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1. First National Conference on Sustainable Coastal Management in India inaugurated (Sept. 10, 2022)

Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the first National Conference on Sustainable Coastal Management in India in Bhubaneswar on 10 September.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The conference focused on increasing the **climate resilience of India's coastal communities** and discussing steps to be taken towards coastal management.

Organiser of the Conference :

- The conference is being organised by the **Green Climate Fund Supported Project - Enhancing Climate Resilience of India's Coastal Communities.**

The objective of the Conference :

- Bringing officials from all 13 coastal states of India under one roof to focus on three interrelated themes of coastal and marine biodiversity, climate mitigation and adaptation and coastal pollution.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

Enhancing climate resilience of India's coastal communities :

- **'Enhancing the Climate Resilience of India's Coastal Communities' (2019-2024)** is a 6-year project implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change with the support of UNDP.
- The project aims to enhance the climate resilience of the most vulnerable populations, especially women, in the coastal regions of India.
- The project is supported by the Green Climate Fund.

2. Gadkari calls for joint effort to achieve 5 trillion dollar economy goal (Sept. 9, 2022)

While addressing the 41st Meeting of the Transport Development Council at Bengaluru ,Karnataka on 9 September 2022 ,Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said that both the Centre and the States should work together to transform the transport sector.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The 41st Transport Development Council meeting was held as part of the 3 day '**Manthan**' organised by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways at Bengaluru.
- Gadkari said that "In the next five years, both the Centre and the states should work together to transform the transport sector of the country to become a five trillion-dollar economy,"
- In 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi envisioned making India a \$5 trillion economy and global powerhouse by **2024-25**.
- He further said that efforts should be made to increase the automobile industry from **7.5 lakhs crore to 15 lakhs crore in the next 5 years** enabling India as a top automobile manufacturing hub in the world.
- Ministers of Transport from Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Goa, Karnataka, Delhi and Tamil Nadu participated in the 41st Transport Development Council.

3. UP govt to provide a unique farm ID similar to Aadhar number to farmers (Sept. 9, 2022)

The Uttar Pradesh government will provide farmers with a unique Farm ID similar to Aadhaar number, which will be linked with Aadhaar so that they can get the benefits of all government schemes.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Aadhar verification will be used to implement this scheme in the coming days.
- Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh Durga Shankar Mishra said that with the help of Aadhar, the UP Government has given the benefit of the government schemes to maximum number of people.
- He said that about Rs.8400 crore has been saved by the government through the use of Aadhaar verification.
- About one crore 92 lakh school children are also getting benefits of various schemes through Aadhaar card verification.
- He said that the Uttar Pradesh government will start giving family IDs very soon as work is already underway on this scheme.
- The government will bring those families under the purview of this scheme, who are not getting any kind of benefit so far.

4. Prime Minister inaugurates the 'Kalam no Carnival' Book Fair virtually (Sept. 8, 2022)

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the inauguration ceremony of 'Kalam no Carnival' Book Fair organised by Nav Bharat Sahitya Mandir in Ahmedabad via video message on 8 September 2022.

The Prime Minister expressed delight that the tradition of the book fair started by 'Nav Bharat Sahitya Mandir' in Ahmedabad is getting richer with each passing year.

The Prime Minister added that 'Kalam no Carnival' is a huge convention of books in Hindi, English and Gujarati languages.

5. Wildlife Board Approves New IAF Base in Ladakh (Sept. 8, 2022)

The Indian Air Force (IAF) will soon get a new base in Ladakh.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- According to a report published in the Economic Times on 8 September 2022, the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife, which is led by Union environment minister **Bhupender Yadav** has approved the proposal.
- The new base will be built on 500 hectares of land in the **Changthang sanctuary area**, right next to the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- The need to boost the IAF presence in the region was felt after the rapid development of airfields and bunkers by the Chinese along the LAC in the area.
- In June 2020 there was a border clash in Ladakh, between the two armies leading to the death of 20 Indian soldiers and a number of Chinese soldiers.
- The Changthang sanctuary area is a **cold desert sanctuary** in Leh district. It is home to Tibetan wild Ass, **Kiang** and the rare **black necked cranes**.
- Since it is a cold desert sanctuary, permission from the Environment ministry was necessary.

Air Force Airfield in the region :

- The key air base of the IAF is in Leh. It has had Advanced Landing Ground facilities at Fukche since the 1960s besides Daulat Beg Oldie, Thoise and Nyoma.

6. President, Vice President, Prime Minister greet countrymen on the occasion of Onam (Sept. 8, 2022)

President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have greeted the countrymen on the occasion of Onam, especially the people of Kerala.

IMPORTANT FACTS -**About festival Onam**

- The festival of Onam is celebrated all over **Kerala** and by Malayalees living all over India.
- It is celebrated in the first fortnight of September.
- It is celebrated to honour the homecoming of the demon king **Mahabali**, who brought peace and prosperity to **Kerala**.
- It is one of the three major festivals of **Kerala**, celebrated during the month of **Chingam** (the first month in the Malayalam calendar).
- The other two major festivals of Kerala are **Vishu** and **Thiruvathira**.
- The 10-day harvest festival begins at Atham (the first day of Onam) and ends on **Thiruvonam** (the last day).
- This harvest festival includes festivities such as boat races, tiger dances, elaborate flower arrangements and a mask dance.

7. CRPF claims operation 'Octopus' at 'Burha Pahar' naxal bastion as Success (Sept. 7, 2022)

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has been conducting a major Naxal operation named 'Octopus' at the heavily mined 'Burha Pahar' hilly range in Garhwa district bordering Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The CRPF gave this information on 7 September 2022.
- According to the CRPF, the operation has been continuing since September 4 and claimed major successes in establishing control in 'Burha Pahar', an area known as a Naxal corridor.
- The 'Burha Pahar' hilly range lies in Jharkhand's Garhwa district bordering Chhattisgarh.
- CRPF's CoBRA unit, and state police forces like Jharkhand Jaguar are engaged in the operation.
- **CRPF** is the largest Central Armed Police Force under the Union Home Ministry. It was set up in 1939 as Crown Representative Police.

Naxals or Left wing Extremism Left Wing Extremism (LWE) :

- Groups which are influenced by the ideology of Mao are called as Maoist /Naxal or left wing extremists in India. Mao was the leader of the Chinese communist party who set up the Modern People's Republic of China in 1949 after an armed revolution. It is based on communist ideology.

- Similarly people or groups like Communist Party of India (Maoist) want to overthrow the government set up in India after 1950 through an armed insurgency just like Mao did in China and set up a communist government in India.

Red Corridor :

- The area where the left wing extremists are active is also called the Red Corridor.
- It is mainly active in the States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -***Specialised Anti Left Wing Extremist (Naxal/Maoist) Forces in the country :***

- Special units have been raised in India to combat the threat of the left wing extremist in India.
- Some of the important ones are:

COBRA of CRPF :-

- Central Reserve Police Force has raised a specialised unit COBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action) for jungle warfare.

Greyhound :-

- It is a specialised unit of both the Andhra Pradesh Police and Telangana Police to fight against the Left Wing Extremist active in their respective states.

Black Panther :-

- It is a special unit of the Chhattisgarh Police to fight against the left wing extremist.

Special Operation Group (SOG) :-

- It is the special force set up by the Odisha police to deal with Left wing extremist problems.

Jaguars :-

- It is a special unit of the Jharkhand police force.

8. National Mines Ministers Conference to be held in Hyderabad (Sept. 6, 2022)

The Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Mines will be organizing a two-day National Mines Ministers' conference in Hyderabad on 9th and 10th September, 2022.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The conference will formulate new and effective strategies to further encourage mineral exploration in the country and also to assess the effectiveness of recent policy reforms brought about by the Centre in the mining sector.
- The conference will be attended by the Union Minister of Coal, Mines Prahlad Joshi, State government mines minister and other dignitaries.
- The conference aims to strengthen the ties between the Ministry of Mines and various state governments

9. Nitin Gadkari to inaugurate "Manthan" on 8th September in Bengaluru (Sept. 6, 2022)

Union Minister for Road, Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate, "Manthan ", in Bengaluru on September 08, 2022. Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highway and Civil Aviation General (Dr) VK Singh (Retd.) and Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister, Karnataka will also attend the conference.

IMPORTANT FACTS -***Aim of Manthan :***

- Manthan— a three-day by-invitation conference cum public EXPO organised by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways aims to anchor discussions across multiple issues and opportunities in the roads, transport and logistics sector and engage with the States, UTs and other key stakeholders from the industry for sharing of best practices, policy support, and capacity development.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -***Theme of Manthan :***

- The theme of Manthan is **"IDEAS TO ACTION: Towards a smart, sustainable, road infra, mobility and logistics ecosystem."**
- The **Next-Gen M Parivahan Mobile App** will also be launched during the event.
- He will also inaugurate the 41st Meeting of Transport Development Council .

10. Union Government relaxes moong and Urad limit for Madhya Pradesh under the Price support Scheme (Sept. 6, 2022)

The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in a relief to the Madhya Pradesh farmers has relaxed the existing purchase limit of 25 quintals for purchase of Moong and Urad under the Price Support Scheme during summer season 2021-22 .

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- It has been increased to 40 quintals per farmer per day.
- This order was issued on 6 September 2022.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -***Price Support Scheme :***

- It has been launched by the government of India .
- Under this scheme when the prices of commodities fall below the Minimum Support price (MSP) , state and central notified procurement nodal agencies like NAFED(National Agricultural Marketing Federation of India), purchase commodities directly from the farmers at MSP under specified Fair Average Quality,
- This helps and protects the farmers against the economic loss in farming.

Madhya Pradesh as a leading Agricultural state :

- Madhya Pradesh is also known as Soyabean state.
- It ranks 1st in the country in the production of Soyabean, Urad, Tur, Massor and Linseed.
- It ranks 2nd in the production of Maize, Sesame, Ramtil, Moong.
- It ranks 3rd in the production of Wheat, Sorghum and Barley.

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