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Important News: International

The United Nations General Assembly recognized a healthy environment as a human right

Why in News:

- A resolution aimed at recognizing the right of all to a healthy environment has been adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).



Key points:

- Action to stop the dangerous degradation of the natural environment is an important proposal that has been supported by India.
- In accordance with operational paragraph 1 of the resolution, the United Nations General Assembly recognizes the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment as a human right.
- According to scientists, mountain ranges and glaciers are also melting faster than ever before, so protecting the environment is important.

- Access to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a fundamental human right has been passed by the United Nations General Assembly with 161 votes in favor and eight against.
- The passed resolution urges governments, NGOs, and private companies to step up efforts to maintain a healthy environment for all people.

Source: News on Air

Fortune Global 500 List

Why in News:

- The Global 500 list of companies has been released by Fortune.



Key points:

- The country's largest insurance company Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has been included in the list of Fortune Global 500 after listing in the stock market.

- India's most valuable by market cap is the Mukesh Ambani-led private firm Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) company, up 51 places on the list this year by Reliance.
- Reliance Industries Limited has been included in Fortune's Global 500 list for the 19th year in a row.
- LIC ranks at the top among Indian companies, after which
- Eight other domestic companies have also been included in the list.
- Of the nine Indian companies on the list, five are state-owned companies while four are private sector companies.
- This year the only bank in India SBI Bank has been included in the list.
- In the list of Fortune Global 500, American retail company Walmart is in first place in the list.
- Listed companies in the Fortune 500 list are ranked based on their sales.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: National

Kerala CM launches egg and milk scheme for Anganwadi children

Why in News:

- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has inaugurated a project of the Department of Women and Child Development.



Key points

- Under this project, milk and eggs will be provided to children in all Anganwadis of the state to improve their nutritional status.
- An amount of more than Rs 61.5 crore has been earmarked by the state government for the inclusion of milk and eggs in Anganwadi in the current financial year.
- Under this scheme, considered to be the first in the country, each child will be provided 125 ml of milk twice a week and one egg twice a week for 44 weeks (10 months).
- Under this project, four lakh children in the age group of 3-6 years of 33,115 Anganwadis of the state will be provided eggs and milk twice a week.
- The introduction of milk and eggs for Anganwadi children is aimed at improving their nutritional standards.
- Ending hunger is one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations.

Source: Times of India

Namaste scheme for cleaning sewer, septic tank

Why in News:

- A National Action Plan for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem- Namaste Scheme for cleaning sewers and septic tanks has been prepared by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.



Key points:

- Namaste Scheme is a joint venture of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- The objective of the Namaste scheme is to achieve zero deaths in sanitation operations in India, under this scheme no sanitation worker will come in direct contact with human excreta and all sewer and septic tank sanitation workers have access to alternative livelihoods.

- The type of machinery and main equipment required for maintenance works and safety gear for Safai Mitras have been shortlisted under this scheme.
- The devices shortlisted under the scheme have also been made available on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal by the States and Urban Local Bodies for their ease of purchase.
- Under this scheme, skill development and training of Safai Mitras is being given through National Safai Karamcharis Finance Development Corporation in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: State

Bihar College Astronomy Laboratory on UNESCO Heritage List

Why in News:

- The 106-year-old observatory at Langat Singh College, Muzaffarpur, Bihar, has been listed by UNESCO in the list of the world's most important observatories of the endangered world cultural heritage.



Key points:

- The observatory was built in 1916 at the 123-year-old university, presently known as Bhimrao Ambedkar, which is affiliated with the Bihar University.
- Various areas or objects are included in the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- The UNESCO World Heritage List was adopted by UNESCO in 1972 and the World Heritage Center is the secretariat of the 1972 Convention.
- Three types of sites have been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List
- Cultural heritage sites include historical buildings, city sites, important archaeological sites, monumental sculptures, and painting works.
- Natural heritage includes outstanding ecological and evolutionary processes, unique natural phenomena, habitats of rare or endangered species, etc.
- Mixed heritage sites include important elements, both natural and cultural.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: Economy

SEBI reconstitutes an advisory committee for 20 members

Why in News:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has reconstituted its advisory committee on market data.



Key points:

- The committee will recommend policy measures relating to securities market data access and privacy.
- The number of members in the advisory committee has been reduced to 20, initially, 21 members were included in the committee.
- New Advisory Committee The place of former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) has been replaced by Ashish kumar Chauhan.
- BSE has not been included in the new advisory committee.
- The committee will be chaired by S Sahu, a professor at Delhi's National Law University and former chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
- The new advisory committee comprises the CEO of the depository, representatives of various stakeholders, and senior officials of SEBI as members.

Source: Indian Express