

Current Affairs: 12th Jan, 2025

1. Chhattisgarh Integrates Forest Ecosystem into Green GDP



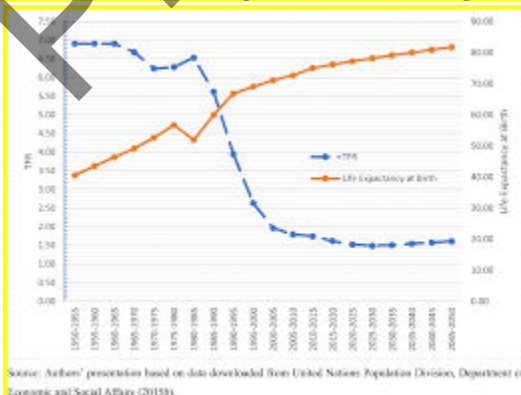
- Chhattisgarh has become a pioneer in incorporating its forest ecosystem into the Green GDP framework, recognizing the environmental and economic value of forests. This initiative aligns economic growth with environmental health and emphasizes biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.

2. Karnataka High Court Strikes Down GEOA Rules, 2022



- The Karnataka High Court invalidated the Green Energy Open Access (GEOA) Rules, 2022, citing the overreach of the Central Government. The Court ruled that the Electricity Act of 2003 grants exclusive powers to State Electricity Regulatory Commissions, affirming their autonomy in managing electricity-related matters.

3. Iran Faces Demographic Challenges with Aging Population



- Iran's population is aging rapidly, with one-third expected to be 60 or older by 2050 due to longer life expectancy and declining birth rates. This poses economic challenges and financial burdens, leading the government to launch campaigns to encourage higher birth rates despite economic instability.

4. India Collaborates with Mongolia on Geology and Exploration



- India and Mongolia are set to sign an MoU to enhance cooperation in geology and exploration, focusing on securing essential resources like copper and coking coal. This partnership aims to reduce India's reliance on traditional suppliers and ensure resource security for industrial growth.

5. Sudan Faces Humanitarian Crisis Amid Ongoing Conflict



- Sudan is grappling with a severe humanitarian crisis due to the conflict between the Sudanese Army and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). Over 12 million people have been displaced, and over 3 million children face malnutrition, highlighting the need for international intervention and a political resolution.

6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Attend AI Action Summit in Paris



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the AI Action Summit in Paris on February 10-11, 2025. The summit, hosted by French President Emmanuel

Macron, will focus on international collaboration in AI governance, innovation, and combating misinformation, strengthening the partnership between India and France.

7. India's First Generation Beta Baby Born in Mizoram



- India's first Generation Beta baby, Frankie Remruatdika Zadeng, was born in Mizoram on January 1, 2025. This marks a significant milestone, as Generation Beta refers to children born from 2025 onwards, representing an era of digital nativity and sustainability-focused values.

8. Sweden to Contribute Up To 3 Warships to NATO



- Sweden has announced it will contribute up to three warships to NATO's Baltic Sea mission. This is part of an effort to boost the alliance's presence and prevent sabotage of underwater infrastructure, particularly cables and pipelines vital for trade and energy security.

9. Myanmar's Growing Defence Ties with Russia



- Myanmar's increasing defense cooperation with Russia, including the recent delivery of six Sukhoi Su-30 fighter jets, has raised concerns in China. This move signifies a shift towards closer military ties with Russia, which could alter the regional power balance.

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