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News: PM launches new mission to combat climate change

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the presence of U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres, launched ‘Mission LiFE’ (Lifestyle For Environment), a new initiative for sustainable and healthy lifestyle at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat on Thursday.

Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)

- The idea of **LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)** was introduced by India during the **26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)** in **Glasgow in 2021**.
- The idea promotes an environmentally conscious lifestyle that focuses on ‘**mindful and deliberate utilisation**’ instead of ‘mindless and wasteful consumption.
- With the launch of the Mission, **the prevalent "use-and-dispose" economy governed by mindless and destructive consumption will be replaced by a circular economy**, defined by conscious and deliberate consumption.

Objectives

- It seeks to leverage the strength of social networks to influence social norms surrounding climate.
- The Mission plans to create and nurture a global network of individuals, namely 'Pro-Planet People' (P3).
- P3 will have a shared commitment to adopt and promote environmentally friendly lifestyles.
- Through the P3 community, the Mission seeks to create an ecosystem that will reinforce and enable environmentally friendly behaviors to be self-sustainable.

India's Achievements in Conserving the Environment

Increase in Forest Cover

- India's forest cover is increasing and so is the population of lions, tigers, leopards, elephants and rhinos.
- The total forest cover is 21.71% of the total geographical area in 2021, compared with 21.67% in 2019 and 21.54% in 2017. (from the extracts of India State of Forest Report 2021 – a biennial report published by Forest Survey of India – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change)

Installed Electric Capacity

- India's commitment to reach 40% of installed electric capacity from non-fossil fuel-based sources has been achieved, 9 years ahead of schedule.

Ethanol Blending Target

- The target of 10% ethanol blending in petrol has been achieved 5 months ahead of the November 2022 target.
- This is a major accomplishment given that blending was hardly 1.5% in 2013-14 and 5% in 2019-20.

Renewable Energy Target

- The country's installed Renewable Energy (RE) capacity stands at 150.54 GW (solar: 48.55 GW, wind: 40.03 GW, Small hydro Power: 4.83, Bio-power: 10.62, Large Hydro: 46.51 GW) as on 30th Nov. 2021 while its nuclear energy based installed electricity capacity stands at 6.78 GW.
- According to REN21's Renewables 2022 Global Status Report (GSR 2022), India was ranked third in wind power, fourth in solar power and third in renewable power installed capacity in 2021.

News: Metaworld by Interpol

Metaverse for global law enforcement

- Recently, **Interpol unveiled the first-ever Metaverse, specifically designed for law enforcement worldwide.**
- The Interpol Metaverse allows the **registered users to take a virtual tour of its General Secretariat headquarters in France's Lyon, interact with other officers via their avatars, and even take training courses in forensic investigation and other policing skills.**
- The facility is **being provided through the global police organisation's secure cloud.**
- Interpol also announced the **creation of an expert group on the Metaverse to represent the concerns of law enforcement on the global stage and ensure that the new virtual world was secure by design.**
- India is hosting the 91st General Assembly of Interpol in 2022 as part of 75th anniversary of Indian Independence.

International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol)

- Interpol is an **intergovernmental organisation with 194 members** headquartered in **Lyon, France.**
- India joined the organisation in **1949.**

- Micronesia, North Korea, Palau, Tuvalu are the UN states who are not members in Interpol.
- Non – UN nations with membership are Abkhazia, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Northern Cyprus, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, South Ossetia, Sovereign Military Order of Malta and Taiwan.
- Supreme governing body of Interpol is **Interpol General Assembly** comprising representatives of all its member countries.
- IGA meets **annually for a session**. Each country has a vote & decisions are **made on simple majority or a 2/3rd majority depending upon the subject matter**.
- Each of the member countries hosts an INTERPOL National Crime Bureau (NCB). This connects their national law enforcement with other countries & with the General Secretariat.
- Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is designated as the NCB of India.
- Interpol along with **Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); World Bank; and World Customs Organization (WCO)** forms International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC).

Interpol Notices

- Interpol issues notices which are international requests for cooperation or alerts allowing police in member countries to share critical crime-related information.
- Red Notice: To seek the **location/arrest of a person wanted** by a judicial jurisdiction or an international tribunal with a view to his/her extradition
- Yellow Notice: To **locate a missing person** or to identify a person unable to identify himself/herself.
- Blue Notice: - To locate, identify or **obtain information on a person of interest** in a criminal investigation.
- Black Notice: To seek information on **unidentified bodies**.
- Green Notice: To **warn about a person's criminal activities** if that person is considered to be a possible threat to public safety.
- Orange Notice: To **warn of an event, a person, an object or a process representing an imminent threat** and danger to persons or property.
- Purple Notice: To **provide information on modus operandi, procedures, objects, devices, or hiding places used by criminals**.
- INTERPOL – UNSC Special Notice: **Groups & Individuals subject to UNSC sanctions**.