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Important News: International

Global Forest Sector Outlook 2050

Why in News:

- The report titled “Global Forest Area Approach 2050: Estimating Wood Sources for Future Demand and Sustainable Economy” has been released by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) at the 26th session of the Food and Agriculture Organization Committee on Forestry.



key points:

- The Global Forest Sector Outlook 2050 released report forecasts a growing demand for wood products such as large-scale timber and man-made cellulose fibers that are used as alternatives to non-renewable materials.
- According to the Global Forest Sector Outlook 2050 report, more than 1 million jobs are expected to be created in developing countries by the year 2050.
- According to the newly published report, the consumption of primary processed wood products will increase to 3.1 billion cubic meters by the year 2050.
- According to the newly published report, Industrial Roundwood (IRW) will be vulnerable to uncertainties caused by government interventions affected by climate change in the expansion of naturally regenerated production forests and planted forests.
- According to the report, the future demands of IRW will be mainly met by planted forests from the Global South and naturally regenerated temperate and boreal forests.
- According to the report, a total annual investment of USD 40 billion will be required to sustain and expand IRW production by the year 2050.
- The report showed that in the year 2050, wood energy consumption will be concentrated in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, where wood is traditionally used by communities to fuel.
- Firewood will also be used in modern biomass to generate renewable energy.
- In the year 2020, the global consumption of fuel wood was 1.9 billion cubic meters, and this figure is expected to increase by 11 to 42 percent, reaching 2.1 to 2.7 billion cubic meters in the year 2050.

Source: The Hindu



Important News: National

56 million Indians may have turned Poor in 2020 due to pandemic: World Bank

Why in News:

- According to new World Bank estimates, 56 million Indians will experience extreme poverty in the year 2020 due to the pandemic, making a global total of 71 million poor and making it the worst year in poverty reduction since World War II.



key points:

- The report titled "Poverty and Shared Prosperity" has been released by the World Bank.
- Economists estimate that between 275 million and 300 million people have experienced extreme poverty as a result of the pandemic.
- Earlier, the Multidimensional Poverty Index prepared by NITI Aayog also classifies 25% of the population as poor.
- According to the report released by the World Bank, by the end of this year, 685 million people will be living in extreme poverty.
- According to the World Bank, the impact of the pandemic on poverty in the year 2020 would have been greater if governments had not responded financially with cash transfer programs, wage subsidies, unemployment benefits, etc.
- According to the report, over 60% of cash transfer spending goes to the bottom 40% of the population.
- In order to provide food security to the underprivileged in India, a free food grains initiative by the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana has been launched by the government.

Source: Indian Express

Cheetah Introduction Project Monitoring: Centre set up 9-member task force

Why in News:

- A 9-member task force has been constituted by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 7 October 2022 to monitor the cheetahs in Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh.



key points:

- The newly constituted task force will be headed by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Madhya Pradesh, Retd. Alok Kumar.
- According to the ministry, the task force has been constituted for a period of 2 years and will "review, progress and monitor the health status of the cheetah, maintenance of quarantine and soft release enclosures, security status of the entire area, adherence to defined protocols".
- The task force will also advise the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and NTCA on cheetah introduction to India by forest and veterinary officials and on the status of cheetahs with respect to overall health, behavior and their maintenance.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) will facilitate the work of the Cheetah Task Force and will also provide all necessary assistance.
- On 17 September 2022, 8 Namibian wild cheetahs were set up in the Kuno National Park in an ambitious effort to resettle Indian wildlife with cheetahs by Prime Minister Narendra **Modi**.
- Earlier in the year 1952, the cheetah was officially declared extinct in India.

Source: Livemint

Important News: Economy

Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022

Why in News:

- Blockchain analysis platform Chainalysis published its Global Crypto Adoption Index for the year 2022 countries with the highest cryptocurrency adoption rate is ranked fourth with India, down two places from last year.



key points:

- According to the report, 10 of the top 20 ranked countries are low-middle income countries, which includes Vietnam, Philippines, Ukraine, India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Morocco, Nepal, Kenya and Indonesia.
- According to the report, eight of the top 20 ranked countries are included in the list of upper-middle income countries – Brazil, Thailand, Russia, China, Turkey, Argentina, Colombia and Ecuador.
- This year, India ranks above the US, UK and Russia in the index.
- This year, the Philippines and Ukraine have ranked second and third respectively in the index, demonstrating a significant priority for crypto adoption in the near future.
- This year also Vietnam has topped the index.
- According to the report, a proper regulatory framework for the cryptocurrency industry is still not put in place by the Indian government, except for the 30% crypto tax which was implemented on 1 July this year.

Source: Business Standard

Important News: Polity

Ex-CJI K.G. Balakrishnan to head Commission to inquire into demand for SC status to non-Hindu Dalits

Why in News:

- The three-member commission, headed by former Chief Justice of India KG Balakrishnan, has been appointed by the central government to "new persons historically belonging to the Scheduled Castes" who converted to other religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism.



key points:

- According to a notification issued by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the commission will also include retired IAS officer Dr Ravinder Kumar Jain and UGC member Prof (Dr) Sushma Yadav as members.
- The commission will have to submit its report to the ministry in two years.
- The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, stipulates that any person professing a religion other than Hinduism, Sikhism or Buddhism cannot be considered a member of a Scheduled Caste.
- The original order under which only Hindus were classified was later modified to include Sikhs and Buddhists.
- The new commission has been set up at a time when the Supreme Court is hearing a PIL filed by the National Council of Dalit Christians (NCDC).
- The commission will also examine the effect of any decision in this matter on the existing SCs and the changes that may take place when converting to other religions with reference to customs, traditions, social and other discrimination and deprivation.
- According to the Ministry of Social Justice, the question of revisiting the existing definition of Scheduled Castes has been raised by "certain groups" by "status of new persons belonging to other religions beyond those permitted through Presidential orders".
- According to the government, while inclusion has been sought by some sections, there have been "oppositions to grant Scheduled Caste status to new persons" by representatives of the existing Scheduled Castes.

Source: The Hindu

Important Books

S Jaishankar launches book "Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery" in Auckland

Why in News:

- Participated in the New Zealand release of the book "Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery" by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.





key points:

- A chapter from the book *Modi @ 20: Dreams Meet Delivery* has also been authored by Jaishankar which was launched on 11 May 2022.
- The Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards 2022 was also attended by S Jaishankar during the event.
- *Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery* book was released by the then Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu on 11 May 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The book is a collection of twenty chapters written by twenty-two domain dignitaries ranging from Home Minister Amit Shah to National Security Advisors Ajit Doval and Sudha Murthy and other twenty-two domain dignitaries.
- The book sheds light on the subtle details about the progress of the country and covers the journey of a man who dedicated his entire life to the people of India.
- The book covers the achievements of Modi ji, the fundamental transformation of Gujarat at the state level and the development of India.

Source: Times of India

Important Days

World Cotton Day 2023

Why in News:

- Every year on October 7, the United Nations observes World Cotton Day to increase public awareness of the vital role that the cotton industry plays in global trade, economic growth, and poverty reduction.



Key Points:

- World Cotton Day offers a special chance to acknowledge the significance of cotton throughout history.
- Experts claim that cotton has a lower carbon footprint than polyester because it breaks down in wastewater 95% more quickly, which keeps the environment cleaner.
- The World Trade Organization (WTO) established "World Cotton Day" in 2019 at the proposal of the four sub-Saharan African republics of Mali, Burkina Faso, Chad, and Benin, who all produce cotton.
- World Cotton Day offers a chance to discuss cotton-related topics and highlight associated events.
- The only agricultural product that yields both food and fiber is cotton.
- Because it is breathable, resilient, pleasant, and hypoallergenic, cotton is utilized in every other fabric.
- 75 nations on 5 continents cultivate cotton, supporting the lives of 28.67 million farmers.

Source: Livemint

World Cerebral Palsy Day 2022

Why in News:

- World Cerebral Palsy Day is observed every year on 6 October all over the world.



key points:

- Cerebral palsy is a lifelong disability with no known cure.
- World Cerebral Palsy Day celebrates the lives of the 17 million people living with cerebral palsy, bringing together people with cerebral palsy, their families, allies, supporters and organizations in over 100 countries.
- World Cerebral Palsy Day aims to ensure that children and adults with cerebral palsy have the same rights, access and opportunities as the rest of the world.
- The theme of World Cerebral Palsy Day 2022 is "Millions of Causes".
- World Cerebral Palsy Day is observed to understand the impact of the disorder.
- According to the official website of World Cerebral Palsy Day, "Cerebral palsy is one of the most poorly understood disabilities and people with cerebral palsy are often out of sight, out of mind and out of options in communities around the world.
- In the year 1810, Dr. William John Little was born, the first person to study cerebral palsy.
- The first modern folding wheelchair was manufactured by Harry Jennings in the year 1932.
- Harry Jennings aimed to improve the lives of people with motor disabilities.
- In the year 2012, 6 October was designated as World Cerebral Palsy Day by the Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

- The purpose of World Cerebral Palsy Day was to bring together people with cerebral palsy, their families, supporters and organizations in more than 100 countries.

Source: Indian Express

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