

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 5, 2022

INTERNATIONAL

- The Iran government - has decided to abolish the morality police which enforces the Hijab law in the country.



- ✓ The latest announcement by the attorney general follows months of protests by Iranian women against the mandatory hijab law and brutal police action for violating it
- ✓ This comes after more than two months of demonstrations triggered by a 22-year-old Iranian of Kurdish descent, Mahsa Amini's detention and execution for allegedly breaching the country's stringent female dress code
- ✓ Since 1983, it has been obligatory for all women in Iran to cover their heads in public.
- ✓ According to Iranian law, women and post-pubescent girls must wear head coverings and loose-fitting clothing in public
- ✓ The morality police, known formally as Gasht-e Ershad or "Guidance Patrol", were established in 2005 under hardline president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, to "spread the culture of modesty and hijab."
- ✓ The police squad consisting of both male and female members patrolled the streets and public places to monitor women's clothing in public.
- ✓ The Guidance Patrol teams arrest women whom they think are not appropriately dressed as per Islamic rules.

- ✓ The women found violating the morality codes are slapped in the face and beaten with batons on the spot and pushed into police vans.
- ✓ They are taken to a correctional facility or police station, where they are lectured on how to dress appropriately and are released after recording the details.
- ✓ The detained women are also required to destroy their 'inappropriate' clothes if applicable

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The first G20 Sherpa meeting under India's presidency - will be held in the Udaipur district of Rajasthan from December 4 to 7, 2022**
- ✓ India's Sherpa for G20, Amitabh Kant will preside over the meeting
- ✓ Delegations from around 40 countries will arrive in Udaipur for the meeting and will enjoy its distinct culture, scenic locations, and royal palaces
- ✓ Leaders of G20 member nations, nine guest countries -- Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and the UAE -- and representatives of international organisations like the UN and World Bank are attending the four-day meeting in the City of Lakes



- ✓ There are 13 different working groups identified as Sherpa Tracks including the one on Disaster Risk Resilience and Reduction introduced by India for its presidency
- ✓ The Sherpas, personal emissaries of the G20 leaders, will oversee the negotiations to arrive at a consensus on key issues facing the world
- ✓ India has planned more than 200 such meetings of G20 over the year at 55 locations in the country.
- ✓ The theme from which India drew its presidency inspiration is 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - One Earth One Family One Future.'
- ✓ The G20 or Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.

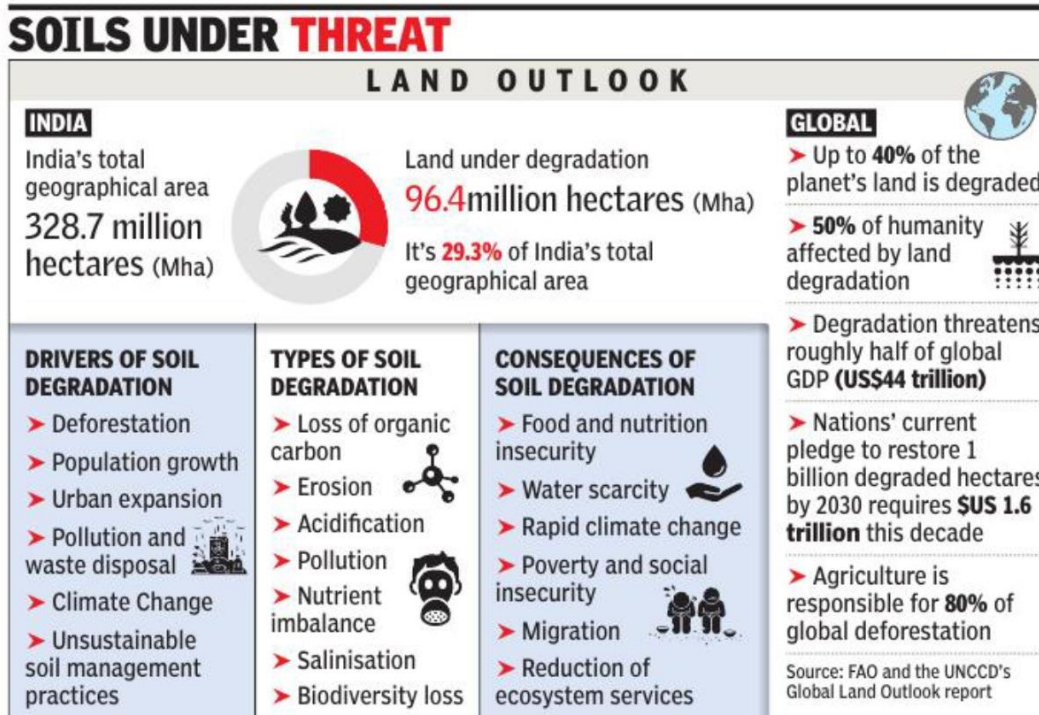
- ✓ It comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US, and the European Union.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

- **World Soil Day – December 5**



- ✓ The day is observed every year to raise awareness regarding the importance of soil conservation and its importance to mankind



- ✓ Theme 2022 - Soil: Where Food Begins
- ✓ In 2002, the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) proposed an international day to celebrate soil.

- ✓ The Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) supported the move and helped formally establish World Soil Day under the leadership of the Kingdom of Thailand within the framework of the Global Soil Partnership.
- ✓ The FAO Conference endorsed the day in June 2013 and urged at the 68th United Nations General Assembly that World Soil Day be formally adopted.
- ✓ The same year in December, the UNGA designated December 5, 2014 as the first World Soil Day
- ✓ World Soil Day is celebrated on December 5 as it coincides with the birthday of Thailand's King, HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who had officially sanctioned the event
- ✓ World Soil Day was first officially marked in memory of the monarch in 2016, the year he passed away after serving as the head of state for seven decades.

➤ **International Cheetah Day – December 4**



- ✓ The Cheetah Day is observed every year to spread awareness about the conservation of Cheetahs and ways to prevent their extinction
- ✓ American zoologist Dr Laurie Marker is credited with creating International Cheetah Day.
- ✓ Dr Marker founded the Cheetah Conservation Fund in 1991 and she designated December 4 as International Cheetah Day in 2010
- ✓ Dr Marker chose December 4th as it was the birthday of a cheetah named Khayam who she raised from a cub at Wildlife Safari in Oregon.
- ✓ In 2022, eight cheetahs were brought from Namibia, an African country, to the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh
- ✓ The cheetah is the fastest animal on earth and it can reach a top speed of 70 mph in just three seconds

