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National and International News

<p><b>Barda Wildlife Sanctuary</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Forest Department</b> in <b>Gujarat</b> has begun <b>translocating spotted deer and sambars from Gir Forest to Barda Wildlife Sanctuary</b> to enhance the long-term conservation of Asiatic lions.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Barda Wildlife Sanctuary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Location:</b> Gujarat</li> <li><b>Rivers:</b> Bileshvary River, Joghri River</li> <li><b>Dams:</b> Khambala Dam, Fodara Dam</li> <li><b>Ethnic Communities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maldharis</li> <li>Bharvads</li> <li>Rabaris</li> <li>Gadhvis</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Gir-Barda Project:</b> Initiated in <b>1979</b></li> <li><b>Aim:</b> Develop Barda as the <b>second home for the Asiatic lion</b></li> <li><b>Flora:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rich in floral diversity</li> <li>Over 650 plant species</li> <li>Includes medicinal plants</li> <li><b>Common species:</b> Rayan, Babul, Ber, Jamun, Aml, Gorad, Bamboo, Dhav, Dhudhlo</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Fauna:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leopard</li> <li>Hyena</li> <li>Wild boar</li> <li>Wolf</li> <li>Jackal</li> <li>Blue bull</li> <li><b>Rare and endangered birds:</b> Spotted eagle, Crested hawk eagle</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP)

Why in the news?

- The **Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP)** was inaugurated by the Union Home Minister at **Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport**.

About FTI-TTP:

- **Initiative** - Central Government
- Designed for **faster, smoother, and safer immigration clearance**.
- **Objective:** Reduce congestion at airports by offering **expedited emigration and immigration clearance for pre-verified travelers**.
- **Collaborating Ministries:**
  - Ministry of Home Affairs
  - Ministry of Civil Aviation
  - Bureau of Immigration
- **Comparison:** Similar to the Global Entry Program of the United States.
- **Mechanism:**
  - Operates on e-gates or automated border gates to minimize human intervention.
  - **Phase 1:** Covers **Indian citizens** and **OCI cardholders**.
  - **Phase 2:** Includes **foreign travelers**.
- **Enrollment Process:**
  - Through an online portal managed by the **Bureau of Immigration**.



<p><b>World Investment Report 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</b> recently published the <b>World Investment Report 2024</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About World Investment Report 2024:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Global FDI Trends (2023):</b> Decreased marginally by 2%.</li> <li>• <b>FDI in Developing Countries:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fell by 7% to \$867 billion.</li> <li>○ Notable 8% decrease in developing Asia.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>China's FDI Inflows:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Experienced a rare decline.</li> <li>○ Remains the <b>second largest FDI recipient globally</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>FDI and Sustainable Development Goals:</b> International investment in sectors relevant to Sustainable Development Goals in developing countries declined in 2023.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Container Port Performance Index 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nine Indian ports</b> have been ranked in the <b>global top 100</b> in the latest <b>Container Port Performance Index</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Container Port Performance Index 2023:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Purpose:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Assess the performance of ports</b> based on productivity, efficiency, and reliability.</li> <li>○ <b>Serves as a reference</b> for stakeholders in <b>trade, logistics, and supply chain services</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Released by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ World Bank</li> <li>○ S&amp;P Global Market Intelligence</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Highlights of CPPI 2023:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Top Ports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Yangshan port (China)</li> <li>■ Salalah port (Oman)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Indian Ports in Top 100:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Visakhapatnam Port:</b> Rank: 19 (up from 115 in 2022)</li> <li>■ <b>Mundra Port:</b> Rank: 27 (up from 48 in 2022)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Other Indian Ports in Top 100:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Pipavav: Rank 41</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>



- Kamarajar: Rank 47
- Cochin: Rank 63
- Hazira: Rank 68
- Krishnapatnam: Rank 71
- Chennai: Rank 80
- Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA): Rank 96

State of Global Air (SoGA) report

Why in the news?

- **Air pollution is increasingly impacting human health and is now the second leading global risk factor for death, according to the fifth edition of the State of Global Air (SoGA) report.**

About State of Global Air (SoGA) report:

- **Released by: Health Effects Institute (HEI) in partnership with UNICEF.**
- **Scope:** Provides an analysis of air quality and health impacts globally.
- **Air Pollution Definition:**
  - **Complex mixture of particles and gasses.**
  - Varies in sources and composition over space and time.
- **Key Findings:**
  - **Global Risk Factor:**
    - **Air pollution is the second-leading global risk factor for death.**
    - **Surpasses tobacco and diabetes; only hypertension is higher.**
  - **Disease Burden:**
    - **Non-communicable diseases** account for nearly **90% of the disease burden from air pollution.**
    - Includes heart disease, stroke, diabetes, lung cancer, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- **Deaths Attributed to Air Pollution:**
  - **Total Deaths (2021):**
    - 8.1 million global deaths.
    - **India accounts for 25% of these deaths.**
  - **Major Pollutants:**
    - **PM2.5 particles:** Cause 60% of deaths due to air pollution.



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- **Ozone and household air pollution:**  
Account for 38% and 6% of deaths, respectively.
- **Regional Impact:**
  - **India and China together account for 54% of the global disease burden** due to air pollution.
  - **India: 21 lakh (2.1 million) deaths.**
  - **China: 23 lakh (2.3 million) deaths.**

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