

DAILY PT POINTERS

18th December, 2023



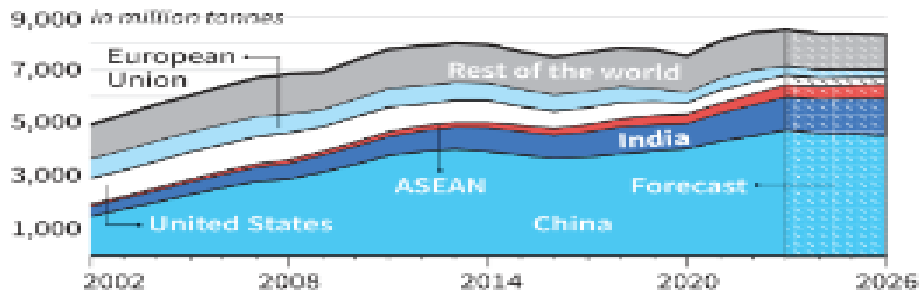
HEADLINES OF THE DAY

The Hindu: GS3-Environment (Page 1)

Global coal demand likely to decline 2.3% by 2026: IEA

Coal consumption

Global coal consumption is expected to remain over 8 billion tonnes through 2026. The chart shows the appetite for the fuel



Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Despite production of coal reaching a record this year, global demand is expected to decline by 2026, a re-

to rise by 8% in India and 5% in China in 2023 due to demand for electricity and diminished generation of hydroelectric power.

The IEA's expectations of a decline in coal demand

Global coal demand expected to decline by 2026

- the global demand for coal rising by 1.4% in 2023, surpassing 8.5 billion tonnes for the first time.
- India, Indonesia and other emerging and developing economies are expected to rely on coal to power strong economic growth, despite commitments to accelerate the deployment of renewables and other low-emissions technologies.
- Do you know ?**
Coal, the most important energy source for electricity generation, steel-making, and cement production, is also the largest source of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from human activity.
- Despite forecasts of a fall, global consumption is expected to remain well over 8 billion tonnes through 2026, according to the market report.

HEADLINES OF THE DAY

The Hindu: GS3-Infrastrure (Page 4)

Kaleshwaram project: Revanth asks officials to submit all details

THE HINDU BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Directive comes

a day after he announced a probe into leakage, sinking of piers at barrages



- The Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project or KLIP is a multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in Kaleshwaram, Bhupalpally, Telangana, India. Currently the world's largest multi-stage lift irrigation project,

HEADLINES OF THE DAY

The Hindu : Places in news (GS1)

What led to the coup attempt in Sierra Leone?

What are the factors which led to political instability in one of the poorest West African countries?

JERRY FRANKLIN. A, NITHYASHREE R.B,

THE GIST

- On November 26, unidentified gunmen targeted the Wilberforce military barracks and several police stations and correctional centres in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

- **Sierra Leone**, country of western Africa
- Sierra Leone is bordered on the north and east by Guinea, on the south by Liberia, and on the west by the Atlantic Ocean.



HEADLINES OF THE DAY

The Hindu : GS 3 (Economy)

Modi inaugurates Surat Diamond Bourse in Gujarat, says it will add 1.5 lakh more jobs



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Surat Diamond Bourse (SDB), the world's largest and modern centre for international diamond and jewellery business, at a time when the diamond industry is passing through its worst crisis due to the global economic slowdown and G-7 countries' tough stand on Russian diamonds.
- The SDB building is the world's largest office complex with over 67 lakh square feet of floor area spread in nine 15-storey interconnected towers with offices ranging from 300 sq. ft to 7,5000 sq. ft.
- It is aimed at shifting the diamond trading business from Mumbai to Surat, which is the hub of diamond cutting and polishing with thousands of factories across the city.

HEADLINES OF THE DAY

Indian Express: GS 2-Welfare Schemes / GS 3-Economy

67% jump in number of beneficiaries of one nation, one ration card scheme in Delhi

In Delhi, ration is distributed through e-PoS devices after biometric (Aadhaar) authentication of beneficiaries. The scheme provides intra-state and inter-state portability of ration cards and enables migrant beneficiaries to access the public distribution system (PDS).



- ONORC is a technology driven scheme which is being implemented by the Central Government for the nation-wide portability of ration cards under National Food Security Act (NFSA).
- This system allows all NFSA beneficiaries, particularly the migrant beneficiaries, to claim either full or part of their entitled food grains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) in the country through existing ration card with biometric/Aadhaar authentication in a seamless manner.
- The system also allows their family members back home, if any, to claim the balance foodgrains on the same the ration card.

HEADLINES OF THE DAY

Indian Express: GS 1-Art and Culture (Page 4)

In Mehrauli, a Mughal-sponsored temple is a testament to Delhi's syncretic roots

A noble in the court of Mughal Emperor Akbar II by the name of Lala Sidhu Mal built the temple between 1806 and 1837.



- A noble in the court of Mughal Emperor Akbar II by the name of Lala Sidhu Mal built the temple between 1806 and 1837.
- The area was known as Yoginipura in ancient Jain texts and Prithviraj Chauhan himself was said to have patronised a Yogini temple here shortly before his city's destruction.
- Lala Sidhu Mal, also known as Sed Mal, built his temple on the site where an ancient Yogini Temple is believed to have existed.

HEADLINES OF THE DAY

Indian Express: GS 3-S&T (Page 11)

What is ketamine, the drug involved in Matthew Perry's death?

In recent years, ketamine has been a subject of widespread debate due to its growing use for treating depression and other serious mental health issues. While some experts and patients call it lifesaving, others say it's addictive and causes bladder ailments.

- Ketamine is an anaesthetic that has been listed as a hallucinogen by the US Drug Enforcement Administration. It's referred to as a "dissociative anaesthetic hallucinogen" because it creates a feeling of detachment from pain and the environment.
- The drug's use for treating depression and other mental illnesses is recent.

HEADLINES OF THE DAY

PIB: Economy-GSIII

Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Shri Piyush Goyal releases the “Logistics Ease Across Different State (LEADS) 2023”

Logistics sector is vast in its scope and impact. There is not a single person in the country who is not directly impacted by the logistics sector: Sh Piyush Goyal

LEADS report is encouraging States/UTs and other stakeholders to improve their processes and contribute to better future: Sh Goyal

Logistics sector will be a cornerstone in our endeavour to take India to a 10x growth from a USD 3.5 trillion to USD 35 trillion by 2047: Sh Goyal

Posted On: 16 DEC 2023 4:12PM by PIB Delhi

- LEADS was conceived on the lines of **Logistics Performance Index** of World Bank in 2018 and has evolved over time. While the LPI relies entirely on perception-based surveys, LEADS incorporates both perception as well as **objectivity** thereby enhancing the robustness and comprehensiveness of this exercise.
- The 5th edition of the LEADS annual exercise - LEADS 2023 report, provides insights into improvement of logistics performance at State/UT level. It highlights an enhanced overall stakeholder perception and impact of various reforms, across States and UTs. This report, signalling a **positive shift** in States’ performance across the **key pillars** – Logistics Infrastructure, Logistics Services and Operating and Regulatory Environment, **empowers** the State/UT Governments by providing **region specific insights** for informed decision making and comprehensive growth.
-