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Indian Express: Economy / IR

What is the World Economic Forum meeting, held annually in Davos?

Davos brings together around 3,000 participants (including paying members and select invitees) — investors, business leaders, political leaders, economists, celebrities, and others — to discuss global issues across 500 sessions. Why is it significant and when did it begin?



- *The World Economic Forum is the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation.*
- The Forum engages the foremost political, business, cultural and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas.
- It was established in 1971 as a not-for-profit foundation and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. It is independent, impartial and not tied to any special interests.
- The Forum strives in all its efforts to demonstrate entrepreneurship in the global public interest while upholding the highest standards of governance. Moral and intellectual integrity is at the heart of everything it does.
- The WEF also went on to regularly publish global rankings and indices, such as the **Global Competitiveness Report** and the **Global Gender Gap Report**.

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Indian Express: Species (GSIII)

Darjeeling zoo's success with snow leopards: Why wild cats are fussy breeders

What the Darjeeling zoo has achieved is remarkable because breeding wild cats in captivity is notoriously difficult — their edgy temperament, unique physiology and genetic baggage make them erratic breeders. We explain all the factors.



Snow Leopard

Scientific Name : Panthera uncia

The snow leopard has a beautiful, spotted coat, thick enough to insulate them from the cold.

Snow leopards are solitary creatures, and skillful predators, able to kill prey up to three times their own weight in challenging terrain

Distribution : They are sparsely distributed across 12 countries in central Asia, from southern Russia down to the Tibetan plateau, including Mongolia, China, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nepal.

Threats: the loss of natural prey species, retaliatory killing due to conflict with humans and illegal trade of its fur and bones.

Conservation : Classified as 'Vulnerable' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red list and listed in Schedule-I species of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

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India's multidimensional poverty rate down to 11.28% in 2022-23 from 29.17% in 2013-14

According to the estimated share of MPI poor in 2013-14 and 2022-23, Bihar recorded a 53 per cent drop from 56.3 per cent share of MPI poor in 2013-14 to 26.59 per cent in 2022-23.



- According to the NITI discussion paper, multidimensional poverty in India declined from 29.17% in 2013-14 to 11.28% in 2022-23, with about 24.82 crore people moving out of this bracket during this period.
- The national multidimensional poverty measures simultaneous deprivations across three equally weighted dimensions of health, education, and standard of living that are represented by 12 sustainable development goals-aligned indicators.
- These include nutrition, child and adolescent mortality, maternal health, years of schooling, school attendance, cooking fuel, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, housing, assets, and bank accounts.
- The National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) by Niti Aayog uses the Alkire Foster methodology to assess the decline in poverty rates.
- However, the National MPI covers 12 indicators while global MPI covers 10 indicators.

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PIB : Defence (GS3)



- The Indo-Thai Bilateral Exercise is being named as ‘**Ex-Ayutthaya**’, which literally translates to ‘The Invincible One’ or ‘Undefeatable’, and symbolises the significance of two of the oldest cities Ayodhya in India and Ayutthaya in Thailand, the historic legacies, rich cultural ties and shared historical narratives dating back to several centuries.

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- Argentina is the part of “Lithium Triangle” along with Chile and Bolivia with more than half of world’s total lithium resources and having the distinction of having 2nd largest lithium resources, 3rd largest lithium reserves and 4th largest production in world.
- This strategic move not only strengthens the bilateral ties between India and Argentina but also contributes to the sustainable development of the mining sector, ensuring a resilient and diversified supply chain for critical and strategic minerals essential for various industries.