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Important News: National

1. Industrial Park Rating System

Why in News:

- The DPIIT in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has launched Industrial Park Rating System in 2018.

Key Points:

- It is just an extension of the India Industrial Land Bank (IILB) platform which features more than 4,500 industrial parks.
- The Industrial Park Rating System is aimed to rate SEZs and other industrial parks across the four pillars: internal infrastructure and utilities, external infrastructure and facilities, business support services, and environmental and safety management.
- Industrial Park Rating System Report 2.0 was launched in 2021 for additional measures to enhance industrial competitiveness.
- International Guidelines for Industrial Park (IGIP) developed by United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Eco-Industrial Park (EIP) framework developed by UNIDO, World Bank was used to develop IPRS 2.0.
- The SEZs are setup under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005.



Source: Indian Express



2. Water Mission

Why in News:

- The reports highlight that the ambitious project of Indian government to provide potable water to all rural Household in India is likely to fall short of its target.

Key Points:

- Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was launched in 2019 with the aim to provide Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) installed in every rural household, supplying each household with 55 litres of water per person per day.
- It is a centrally sponsored scheme with funding ratio 50:50 between states and the Centre, 100:0 between Centre and the Union Territories and 90:10 between the Centre and North-East states.
- The mission will concentrate on sustainable measures such as recharge and reuse through greywater management, water conservation, and rainwater harvesting.
- The nodal ministry is the Jal Shakti Minsitry.
- States like Punjab (99.9%), Himachal Pradesh (97.2%), and Bihar (96%) are nearing to fulfil the Har Ghar Jal motto.



Source: Business Standard

3. Diversity for Restoration (D4R) tool

Why in News:

- The Bioversity International has designed a tool for appropriate agroforestry and ecosystem restoration. It was further modified by a team from the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) to adapt for Indian environment.



Key Points:

- The tool has been developed using data of 237 socio-economically species of trees from the Western Ghats.
- The tool through meaningful insights will help policy makers devise suitable policies for restoration programme and encouraging sustainable development.
- The tool pinpoints at different restoration strategies that must be employed for different tree species according to their niche.
- The Diversity for Restoration (D4R) tool also highlights the commercial significance of a tree species by providing in depth information about them.
- One can identify whether a particular species is helpful in nitrogen fixation or if it is a keystone species etc. Several other nations like Malaysia, Ethiopia, Columbia, Peru, Burkina Faso, Cameroon etc are already using the tool.



Source: Times of India

Important News: States**4. State Disaster Response Fund****Why in News:**

- The home ministry has released funds to the states under SDRF to undertake relief measures for the current monsoon season.

Key Points:

- Under Section 48 (1) (a) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, SDRF was constituted by the state government.



- The funds can be used by the states for granting relief in situations of extreme disasters.
- The Central Government contributes 75% of SDRF allocation for general category States/UTs and 90% for special category States/UTs (NE States, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir).
- Based on the 15th Finance Commission recommendations, the Central Government has allocated over one lakh 28 thousand crore rupees for SDRF for the years 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- The Disaster (s) covered under SDRF: Cyclone, drought, earthquake, fire, flood, tsunami, hailstorm, landslide, avalanche, cloudburst, pest attack, frost and cold waves.



Source: Livemint

Important News: Defense

5. India-France Maritime Partnership Exercise

Why in News:

- INS Rana and INS Sumedha from Indian navy participated in the Maritime Partnership exercise with French Navy in Bay of Bengal.

Key Points:

- The MPE partnership aims to develop strong bonds between the navy of the two economies, build inter-operability and develop mutual trust.
- INS Sumedha is indigenously built patrol vessel while INS Rana is guided missile destroyer that participated from Indian navy.
- Other exercise with France –
 - VARUNA: NAVAL EXERCISE
 - FRINJEX: MILITARY EXERCISE
 - GARUDA: AIR FORCE EXERCISE
- The La Fayette class frigate Surcouf had participated from French navy.
- The partnership included tactical manoeuvre, air defense against aircraft etc.



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Source: The Hindu

Important News: states

6. Mekedatu Reservoir Project

Why in News:

- It is a multipurpose project that is aimed at building a reservoir in Kanakapura, Ramnagar District of Karnataka.

Key Points:

- The project is located at a distance of 100 km from Bengaluru and 4 km from Tamil Nadu.
- The estimated cost is Rs. 9000 crores and once finished it will provide with drinking water needs in Bengaluru and nearby places. It will also generate 400 MW power.
- The location of the project is at the confluence of Cauvery with its tributary Arkavathi.
- There has been growing discontent between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu as latter being a low lying state is skeptical about future impacts of the project.
- With the capacity of 284,000 million cubic feet, the reservoir is named after the place where it is located.



Source: The Hindu



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Important News: Economy

7. International Plastic Bag Free Day 2023

Why in News:

- The Bag Free World campaign started the Plastic Bag Free Campaign which later spread across the world to reduce the pollution created due to plastics. Thus 3rd July is now celebrated as World Plastic Bags Free day every year.

Key Points:

- The plastic bags are non-biodegradable and have far reaching impact on our environment. They are significant source of greenhouse gases.
- The day aims to create awareness regarding alternatives of plastic bags and create a sustainable solution to the menace of plastic bags.
- For instance, mesh bags can be used during vegetables shopping; they are lightweight and can be reused.
- There is no particular theme, the day aims to make our world a plastic-free world and encourage sustainable solutions.



Source: Indian Express



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Important News: Awards

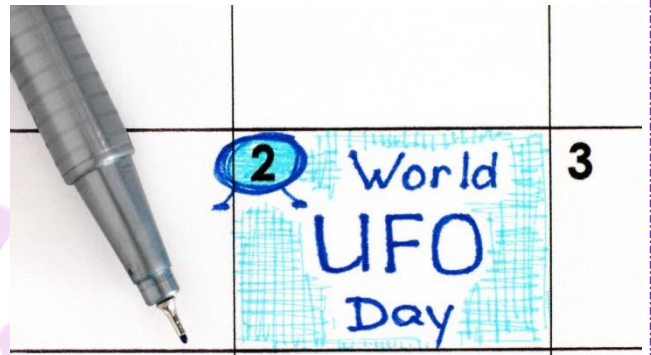
8. UFO DAY

Why in News:

- The World UFO Day is celebrated to raise awareness about mysterious flying objects on 2nd July every year.

Key Points:

- Kenneth Arnold in 1947 first reported several flying unidentified objects in Washington D.C.
- The day also encourages open discussion and dialogues about the life in extra-terrestrial region. The stakeholders share theories, experiments and contemplate humanity's position within the vast cosmos.
- Further film screening, debates, essay competitions are organized at school level to raise awareness about UFO in the open space.



Source: Economic Times

