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India and China Resume Kailash Mansarovar Yatra After Five Years

Why in News?

India and China have agreed to resume the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra in 2026 after a gap of five years, promoting people-to-people contact and cultural ties.



Key Points

- Resumes through Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand.
- Limited to 750 pilgrims in 2026.
- Symbol of civilizational link and mutual goodwill.
- Yatra was suspended in 2020 due to COVID-19 and border tensions.



Prelims Facts

- Kailash Mansarovar in Tibet Autonomous Region (China).
- Lipulekh Pass altitude: 5,334 m.
- Yatra organized by MEA.



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GS II – International Relations, India and its Neighbourhood



Government Approves First Offshore Wind Energy Policy

Why in News?

The Union Cabinet approved the National Offshore Wind Energy Policy to harness India's offshore wind potential and achieve clean energy goals.



Key Points

- Target of 37 GW offshore wind capacity by 2030.
- Identifies zones along Gujarat and Tamil Nadu coasts.
- Will attract investments and create green jobs.
- Supports India's Net Zero emission target.



Prelims Facts

- India's coastline: 7,516 km.
- Offshore wind potential: ~ 70 GW.
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.



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GS III – Energy, Environment, Climate Change



RBI Launches 'FinEdu Schools' Programme for Financial Literacy

Why in News?

RBI launched the 'FinEdu Schools' Programme to promote financial literacy among school students across India from classes 6 to 12.



Key Points

- Aims to build awareness on saving, budgeting, digital payments and investment.
- Will partner with schools and education boards.
- To be implemented in a phased manner across States.
- Includes teachers' training and digital modules.



Prelims Facts

- RBI established: 1935.
- Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Regulates monetary policy and financial institutions.



Mains Link

GS III – Economy, Financial Sector, Financial Inclusion



India Launches National Tiger Conservation Programme (NTCP) 2.0

Why in News?

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched NTCP 2.0 to strengthen tiger conservation efforts in India.



Key Points

- Focus on habitat improvement and prey base enhancement.
- Strengthens monitoring using technology and AI tools.
- Involves local communities in conservation.
- Aims to double tiger population by 2034.



Prelims Facts

- Project Tiger launched: 1973.
- India has 55 tiger reserves (as per 2024).
- India's tiger population (2022): 3,682 (4th cycle).



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GS III – Environment, Biodiversity Conservation



ISRO Successfully Tests Semi-Cryogenic Engine for Future Launch Vehicles

Why in News?

ISRO successfully conducted a test of the semi-cryogenic engine (SCE-200) for the next generation launch vehicle.



Key Points

- Engine will power ISRO's future heavy lift launch vehicles.
- Test conducted at ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri.
- Uses liquid oxygen (LOX) and kerosene as propellants.
- Boosts India's self-reliance in space technology.



Prelims Facts

- ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru.
- SCE-200 thrust: 200 kN class.
- Liquid oxygen temperature: -183°C.



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