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### UPSC SYLLABUS RELEVANCE

GS I | GS II | GS III  
PRELIMS FACTS  
& MAINS ANALYSIS

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## INDIA LAUNCHES NATIONAL MISSION FOR RAINFORESTS (NMR-2026)

### Why in News?

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched the National Mission for Rainforests (NMR-2026) to conserve, restore and sustain India's rainforest ecosystems.

### Key Points

- Aims to conserve ~70 million ha of rainforest cover.
- Focus on Western Ghats, North-East and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- Emphasises community participation and eco-livelihoods.
- Mission to run from 2026-2036 with financial support from CAMPA and Global Funds.

### Prelims Facts

- Rainforests in India: Western Ghats, North-East, Andaman & Nicobar.
- Western Ghats: UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- India's forest cover: 21.76% (FSI Report 2023).

### GS Mains Link

- GS III – Environment
- Biodiversity Conservation
- Climate Change & Ecosystems
- Sustainable Development

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## INDIAN NAVY COMMISSIONS INS NILGIRI – P17A STEALTH FRIGATE

### Why in News?

INS Nilgiri, the first ship of Project 17A, was commissioned into the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam.

### Key Points

- INS Nilgiri is a P17A stealth frigate built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd.
- Equipped with advanced weapons, sensors and network-centric capabilities.
- Strengthens India's maritime security and Blue Water Navy vision.

### Prelims Facts

- Project 17A: Next-generation stealth frigates.
- Displacement: ~6,670 tonnes.
- Length: 149 meters.
- Designed for anti-submarine, anti-air and anti-surface operations.

### GS Mains Link

- GS II – Defence
- Maritime Security
- Make in India
- Security Challenges

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## GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES DIGITAL INDIA BHASHINI 2.0

### Why in News?

The Ministry of Electronics & IT launched Bhashini 2.0 to strengthen India's AI-driven language technology ecosystem and promote digital inclusion.

### Key Points

- Supports 22 scheduled languages and 120+ non-scheduled languages.
- Offers AI tools for real-time translation, speech tech and localization.
- To empower governance, education, healthcare and startups.

### Prelims Facts

- Bhashini: National Language Translation Mission.
- Launched in 2022 under Digital India.
- 1st phase supported 10 scheduled languages.

### GS Mains Link

- GS III – Technology
- Digital India
- Governance
- Inclusive Development

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## STATUS OF TIGERS REPORT 2026 RELEASED

### Why in News?

The Ministry of Environment released the Status of Tigers Report 2026, showing a steady increase in tiger population in India.

### Key Points

- Tiger population increased to 3,925 in 2026 (up from 3,682 in 2022).
- Highest growth in Central India and Eastern Ghats.
- 57 tiger reserves now notified in the country.

### Prelims Facts

- Project Tiger launched: 1973.
- India has the world's largest wild tiger population.
- States with highest tigers: Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttarakhand.

### GS Mains Link

- GS III – Environment
- Wildlife Conservation
- Biodiversity
- Sustainable Development

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## INDIA ACHIEVES 50% INSTALLED POWER CAPACITY FROM NON-FOSSIL FUELS

### Why in News?

India has achieved a major milestone with 50% of its installed power capacity now coming from non-fossil fuel sources.

### Key Points

- Total installed capacity: ~480 GW.
- Non-fossil fuel sources include solar, wind, hydro, nuclear and biomass.
- Achieved ahead of the 2030 NDC target.

### Prelims Facts

- India's NDC target: 50% of installed power capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030.
- Major contributors: Solar and Wind Energy.

### GS Mains Link

- GS III – Environment
- Renewable Energy
- Climate Change
- Sustainable Development



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### PRELIMS RAPID REVISION