry, and Imaging):** It will measure the composition of Venus' atmosphere to understand how it formed and evolved, as well as determine whether the planet ever had an ocean.
- VERITAS (Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, InSAR, Topography, and Spectroscopy):** It will map Venus' surface to determine the planet's geologic history and understand why it developed so differently than Earth.
- Mission is expected to launch in the 2028-2030 timeframe.

About Venus:

- Venus is the second planet from the Sun. It is named after the Roman goddess of love and beauty.
- Venus is one of the four terrestrial planets in the Solar System, meaning that it is a rocky body like Earth. It is similar to Earth in size and mass, and is often described as Earth's "sister" or "twin".

Note: India has planned to launch the **Shukrayaan Venus mission** in 2024.

Source: Indian Express

Isaac Herzog elected president of Israel

Why in the News?

- Isaac Herzog, Veteran politician has been elected Israel's 11th president.

Key Points

- Isaac Herzog, former Labor leader will be the first Israeli President who is the son of a former president.
- Herzog is currently the head of the Jewish Agency – a nonprofit that works with the government to promote immigration to Israel.





Facts about Israel:

- **Prime Minister:** Benjamin Netanyahu
- **Capital:** Jerusalem
- **Currency:** Israeli Shekel

Source: Indian Express

Former Mauritius Prime Minister Anerood Jugnauth passes away

Why in the News?

- The former Prime Minister of Mauritius, Anerood Jugnauth passed away at 91.
- As a mark of respect, the Government of India has announced a day's state mourning on 05 June 2021 throughout the country.

Key Points

- Anerood Jugnauth was the country's longest-serving Prime Minister with more than 18 years of tenure.
- He was considered the father of the Mauritian economic miracle of the 1980s.
- He also served as President of Mauritius from 2003-2012.



Note: Anerood Jugnauth was given India's second highest civilian honour **Padma Vibhushan**.

Source: Indian Express



June 05, World Environment Day

Why in the News?

- World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated on June 5, annually to encourage awareness and environmental protection.



Key Points

- The **theme** of World Environment Day 2021 is '**Ecosystem Restoration**'.

History:

- World Environment Day was established in 1972 by the United Nations (UN) at the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment (June 5-16, 1972). Two years later, in 1974 the first World Environment Day was held.
- Pakistan** was the **global host** of World Environment Day 2021.

About Ecosystem:

- An ecosystem is a community of plants and animals interacting with each other in a given area, and also with their non-living environments. The non-living environments include weather, earth, sun, soil, climate and atmosphere.

About Ecosystem restoration:

- Ecosystem restoration means assisting in the recovery of ecosystems that have been degraded or destroyed, as well as conserving the ecosystems that are still intact.

India's Initiatives:

- On the World Environment Day 2021**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the ambitious **E-100 pilot project** in Pune for the production and distribution of **ethanol across the country**.
- The Government has resolved to meet the **target of 20 percent ethanol blending in petrol by 2025**. Earlier the resolve was to achieve the target by 2030 which is now preponed by 5 years.

Other Initiatives:

- National Biodiversity Action Plan
- National Afforestation Programme
- National Mission for a Green India

Source: Business Standard

