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Important News: International

Digital nomads in Indonesia

Why in News:

- Indonesia has announced a "Digital Nomad Visa" for travelers with an aim to attract more foreign tourists.



key points:

- Digital nomads are people who work remotely while traveling to different places and spend their earned income in the country they are traveling to.
- Unlike regular remote workers, who prefer to live in one geographic area, Digital Nomad travels and searches while working.
- The Digital Nomad Visa allows remote workers to stay tax-free in Indonesia, which includes Bali.

- Indonesia aims to attract more than 3.6 million foreign travelers to the country over the next year, with Digital Nomad being a significant step forward.
- Before Indonesia, some other countries have also adopted provisions like Digital Nomad to attract foreign travelers, which include-
- Italy, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: National

Air pollution in rural areas of India

Why in News:

- To measure air pollution in rural India, the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, has embarked on a new 2.5 million project to install around 1,400 sensors in rural blocks of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.



key points:

- The project could pave the way for a national network of air quality sensors in rural India.

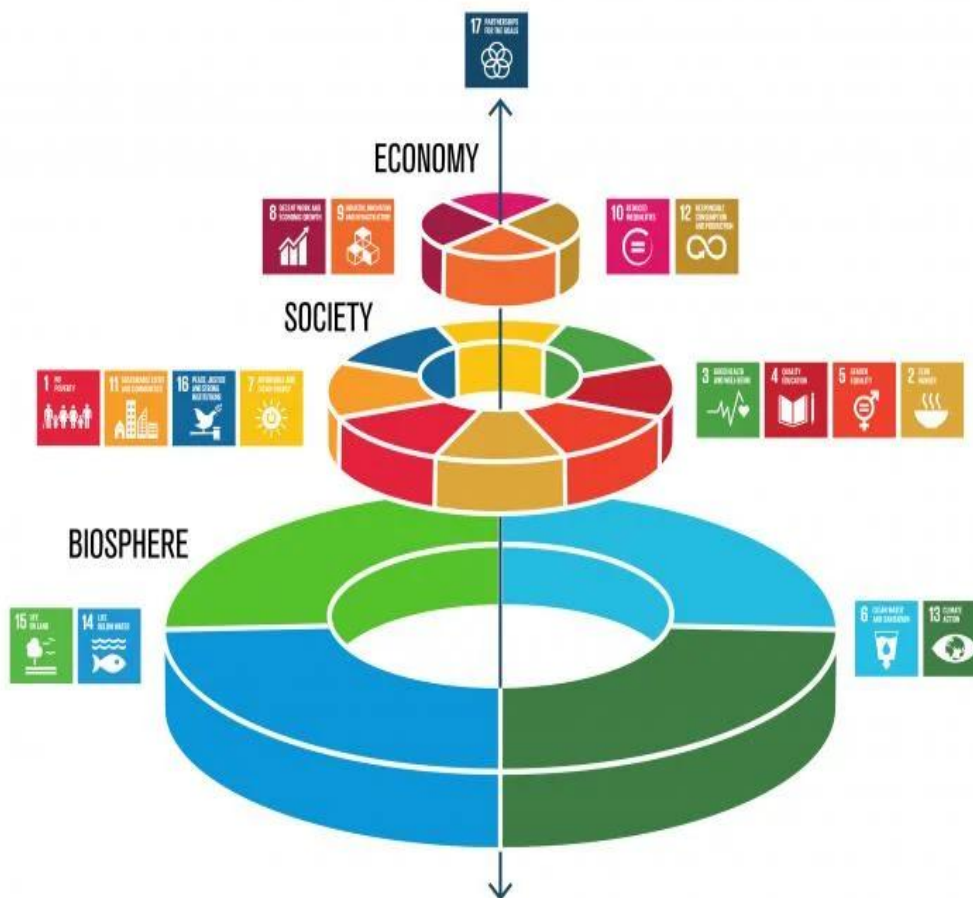
- In the year 2019, the National Clean Air Program (NCAP) was launched by the government to reduce particulate matter air pollution by 20-30% by the year 2024.
- The country's current annual air safe limits for PM 2.5 and PM 10 are 40 µg/m and 60 µg/m.
- Under NCAP, Rs 375.44 crore was provided to 114 cities from the year 2018-19 to the year 2020-21, and Rs 290 crore was allocated to 82 cities for the financial year 2021-22 and for the new project in the year 2021-
An allocation of Rs 700 crore has been made as envisaged for 2021-2026.

Source: The Hindu

SDG Index Report 2022

Why in News:

- The SDG Index Report 2022 was released by the United Nations.



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key points:

- According to the SDG Index Report 2022, three Nordic countries - Finland, Denmark, and Sweden - are in the top position and all the top 10 countries are European countries.
- According to the SDG Index Report 2022, India is ranked 121 this year.
- According to the SDG Index Report 2022, performance on SDG Goal 1 (no poverty) and SDG Goal 8 (decent work and economic development) is below pre-pandemic levels in many low-income countries and lower-middle-income countries.
- Progress on climate and biodiversity targets in rich countries under the SDG Index Report 2022 has been very slow.
- According to the SDG Index Report 2022 by the United Nations, due to the pandemic and the Russo-Ukraine war, the global economic growth has been reduced by 0.9 percent, which can have the following side effects-
 - Raising food and fuel prices
 - Global supply and trade disruption
 - Financial market crunch etc.

Source: The Hindu

Prime Minister's National Apprenticeship Program

Why in News:

- The Prime Minister's National Apprenticeship Fair has been organized by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship under the 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Bharat Mission'.



key points:

- More than a thousand companies from 36 sectors have been included in the Prime Minister's National Apprenticeship Program, under which training opportunities have been provided in 500 different types of trades.
- Under the Prime Minister's National Apprenticeship Programme, the Ministry has organized fairs at more than 200 places across the country and provided opportunities to the applicants to make their careers through training.
- To participate in the Prime Minister's National Apprenticeship Program, candidates need to have a class 5th to 12th pass certificate, skill training certificate, ITI diploma, or graduate degree for eligibility.
- The prime objective of the Prime Minister's National Apprenticeship Program is to provide companies an opportunity to hire more and more apprentices and develop their potential through training and hands-on skills.

Source: PIB

Important News: Environment

IPBES Assessment Report

Why in News:

- The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Forum on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) has released its report on the sustainable use of wild species of plants, animals, fungi, and algae around the world.



key points:

- According to the IPBES assessment report, major impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems of wild species are climate change, landscape and ocean landscape changes, pollution, and the impact of invasive alien species.
- According to the report released by IPBES, continuous hunting is the main threat to the wild mammal species.
- Unsustainable logging and aggregation are one of the main threats to many plant groups, particularly cacti, cycads, and orchids, as well as other plants and fungi harvested for medicinal purposes, the report concludes.
- According to the report, 34% of marine wildlife is overfished and globally 50,000 wild species could meet the needs of billions of people.
- According to the IPBES assessment report, 70 percent of the world's poor population was directly dependent on wild species.

Source: Indian Express

Important Personality

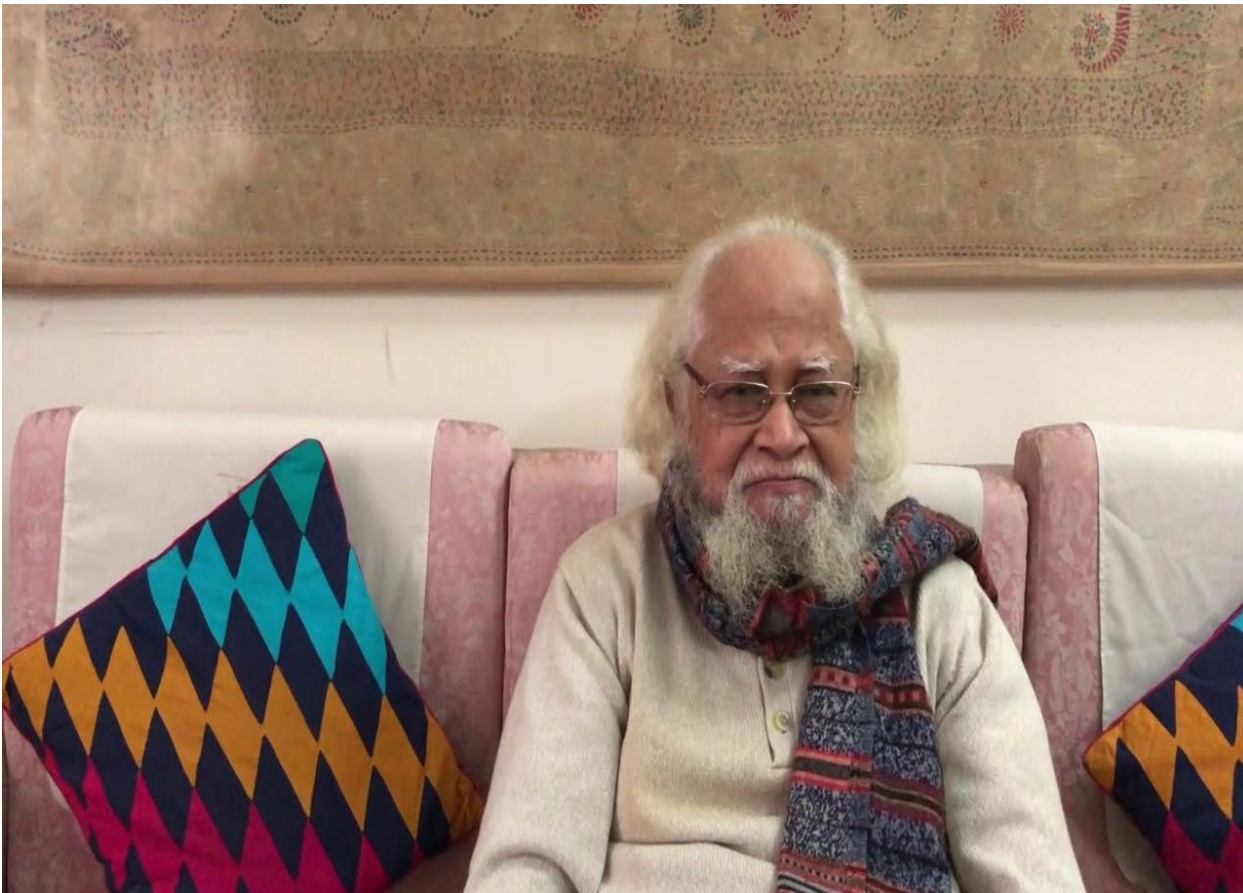
Parameswaran Iyer



- Parameswaran Iyer has been appointed as the new CEO of NITI Aayog.
- With over 25 years of experience in the water and sanitation sector, Mr. Iyer has previously led the implementation of India's flagship 20 billion programs, the Swachh Bharat Mission, which has successfully provided 550 million people access to safe sanitation facilities.
- A 1981 batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre, Shri Iyer has worked in both public and private sectors.
- Parameswaran Iyer was working as Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India in New Delhi during the year 2016-20.
- The innovative community-led Swajal project in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand was pioneered in the 1990s by Parameswaran Iyer.
- Parameswaran Iyer has been appointed as the new CEO of NITI Aayog for a term of 2 years.

Source: PIB

Dr. Inamul Haque



- Eminent archaeologist, historian, and former Director-General of Bangladesh National Museum Dr. Inamul Haque passed away at the age of 85 in Dhaka.
- Dr. Inamul Haque was awarded the Padma Shri in the year 2020 for his work on Bengal's terracotta and sculpture.
- Dr. Inamul Haque was instrumental in the establishment of the Bangladesh National Museum, in the year 1973 Dr. Inamul Haque was appointed as its director, and from 1983 to 1991 he served as Director-General.
- Dr. Inamul Haque is credited with discovering and collecting many priceless sculptures from various archaeological sites in Bangladesh.
- Dr. Inamul Haque was awarded the highest civilian award of the Ekushi Medal in the year 2016 and Bangladesh Independence Medal in the year 2020 for his distinguished contribution.

Source: News on Air

Important News: Social Issue

Do's and Don'ts, the Way Ahead

Why in News:

- A series of 'Awareness Programs on NRI Marriage: Dos and Don'ts, Way Ahead' has been started by the National Commission for Women in various districts of Punjab.



key points:

- The objectives of the programs organized by the National Commission for Women are to disseminate information about the potential risks associated with NRI marriages and to create awareness about the preventive and legal measures available to the victims.
- Eminent experts from the judiciary, administration, and academia have been invited as speakers by the National Commission for Women to inform and educate the participants about the role played by various machinery in providing relief to aggrieved women.
- The awareness program organized by National Commission for Women is divided into four technical sessions-
 1. The first session is related to 'Role of Judiciary in providing relief to women suffering from NRI marriages'.

2. The second session is to provide information about the 'Role of Police'.
3. The third session is related to the 'Role of the Law System'.
4. The fourth session deals with providing awareness about the 'Social Aspects of NRI Marriage'.

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