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## National &amp; 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, Amlı, 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>
<p><b>Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP)</b> was inaugurated by the Union Home Minister at <b>Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About FTI-TTP:</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Initiative</b> - Central Government</li> <li>● Designed for <b>faster, smoother, and safer</b> immigration clearance.</li> <li>● <b>Objective:</b> Reduce congestion at airports by offering <b>expedited emigration and immigration clearance for pre-verified travelers.</b></li> <li>● <b>Collaborating Ministries:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ministry of Home Affairs</li> <li>○ Ministry of Civil Aviation</li> <li>○ Bureau of Immigration</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Comparison:</b> Similar to the Global Entry Program of the United States.</li> <li>● <b>Mechanism:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Operates on e-gates or automated border gates to minimize human intervention.</li> <li>○ <b>Phase 1:</b> Covers <b>Indian citizens</b> and <b>OCI cardholders.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Phase 2:</b> Includes <b>foreign travelers.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Enrollment Process:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Through an online portal managed by the <b>Bureau of Immigration.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<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> <b>Decreased</b> marginally by <b>2%.</b></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></li> </ul>



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- **Assess the performance of ports** based on productivity, efficiency, and reliability.
- **Serves as a reference** for stakeholders in **trade, logistics, and supply chain services**.
- **Released by:**
  - World Bank
  - S&P Global Market Intelligence
- **Highlights of CPPI 2023:**
  - **Top Ports:**
    - Yangshan port (China)
    - Salalah port (Oman)
  - **Indian Ports in Top 100:**
    - **Visakhapatnam Port:** Rank: 19 (up from 115 in 2022)
    - **Mundra Port:** Rank: 27 (up from 48 in 2022)
  - **Other Indian Ports in Top 100:**
    - Pipavav: Rank 41
    - 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.**



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- 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.
    - **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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