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EU nature restoration plan	Why in the news? • Recently, European Union countries approved the Nature Restoration Plan.
	 About Nature Restoration Plan: Objective: To enhance the protection and restoration of nature across the European Union. Approval Date: Final approval was given on June 17, 2024. Member States: All 27 EU member countries. Key Features: Restoration of degraded ecosystems. Improvement of biodiversity. Sustainable management of natural resources. It includes binding restoration targets for specific habitats and species, covering at least 20% of the EU's land and sea areas by 2030, and aims for all ecosystems needing restoration by 2050.
Joint Communique on a Peace Framework	 Why in the news? India stated that only proposals acceptable to both Russia and Ukraine can lead to peace. India chose to disassociate itself from the final document issued on June 16 at the conclusion of a Peace Summit in Switzerland.
	About Peace Framework:
	Commitment to International Law:
	• Attendees reaffirmed their dedication to international
	law and the UN Charter.
	 Referenced UN General Assembly Resolutions A/RES/ES-11/1 and A/RES/ES-11/6.
	Nuclear Safety:
	 Ensuring the safe operation of Ukraine's nuclear
	 power plants, including Zaporizhzhia. Compliance with IAEA principles under Ukraine's sovereign control.
	 Any threat or use of nuclear weapons in the conflict is deemed unacceptable.
	Global Food Security:
	 Importance of uninterrupted food production and supply.
	 Emphasis on safe navigation and access to sea ports.











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	 Attacks on merchant ships and port infrastructure are unacceptable. Ukrainian agricultural products should be freely available to other countries. Humanitarian Issues: Call for the release of all prisoners of war through a complete exchange. Demand for the return of all unlawfully displaced Ukrainian children and civilians.
Deep Sea Mission	 Why in the news? India is set to become the 6th country to launch its own Deep Sea Mission. The first stage of the harbor trial, reaching depths of 40-50 meters, is planned for September 2024. About Deep Sea Mission: Ministry: Ministry of Earth Sciences. Objective: To explore and harness deep-sea resources for sustainable use. Key Areas of Focus: Development of Manned Submersible: To explore depths up to 6,000 meters. Development of Technologies for Deep Sea Mining: Mining of polymetallic nodules from the central Indian Ocean. Development of Ocean Climate Change Advisory Services: Providing services related to ocean climate. Development of Deep Ocean Survey and Exploration: Mapping and exploring deep-sea resources. Energy and Freshwater from the Ocean: Developing technologies to harness ocean resources for energy and freshwater. Components: MATSYA 6000: Manned submersible capable of reaching depths of 6,000 meters. Robotics and Artificial Intelligence: Utilized for deep-sea exploration. Ocean Climate Change Advisory Services: Enhancing the understanding of the impact of climate change on the ocean.
SDG 7: Energy Progress Report 2024	 Why in the news? The recently released SDG 7: Energy Progress Report 2024 reveals that the world is still off track to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7 for energy by 2030.











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	 About SDG 7: Energy Progress Report 2024: Aim of SDG 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all. Custodian Agencies: International Energy Agency (IEA) International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) World Bank World Health Organization (WHO) Report Summary: Tracks progress on energy access, energy efficiency, renewable energy, clean cooking, and international cooperation to advance SDG 7. Key Findings: The number of people without access to electricity increased for the first time in over a decade. In 2022, 685 million people lacked electricity, 10 million more than in 2021. Population growth in Sub-Saharan Africa outpaced new electricity connections.
Exercise Red Flag 2024	 Why in the news? An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent participated in Exercise Red Flag 2024 conducted at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska of the United States Air Force, from 04 Jun to 14 Jun 24. About Exercise Red Flag 2024: Event: Second edition of Ex Red Flag 2024, an advanced aerial combat training exercise. Frequency: Held four times a year by the US Air Force. Participants: Indian Air Force (IAF) Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) Royal Air Force (RAF) of the United Kingdom Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAF) German Luftwaffe US Air Force (USAF) Red Force: Simulating Air Defence, primarily with USAF Aggressor Squadron's F-16 and F-15 aircraft. Blue Force: Simulating Offensive Composite Elements.

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