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Important News: National

National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveler campaign launched

Why in News:

- The National Summit on Development of Sustainable and Responsible Tourist Destination has been organized by the Ministry of Tourism in partnership with the United Environment Program (UNEP) and the Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI).



key points:

- The National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveler campaign was also launched by the Ministry of Tourism during the National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveler campaign.
- The National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveler campaign aims to implement the processes of sustainable and responsible tourism through various projects and related aspects by Swadesh Darshan 2.0.

- Through the National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveler campaign, strategies for the promotion of the environment, conservation of biodiversity, promotion of economic sustainability, promotion of socio-cultural sustainability, promotion of sustainable tourism, etc. have been included.
- The National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveler campaign aims to increase India's capacity for non-fossil fuels to 500 GW by 2030 and meet 50% of its energy needs through renewable energy.

Source – PIB

'Life Movement' The Global Initiative

Why in News:

- A global initiative, “Lifestyle for the Environment” (Lifestyle for the Environment (Life) Movement) was launched by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, through video conferencing.



key points:

- The idea of 'LIFE' was introduced by the Prime Minister during the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) held in Glasgow which aims to promote an environmentally conscious lifestyle.

- The Life Movement focuses on "deliberate and thought-based use" rather than "considerable and destructive consumption".
- A 'Life Global Call for Papers' will also be launched through the Life Movement which aims to encourage individuals, communities, and organizations around the world to adopt an environmentally conscious lifestyle, as well as invite suggestions to draw up ideas from academics, universities, and research institutions, etc.

Source: PIB

Sant Kabir Academy and Research Center and Swadesh Darshan Scheme

Why in News:

- Sant Kabir Academy and Research Center and Swadesh Darshan Yojna were inaugurated by President Shri Ram Nath Kovind while paying homage to Sant Kabir at Kabir Chaura Dham in Maghar, Uttar Pradesh.



key points:

- The objective of Sant Kabir Academy and Research Center is to promote research, survey, and publication of international standards in Maghar (Uttar Pradesh), the place of Nirvana of Sant Kabir, which will focus on the philosophy of life of Kabir.
- Sant Kabir Academy and Research Center will be constructed under the supervision of the State Archaeological Department.
- Tourism Department was made the nodal agency for this scheme and WAPCOS Limited has been selected as its subsidiary.

Source: News on Air

All India Rooftop Solar Awareness Campaign

Why in News:

- The All-India Rooftop Solar Awareness Campaign was launched by the Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy, Shri Bhagwant Khuba during an event in Bidar, Karnataka.



key points:

- The pan India rooftop solar awareness campaign named "Ghar ke upar, solar is super" aims to mobilize local government, citizens, RWAs (Residence welfare Associations), and municipalities to spread awareness about solar rooftops.

- India aims to achieve 500 GW of non-fossil by 2030, in this scheme farmers will be provided a 30% subsidy for installing solar pumps by Center and State each.
- Under the National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI) Sequa KVP program in collaboration with the German Solar Association (BSW) and Germany's Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), a three-year pan-India rooftop awareness program has been launched with the aim of raising awareness about solar energy.
- The All-India Rooftop Solar Awareness Campaign aims to spread awareness about solar rooftops in 100 Indian towns and cities, especially in tier II and III cities.

Source: Times of India

Important News: State

Khelo India Youth Games

Why in News:

- The fourth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games was launched in Haryana by Home Minister Amit Shah.



key points:

- Under Khelo India Youth Games, competitions will be organized in Panchkula, Ambala, Shahbad, Chandigarh and Delhi, taking the total number of games to 25.
- The Khelo India Youth Games will be organized from June 04 to June 13.
- The first edition of Khelo India Youth Games was organized by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 31 January 2018 at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi.
- The headquarters of Khelo India Youth Games is located in New Delhi.
- The objective of the Khelo India Youth Games program is to promote sports among the youth of the country and encourage various sports.
- A total of 4,700 athletes including 2,262 girls will compete for 269 gold, 269 silver, and 358 bronze medals in 25 sports under the Khelo India Youth Games.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: Economy

Inauguration of the Iconic Week Celebrations of the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs

Why in News:

- The Iconic Week celebrations of the Ministries of Finance and Corporate Affairs were inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.



key points:

- The Iconic Week is being celebrated from 6th to 11th June 2022 as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' (AKAM).
- The National Portal for Credit Linked Government Schemes – Jan Samarth Portal was also launched by the Prime Minister during the Iconic Week celebrations which is a one-stop digital portal linking Government Credit Schemes. It is a first-of-its-kind platform that directly connects the beneficiaries with the lenders.
- The main objective of the Jan Samarth Portal is to guide the inclusive growth and progress of various sectors with the right kind of government benefits through simple and easy digital processes.
- A digital exhibition was also inaugurated by the Prime Minister during the ceremony which traces the journey of both the Ministries over the last eight years.
- A special series of coins of Re 1, Rs 2, Rs 5, Rs 10 and Rs 20 were also released by the Prime Minister at the Iconic Week celebrations, these special series of coins will have the theme of the logo of KAM and are easily recognizable by visually impaired persons.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Environment

Save Soil movement

Why in News:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participates in a program on 'Save Soil Movement, in New Delhi on the occasion of World Environment Day.



key points:

- To save the soil, it was suggested by the Prime Minister to focus on five major things, in which-
 1. How to make soil chemical-free.
 2. How to save the organisms that live in the soil, which are called soil organic matter in technical language.
 3. How to maintain soil moisture, and how to increase the availability of water till it.
 4. How to remove the damage that is being done to the soil due to low groundwater.
 5. How to stop the continuous erosion of soil due to the reduction of forest cover.
- Save Soil Andolan is a global movement to raise awareness about the deteriorating health of soils and to bring about conscious feedback for soil improvement.
- The movement was started by Sadhguru in March this year, who embarked on a 100-day motorcycle journey through 27 countries.

Source: Business Standard

Important Days

World Environment Day



- World Environment Day is celebrated on 5 June every year since 1973 as part of the United Nations Environment Program to create awareness to save life on earth.
- World Environment Day is celebrated to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect the earth.

- World Environment Day was established by the United Nations in 1972 as a result of discussions on the integration of human interactions and the environment at the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment (5–16 June 1972).
- The theme of this year's World Environment Day is "Only One Earth".

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