

## **Natural Sources**

**Life on this planet earth depends upon large number of things services provided by the nature which are known as Natural resources.**

**Thus water, air, soil, minerals forests, crops and wild life are examples of natural resources.**

- The natural resources are of two kinds.
- Renewable resources which are inexhaustible and can be regenerated within a given period of time e.g. forests, wildlife, wind energy, solar energy, biomass energy, tidal energy, hydroelectric power etc.
- Solar energy is also a renewable form of energy as it is an inexhaustible source of energy.

- Even our renewable resources can become non-renewable if we exploit them to such that their rate of consumption exceeds the rate of regeneration. and recycling.
- There are four major types of nonrenewable resources: oil, natural gas, coal, and nuclear energy. You may add even mineral resources
- Answer ?

# **Sustainable use of Resources**

- It is very important to protect and conserve our natural resources and use them judiciously so that we do not exhaust them.
- This is very important for the sustainable development.

- Major natural resources:
- (i) Forest resources
- (ii) Water resources
- (iii) Mineral resources
- (iv) Food resources – Not to be covered a syllabus of this course.
- (v) Energy resources
- (vi) Land resources.

# **FOREST RESOURCES**

- About 1/3rd of the worlds land area is forested which includes closed as well as open forests.
- Former USSR accounts for about a 5th of the worlds forests ( 20 % ) , Brazil follows a 7<sup>th</sup> ( around 15 % ), and Canada and Australia each for 6-7%. India just 2 %
- Almost everywhere the cover of the forests has declined over the years.

## Forest Area by Country

- # Country Sqare meters per capita
- 1 Russia 55,992
- 2 Brazil 23,652
- 3 Canada 94,461
- 4 United States 9,556
- 5. India 600

- The greatest loss occurred in tropical Africa. One third of the forest resources have been destroyed.

## USES OF FORESTS

**Commercial uses:**

**Firewood, pulpwood, food items, gum, resins, non-edible oils, rubber, fibers, lac canes, fodder, medicine, drugs and many other items, the total worth of which is estimated to be more than \$ 300 billion per year**

# Forest



# **Ecological uses**

- Production of oxygen:
- Reducing global warming:
- Wild life habitat:
- Regulation of hydrological cycle:
- Soil Conservation:
- Pollution moderators:

# Maintaining Tiger Count in Around 3000



# **Restoring ecosystem- Role of Hunters ?**

- Introduced  $8 + 12 = 20$  cheetahs brought from Namibia in Kuno Park, MP, that were declared extinct in 1952 in India .



- Total Recorded Forest Area in the country is 765,210 sq. km, which is 23.28% of the geographical area of the country.
- Recorded Forests can be broadly classified into three categories Reserved Forests (416,516 sq. km) Protected Forests (223,390 sq. km) ( declared by State Govts.) and Unclassed Forests (125,385 sq. km).

- **Area-wise Madhya Pradesh has the forest cover in the country followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra.**

# The Larger Forests in India

- **Abujmarh.** Spread over about 3,870 Km<sup>2</sup>.  
Abujmarh is a forest which is situated in Chhattisgarh. ...
- **Anekal Reserved Forest.** Not much is known about this forest. ...
- **Baikunthapur Forests.** ...West Bengal
- **Bhavnagar, Amreli Forest (Gir)** ...
- **Bhitarkanika Mangroves.** ...
- **Dvaita Forest.** ...
- **Jakanari Reserved Forest.**

# **Different Forests in India ( List )**

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- **Name** **Location**   **Area**
- **Gir National Park**   **Talala taluk, Gir district, Gujarat**   **1412 km<sup>2</sup>**
- **Jakanari reserve forest**   **Coimbatore**
- **Jim Corbett National Park**   **Nainital and Pauri Garhwal district, Uttarakhand**   **520.8 km<sup>2</sup>**
- **Kanha National Park**   **Madhya Pradesh**   **940 km<sup>2</sup>**

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- **Abujmarh forest** Chhattisgarh
- **Annekal Reserved Forest** Western Ghats  
Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra,  
Gujarat.
- **Baikunthapur Forest** Dooars, West Bengal  
This is a terai forest
- **Bandipur National Park** Karnataka 870 km<sup>2</sup>
- **Bhagwan Mahaveer Sanctuary and Mollem National Park** Sanguem taluk, Goa 650 km<sup>2</sup>

# **TERAI**

- The Terai is a belt of marshy grassy savannas ( Scattered trees ) and forests located south of the outer foothills of the Himalaya, the Shivalik Hills, and north of the Indo-Gangetic Plain of the Ganges, Brahmaputra and their tributaries.
- The Terai belongs to the Terai-Duar savanna and grasslands eco-region.

# **Family visits to enjoy and understand the Biodiversity – choose - interesting sites**

- **Bhitarkanika Mangroves**
- **Bhitarkanika lakeride sunset, Odisha 65 km²**
- **Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary Ponda taluk, Goa 100 km²**
  - Provides sanctuary to leopards who have been injured in human-wildlife conflict.**
- **Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary Canacona, Goa 100 km²**
  - It is known for its dense forest of tall trees (teak, sal, sandalwood, etc.)**

# **Record for Conservation and sustainability.**

- **Gir National Park** - Talala taluk, Gir Somnath district, Gujarat 1412 km<sup>2</sup>
- **Jakanari reserve forest,** Coimbatore
- **Jim Corbett National Park, Nainital district**  
**Garhwal district, Uttarakhand** 520 km<sup>2</sup>
- Some have been repeated here as a part of Tabulation under Different Forests of India.  
**Please note. People from far and wide visit**

- **Kanha National Park - Tiger Kanha National Park.**
  - **Madhya Pradesh**  $650 \text{ km}^2$  The present Kanha area is divided into two sanctuaries, Kanha and Banjar, of  $250$  and  $300 \text{ km}^2$  respectively.
- **Keibul Lamjao National Park - Bishnupur district, Manipur**  $40 \text{ km}^2$  - The national park is situated in the Chilam Bishnupur district, Manipur. It is the only floating national park in the world. It is also known as the 'World's second biggest mangrove forest'.

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- Decomposed plant materials locally called phumdis.
- Kukrail Reserve Forest      Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary      Sattari taluka, 208.5 km<sup>2</sup>   Bengal tigers can be found here
- Molai forest      Majuli island on the Brahmaputra River 5.5 km<sup>2</sup>- Assam
- Nagarhole National Park

# Rows

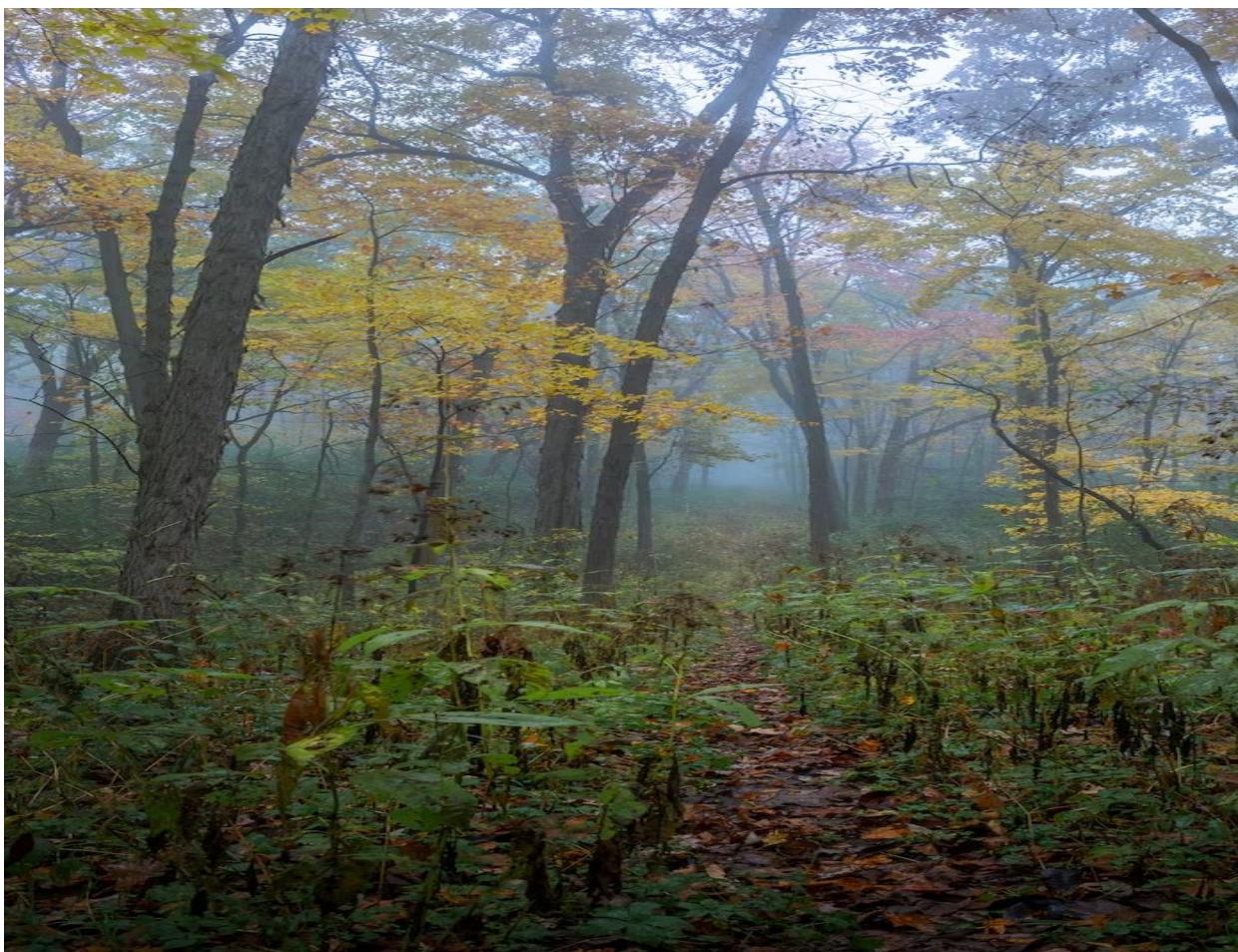
- Elephant herd at Nagarhole wildlife sanctuary.

Kodagu district and Mysore district, Karnataka - 642 km<sup>2</sup> One of India's premier Tiger Reserves

- Nallamala Hills, Hill on Top of Nallamala Hills temple.jpg Eastern Ghats, Andhra Pradesh (South of River Krishna).

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- **Namdapha National Park** Arunachal Pradesh  
1,560 km<sup>2</sup> Fourth largest national park in India.
- **Nanmangalam forest** Chennai, Tamil Nadu  
3.2 km<sup>2</sup> The reserve forest area is 3.2 km<sup>2</sup>
- **Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary** Goa 21 km<sup>2</sup>
- **New Amarambalam Reserved Forest** Malappuram district, Kerala
- **Pichavaram Mangrove Forest** Pichavaram, Cuddalore district, Tamil Nadu



# **OVER EXPLOITATION OF FORESTS**

- The international timber trade alone is worth over US \$ 40 billion per year.
- Excessive use of fuelwood and charcoal, combined with the expansion of urban, agricultural and industrial areas and overgrazing have together led to over-exploitation of forests leading to their rapid degradation.

# **DEFORESTATION- Cause of Concern**

- The total forest area of the world in estimated to be 7,000 million hecta was reduced to 2890 million ha in 1 fell down to just 2,300 million ha by
- At the present rate it is estimated th next 60 years we would lose more t percent of our tropical forests - Tree Transplantation, Plant 10 saplings fo one tree.

- The forested area in India seems to stabilized since 1982.
- As per our National Forest Policy, as still having only 19.27 % of our land (63.38m ha) covered by forests based satellite data (MoEF, 1998).
- Presently around 24 %.

# **Major Causes of Deforestation**

- (i) **Shifting cultivation:** It is a farming system where the farmer cultivates on a plot of land temporarily, and when he finds the land infertile to grow due to soil exhaustion, he shifts.
- In India, we have this practice in **Northeastern states** and to some extent in **Andhra Pradesh** and **M.P** which contribute to nearly 20% of the forest clearing annually.

- (ii) Fuel requirements: Growing demand for fuelwood by increasing population in**
- (iii) Raw materials for industrial use: Various uses like making boxes, furniture, railway-sleepers, plywood, match-boxes, pulp for paper etc. have exerted tremendous pressure on forests.**

- (iv) **Development projects:** Various Development projects like hydroelectric projects, big dams, road construction etc.
- (v) **Growing food needs:** To meet the demands of rapidly growing population agricultural lands and settlements are created permanently by clearing forests

- Overgrazing: The forest cleared land and excessive fuelwood are turned into grazing lands.
- Overgrazing by the cattle leads to further degradation of these lands.

# **Major Consequences of Deforestation**

- (1) This threatens the existence of many species.**
- (ii) Biodiversity is lost and along with that diversity is eroded – Cheetahs became extinct in India, several birds become extinct, trees are lost.**
- (iii) Hydrological cycle gets affected, thereby influencing rainfall- Transpiration.**
- (iv) Problems of soil erosion and loss of soil increase.**
- (v) In hilly areas it often leads to landslides.**

# **Major Activities in Forests**

- **Timber Extraction:** Teak and Mahogany and Sandal wood leads to removal of trees. Construction of approach roads.
- **Mining:** Mining operations for extraction of minerals and fossil fuels like coal often involves vast forest areas.
- Large scale **deforestation** has been carried out in **Mussorie and Dehradun valley** due to indiscriminate mining of various minerals.

- **Indiscriminate mining in forests of Goa**
- **Coal mining in Jharia, Raniganj etc. – Jharia Fires?**
- **Mining of magnesite and soap- stones (magnesium rich mineral talc.) . Kosi valley, Almora.**
- **Mining of radioactive minerals in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.**

**Western Ghats are also facing the same problems due to mining projects for excavation of copper, chromite, bauxite and magnetite.**

# Video on Natural Resou

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# **DAMS AND THEIR EFFECTS FORESTS AND PEOPLE**

- India has more than 1550 large dams.
- The highest one is Tehri dam, on river Bhagirathi in Uttarakhand and the largest in terms of capacity is Bhakra Nangal on river Satluj in H.P.

- The crusade against the ecological crisis and deforestation caused due to Tehri Dam led by Sh. Sunder Lal Bahuguna, the leader of the Chipko movement. The cause of Sardar Sarovar related issues has been taken up by the environmental activists Medha Patkar and Vandana Shiva by Arundhati Ray and Baba Amte.

- For building big dams, large scale deforestation takes place which breaks natural ecological balance of the region.
- Floods, droughts and landslides become more prevalent in such areas.

# **Assignment 1**

- Rare earth metals-Importance, uses, occurrence, production and current demand for permanent magnets.
- ( Last date for submission : September 20, 2023 )
- Page limit is 5 - 6 pages , excluding figures and tables if any.
- Double spaced Font size 14.
- They may include some references which may not be counted within 5-6 pages. You may refer to the Books, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia etc. for the information. Write in your own words.
- Use of turnitin for checking plagiarism and deduction of marks for late submission and plagiarism.

# **WATER RESOURCES**

- India accounts for 18% of the world population and about 4% of the world's water resources.
- About 97% of the earth's surface is covered by water and most of the animals and plants have 60-65% water in their body.
- Unique features of water
  - 1. Liquid over a wide range of temperatures
  - 2. Due to highest specific heat, it warms up and cools down very slowly without causing sudden temperature jerks to the aquatic life.

3. Due to high latent heat of vaporization it produces a cooling effect as it evaporates.
4. It is an excellent solvent for several substances including oxygen.
5. Due to high surface tension and cohesion water can easily rise through the trunk even in the tallest of the trees like Sequoia .

Sequoia Trees ( About 84 m )



- **6. It has an anomalous expansion between 4 Deg. C TO 0 Deg. C i.e. as it freezes it expands instead of contracting and becomes lighter and in extreme cold lakes freeze only on the surface.**
- **Aquatic animals can survive.**

**Being lighter the ice keeps floating, while the bottom waters remain at a higher temperature and therefore, can sustain organisms even in extreme cold.**

**OTEC – Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Power Generation in the sea and oceans**

- The water we use keeps on cycling through the environment, which we call the **Hydrological Cycle**. We have enormous resources of water on the earth amounting to about **1404 million Km<sup>3</sup>**.
- Every year about **1.4 inch** thick layer of water evaporates from the oceans, more than half of which returns to the oceans through the hydrological cycle.

- Six countries—Brazil, Russia, Canada, Indonesia, China, and Colombia—account for half of Earth's freshwater supply.
- Water poor countries : Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahirya, Malta, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

# **Major River Systems in India**

- 1. Indus River System.
- 2 Brahmaputra River System.
- 3 Ganga River System.
- 4 Yamuna River System.
- 5 Narmada River System.
- 6 Tapti River System.
- 7 Godavari River System.
- 8 Krishna River System.
- Ganga is the largest river of India though also a larger river

# Rivers of India



# **WATER USE AND OVER-EXPLO**

- Water use by humans is of three types:
- 1. Water withdrawal: Taking water from groundwater or surface water resource
- 2. water consumption: The water which is used but not returned for reuse – evaporated or used in plants.
- 3. Hydrogen generation.
- With increasing human population and rapid development, the world water withdrawals have increased many folds.
- A large proportion of the water withdrawn is polluted due to anthropogenic activities.

# Water footprint

- On a global average 70 percent of the withdrawn is used for agriculture.
- In India, we use 93% of water in agricultural sector while in a country like Kuwait, which is water-poor, only 4% is used for water intensive crops.
- About 25% of water on global average is used by industry, which again varies from a high of 40% in European countries to as low as 5% in less developed countries.

# Water export through crops

- India is the world's eighth largest wheat exporter, accounting for 4.1 percent of total global wheat exports in 2020-21. Good quality wheat is produced & there is high demand.
- India is the world's second-largest rice producer after China, accounting for 40% of the global rice trade. India exports the grain to over 150 countries – Water is exported through crops ( Virtual Water Export)
- India has witnessed a continued decline in its water availability — by 60 per cent over the last two decades because of increasing water use by the irrigation sector.
- Thus, crops, meat, leather, chemicals and industrial products are imported to ensure a positive water balance.

- In USA, an average family of 4 consumes more than 1000 M3 of water per year, which is many times more than that in most developing countries.

# Water: A Precious Natural Resource

- Out of the total water reserves of the world about 97% is salty water (marine) and only 3% is fresh water.
- Most of it is locked up in polar ice caps. Only 0.003% is readily available to us in the groundwater and surface water
- Overuse of groundwater for drinking, irrigation and domestic purposes has resulted in depletion of groundwater in various regions leading to lowering of water table and dry wells. Water poor states in India ?

# **As, Fluorides, Iron, Nitrates Groundwater**

- Pollution of many of the groundwater aquifers made many of these wells unfit.
- Unfortunately, growth of population, has been responsible for pollution of the rivers for consumption.
- Out of 8 - 9 billion people, some 2.2 billion around the world do not have safely-managed drinking water, while 4.2 billion go without sanitation services and 3 billion lack basic handwashing facilities, according to a new report from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

In India people walk 5-20 kms  
fetch water in some rural areas

78 meters deep even?

- It was estimated that by 2024, two-thirds of the world population would be suffering from acute water shortage due to increasing population and industrialization- 78%



# Groundwater – More water

- About 9.86% of the total fresh water resources is in the form of groundwater. It is about 35-50 times that of surface supplies.
- These are also being polluted.
- A layer of sediment or rock that is highly permeable and contains water is called an aquifer.

- **Unconfined aquifers** - which are overlying permeable earth materials and they are recharged by water seeping down from above in the form of rainfall and snowmelt.
- **Confined aquifers** - which are sandwiched between two impermeable layers of sediments and are recharged only in areas where the aquifer intersects the surface.

# **Effects of Groundwater Use**

- ( a). **Subsidence:** When groundwater withdrawal is more than its recharge, the sediments in the aquifer get compressed, a phenomenon known as ground subsidence. There is sinking of earth and damage to buildings, pipelines etc.
- ( b). **Lowering of water table:** Mining of coal and groundwater is done extensively in arid and semi-arid regions for irrigating crop fields.

- The decline of groundwater levels in India by 5-10 m is usually explained as a result of increased number of tube wells and a decrease in average annual rainfall.
- Haryana, Punjab ?
- Scientists using data from NASA's Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) found that the groundwater beneath North India has been receding by as much as 1.5 m per year over the past decade.

- **Water logging :** When excessive irrigation is done with brackish water it raises the water table gradually leading to water-logging and salinity problems.

- **Surface Water -**

This is the water coming through precipitation (rainfall, snow) when this does not percolate down into the ground. Or this does not return to the atmosphere as evaporation ...

**or transpiration loss, assumes the form of streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands or artificial reservoirs is known as surface water.**

- The surface water is largely used for irrigation, industrial use, public water supply, navigation etc.

## Water Rich vs. Water Poor countries

- The top 10-11 water rich countries are Iceland, Surinam, Guyana, Papua New Guinea, Gabon, Solomon Islands, Canada, Norway, Panama, Columbia and of course Brazil lying in the far north and having low evaporation losses.

- The water poor countries include Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Malta, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Moldova, Israel and others lying in the desert belt at about 15° to 30° Latitude and some of them like Malta and Singapore are densely populated areas with low per capita water.

Ottawa River - The river is 1,271 km (790 miles) long and it drains an area of 146,300 km<sup>2</sup> (56,500 miles<sup>2</sup>). About 75 per cent of the water in the Ottawa River originates in Quebec and the rest in Ontario.

# FLOODS

- In some countries like India and Bangladesh, flooding does not occur throughout the year, rather it is concentrated into a few months (June-September) – Monsoon.
- Deforestation, overgrazing, mining, rapid industrialization, global warming etc. have contributed largely to a sharp rise in flooding.
- Cloud bursts also result in floods – Kedarnath disaster 2013, 41 persons died., 4550 villagers affected. Present situation this year? Cloud bursts ?
- Excess rainfall in 2025.

# **DROUGHTS**

- There are **about 80 countries** in the lying in the **arid and semiarid regions** experience frequent spells of drought often extending up to year long duration.
- When annual rainfall is below normal less than evaporation, drought conditions created.

# Causes of Drought

- Anthropogenic causes :
- Over grazing, deforestation, mining is spreading of the deserts tending to more areas to drought affected areas
- India has experienced more and more desertification, thereby increasing the vulnerability of larger parts of the country to droughts – Around 70 % of area is dry

- Erroneous and intensive cropping pattern and increased exploitation of scarce resources through well or canal irrigation has converted high productivity areas into desertified ones, e.g. Maharashtra – 39 years and no recorded Drought.
- Water contents of wheat and rice grain

## **Remedial measures:**

- Carefully selected mixed cropping helps production and minimize the risks of crop failures - For example, wheat + gram, wheat + mustard etc. crops are selected such that their nutrient requirements are different.
- Social Forestry and Wasteland development using Eucalyptus which is now known to lower the water table because of its very high transpiration rate and it has allelopathy .

# **CONFLICTS OVER WATER- M deleted**

- **Indispensability of water and its unequal distribution has often led to inter-state international disputes.**
  - **Water conflict in the Middle East:**
  - **Three river basins, namely the Jordan, Tigris-Euphrates and the Nile are the significant water resources for Middle East countries.**  
**Egypt controls the head waters of 80% of Nile. Egypt is being affected.**
- Dams and canals ?**

# FAO – May be delete

- India has pre-emptive right to construct barrages across all the rivers in Indian territory. However, Indus-Sindhu treaty requires that the three rivers flowing from India to Pakistan may be used for non-consumptive purposes by India i.e. without changing its water quality. Recent reaction of India.

Under the IWT, ( Indus Water Treaty) control over the three eastern tributaries of the Indus River—Sutlej, and Beas—is granted to India before they flow into Pakistan, and the three western tributaries—the Jhelum, and Chenab—to Pakistan (FAO, 2013).

# The Cauvery water dispute

- Out of India's 18 major rivers, 17 are between different states.
- In all these cases, there are intense conflicts over these resources which hardly seem to resolve.
- Tamil Nadu, occupying the downstream of the river, wants water-use regulated in the upstream. Whereas, the upstream state of Karnataka refuses to do so and claims ownership over the river as upstream user.

# **The Satluj-Yamuna link (SYL) dispute:**

- The issue of sharing the Ravi-Beas water between Punjab and Haryana
- Hathnikund barrage Problem for Delhi
- Traditional Water Management System  
In India, even today, there are several states where **water management is done mainly by Irrigation Department, but by local managers.**

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- In south India, a **neerkatti** manages traditional tanks very efficiently based on his/her knowledge of the terrain, dimensions and irrigation needs.
- In Maharashtra, the water managers called **havaldars or jaghyas** who manage conflicts by overseeing the water channels from main canal to the distribution canals.

# **BIG DAMS- BENEFITS AND PROBLEMS**

- **Benefits :**
  - **1. Employment for tribals.**
  - **2. Checking floods and famines,**
  - **3. Generate electricity and reduce water power shortage.**
  - 4. Provide irrigation water to lower areas and provide drinking water in remote areas and promote navigation, fishery etc.**

# **Environmental Problems**

- The upstream problems include the following:
- (i) Displacement of tribal people
- (ii) Loss of forests, flora and fauna
- (iii) Changes in fisheries and the spawning grounds
- (iv) Siltation and sedimentation of rivers
- (v) Loss of non-forest land

- (vi) Stagnation and waterlogging near reservoir.
- (vii) Breeding of vectors and spread of vector-borne diseases – Dengue ?
- (viii) Reservoir induced seismicity (RIS) causing earthquakes.
- (ix) Growth of aquatic weeds.
- (x) Microclimatic changes.

- (B) The downstream impacts include the following:
- (i) Water logging and salinity due to over irrigation.
- (ii) Micro-climatic changes
- (iii) Reduced water flow and silt deposition in river.
- (iv) Flash floods
- (v) Salt/soil water intrusion at river mouth

- (vi) Loss of **land fertility** along the river sediments carrying nutrients get deposited in reservoir.
- (vii) Outbreak of vector-borne diseases like malaria, dengue etc.
- Thus, although dams are built to serve society with multiple uses, but it has serious side-effects. That is why now there is a shift towards construction of small dams, mini-hydel/ micro-hydel projects.

# **MINERAL RESOURCES**

- Minerals are naturally occurring, inorganic crystalline solids having a definite chemical composition and characteristic physical properties – Silicates, carbonates, sulfides, halides, oxide etc.
- However, most of the rocks, we see are just composed of a few common minerals like quartz, feldspar, biotite, dolomite, calcite, laterite etc.

- These minerals, in turn, are composed elements like oxygen, silicon, aluminium, calcium, magnesium etc

## USES AND EXPLOITATION

- (i) Development of industrial plants and machinery.
- (ii) Generation of energy e.g. coal, lignite, uranium.
- (iii) Construction, housing, settlements

- iv) Defence equipments - weapons, armaments.
- (v) Transportation means.
- (vi) Communication- telephone wires electronic devices.
- (vii) Medicinal system - particularly Ayurvedic System.
- (viii) Formation of alloys for various (e.g., phosphorite). – Calcium phosph

- ix) Agriculture as fertilizers, seed dressings, fungicides (e.g. zineb containing zinc, Maneb-containing manganese etc. is a fungicide) – used in wheat storage and inhibiting ripening of fruit.
- (x) Jewellery e.g., Gold, silver, platinum, diamond.
- (xi) Permanent magnets of rare earth elements, Wind energy, Semiconductors etc.

# **Types of Minerals**

- Based on their properties, minerals basically of two types:
- (i) Non - metallic minerals e.g. graphite, diamond, quartz, feldspar etc.
- (ii) Metallic minerals e.g. Bauxite, iron, haematite etc.
- Human history periods are named after minerals as Bronze Age and Iron Age.

- The reserves of metals and the techniques to extract them have been the elements in determining the economic and political power of nations.
- Li , other rare earth elements?
- Out of the various metals, the one used in maximum quantity is Iron and steel (74 metric tons annually) followed by manganese, copper, chromium, aluminium and Nickel.

# **Major reserves and importance of some of the major metals**

<b>Metal</b>	<b>Major World Reserves</b>	<b>Major Uses</b>
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**Aluminium :** Australia, Guinea, Jamaica

Uses : Packaging food items, transportation, utensils, electronics.

**Chromium:**

Kazakhstan, , South Africa, India

Uses : For making high strength steel alloys, In textile/tanning industries.

**Cr (VI) ?**

**Copper:**

**U.S.A., Canada, Chile, Zambia**

**Uses :Electric and electronic goods,  
building, construction, vessels etc.**

**Iron : Australia, Brazil, Russia, China**

**Uses : Heavy machinery, steel production  
transportation means.**

**Lead : Australia, China, Peru , Mexico, U**

- Uses : Car batteries, radiation protective paints, ammunition
- Manganese
- South Africa, Ukraine and Brazil
- Uses : For making high strength, heatresistant steel alloys..

- **Platinum**
- **South Africa, Canada, US, Zambia, Australia**
- **Uses : in automobiles, catalytic converters, electronics, medical uses.**
  
- **Gold**
- **Australia, Russia, South Africa, Indonesia**
- **Uses : Ornaments, medical use, electrical use in aerospace..**

- **Silver :**
- **Peru, Australia, Poland**
- **Uses : Photography, electronics , jewel**
- **Cobalt :**
- **DR Congo, Australia, Indonesia, Cuba, Philippines, Russia, Canada, Madagascar, USA.**
- **Uses : Aircraft engines, gas turbines, nuclear reactors, Super alloys , cemented carbides, catalytic converters, and batteries.**

- Nickel :
- Indonesia, Australia, Brazil, Russia, Cuba, , Philip
- Uses : Chemical industry, steel alloys, catalysts, coins.

**Lithium** : With 8 million tons, Chile has the world's known lithium reserves. This puts the South American country ahead of Australia (2.7 million tons), Argentina (1.5 million tons) and China (1 million tons).

Uses : Storage batteries for solar and wind power, batteries for mobile phones, laptops, digital cameras, electric vehicles, catalysts ( La and Ce ) etc.

# Rare Earth Metals

- Rare-earth ore deposits are found all over the world.
- The major ores are in **China, the United States, Australia, and Russia**, while other viable ones are found in **Canada, India, South Africa, and southeast Asia**.
- Rare earth elements (REEs) and rare metals are ingredients for glass, lights, magnets, batteries, catalytic converters, and used in everything from phones to cars. For example, to make the magnets for one wind turbine, you need about 300 kilograms of neodymium.

# Rare earth and energy are key for AI/ML in future

- Artificial intelligence (AI) depends heavily on hardware made with rare earths. These materials support everything from data centers to processors running complex learning algorithms. Dysprosium and terbium boost magnet strength in AI-powered robots.
- The other thing this would require is energy. In the future.
- Renewable energy also requires rare earth metals like

- Rare earth elements are key to the development and utilization of renewable energy technologies. Their properties allow the production of solar panels, electric vehicles, wind turbines, energy storage devices, catalytic converters, and hydrogen production.
- <https://www.stanfordmaterials.com/knowledge-base/applications-of-rare-earth-elements-in-renewable-energy.html#:~:text=Rare%20earth%20elements%20are%20key,catalytic%20conversion%20and%20hydrogen%20production>.

- Wind Turbines are one of the most applications of REEs, particularly to wind energy. The production of wind turbines relies on REEs, including neodymium, praseodymium, dysprosium and terbium, which are used to make high-strength permanent magnets.
- Rest you would learn though the As 1.

# **Major uses of some non-metallic minerals**

- **Silicate minerals** : Sand and gravel for construction, bricks, paving
- **Limestone** : Used for concrete, building stone, used in agriculture for neutralising acid soils, used in **cement industry**.
- **Gypsum** : Used in plaster wall-board, agriculture, mixing in cement.

- Potash, phosphorite : Used as fertiliser
- Sulphur pyrites : Used in medicine, battery, metallurgical industries

Australia, South Africa, the United States of America, Canada, etc. are having the world reserves of most of the metallic minerals.

- The U.S. has abundant supplies of copper, lead, iron, natural gas, timber, bauxite, and uranium.
- Gold
- Rich nations ?
- Why some countries are rich ?
- India' Golden sparrow- Padmanabha temple- Thiruvanthapuram, Kerala

- Due to huge Mineral and Energy resources (due to Scientific and Technological advancements and maximum Nobel Prizes), the USA became the richest and the most powerful nation in the world in even less than 200 years.
- Japan too needs a mention here, as there are virtually no metal reserves, coal, oil and gas resources in Japan and it is totally dependent on other countries for its resources –  
**Japan is a technologically Advanced and largest Economy of the World.**

- it has developed energy efficient technologies to process these resources to high quality finished products to support its economy.
- Minerals are sometimes classified as Critical and Strategic for economic development.
- Critical minerals are essential for the economy e.g. iron, aluminium, copper, gold etc.
- Strategic minerals are those required for the defence of a country e.g. Manganese, cobalt, platinum, chrome etc.
- Lithium is important for Renewable Energy sources.
- Rare earth elements are essential for developing wind energy, transition technologies, and digitalization technologies, such as electric motors, wind turbines, batteries [5]. High-tech devices, medical equipment, military systems all rely heavily on rare earth elements (REEs).

# **Some Major Minerals of India- deleted**

**(a) Energy generating minerals -  
Coal and lignite : West Bengal, Jharkhand,  
Orissa, M.P., A.P.**

**Uranium (Pitchblende or Uranite ore)  
Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh (Nellore,  
Nalgonda), Meghalaya, Rajasthan (Ajmer)**

## **Other commercially used minerals**

- **Aluminium (Bauxite ore)** : Jharkhand, West Bengal, Maharashtra, M.P., Tamil Nadu.

**Iron (haematite and magnetite ore)** : Jharkhand, Orissa, M.P., A.P., Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Goa.

- **Copper (Copper Pyrites)** : Rajasthan (Khetri), Jharkhand, Karnataka, M.P., West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Uttaranchal.

# Mineral Resources Rank of

- India's major mineral resources include Coal (2nd largest reserves in the world), Iron ore, Manganese ore and Bauxite (7th largest, Mica (8th), Natural gas, Diamonds, Limestone and Thorium.
  - Internet :
  - Is India rich in Mineral resources?

[accessed on Sept. 02, 2023.](https://www.google.com/search?q=Is+India+rich+in+Mineral+resources%3F+++%3A+%0D%0A+z=1C1YTUH_enIN1045IN1045&biw=1067&bih=461&sxsrf=AB5stBg2NpljOUFZTCL_qFuF-0tuMs&ei=O3f0ZKy8DK2c4-EP98yCsAs&ved=0ahUKEwjsxycI6BAxUtzjgGHXemALYQ4dUDCA8&uac=Mineral+resources%3F+++%3A+%0D%0A&gs_ip=Egxnd3Mtd2I6LXNlcnAiKUlzIEluZGlhIHJpY2ggvdXjjZXm_ICAgOiAKMgcQIxjqAhgnMgcQIxjqAhgnMgcQIxjqAhgnMgcQIxjqAhgnMgcQIxjqAhgnMgcQIxjqAhgnMgcQIxjqAhgnMgcQIxjqAhgnMhcYQABgDGI8BGOoCGLQCGIwDGOUC2AEBCQCGIwDGOUC2AEBMhYQABgDGI8BGOoCGLQCGIwDGOUC2AEBMhYQABgDGI8BGOoCGLQCGIwDGOUC2AEBMhYQABgDGI8BGOoCGLQCGIwDGOUC2AEBSIYzUABY0ilwAXgBkAEAmAEAqgEAuAEDyAEA-AEB-AECqAIU4gMEGAA&sclient=gws-wiz-serp)

# **India's merchandise export in (April-January) was USD 335.4 (B).**

- Refined Petroleum (\$25.3B),
- Packaged Medicaments (\$17.8B),
- Diamonds (\$16B),
- Rice (\$8.21B),
- Jewellery (\$7.57B),
- Exporting mostly to United States (\$ 49.5B), China (\$18.5B), United Arab Emirates (\$15.2B), Hong Kong (\$ 9.18 B), and Germany (\$10.8B).

# **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MINERAL EXTRACTION AND USE**

- **Indian Scenario :** India is the producer of minerals the annual value of which is Rs. 50,000 crore.
- **At least six major mines need a mention which are known for causing severe environmental problems**

- (i) Jaduguda Uranium Mine, Jharkhand exposing local people to radioactive waste.
- (ii) Jharia coal mines, Jharkhand under fire leading to land subsidence and displacement of people.
- (iii) Sukinda chromite mines, Orissa release of hexavalent chromium into river posing serious health hazard, Cr 6+ being highly toxic and carcinogenic.

- Kudremukh iron ore mine, Karnataka causing river pollution and threat to biodiversity.
- (v) East coast Bauxite mine, Orissa encroachment and issue of rehabilitation unsettled.
- (vi) North-Eastern Coal Fields, Assam high sulphur contamination of grou

# **Impacts of mining:**

**Examples - Digging Sand , Gravel and Gold.**

**Mining is done to extract minerals (or fuels) from deep deposits in soil by using sub-surface mining or from shallow deposits – Kolar Gold mines.**

- The former method is more destructive, dangerous and expensive including occupational hazards and accidents**

## **Surface mining can make use of the following three types**

- :
- (a) **Open-pit mining** in which machines dig holes and remove the ores (e.g. copper, gravel, limestone, sandstone, marble, granite).
- (b) **Dredging** in which chained buckets or draglines are used which scrap up the minerals from under-water mineral beds.

- (c) **Strip mining** in which the ore is **stripped off** by using **bulldozers, power shovels and stripping wheels** (e.g. phosphate rock)
- The environmental damage caused by mining activities as follows :

- (i) **Devegetation and defacing of landscape**: topsoil as well as the vegetation are removed from the mining area to get access to the deposit.
- **Large scale deforestation or devegetation** leads to several ecological losses.
- (ii). **Subsidence of land**: This is mainly associated with underground mining, e.g., tilting of buildings, cracks in houses, buckling of roads etc. .

- ( iii). **Groundwater contamination :** **disturbs the natural hydrological pr**  
and also pollutes the groundwater.
- Sulphur, usually present as an impu  
many ores is known to get converted  
**sulphuric acid through microbial act**
- Some heavy metals also get leached  
**groundwater and contaminate it pos**  
health hazards.

- (iv). Surface water pollution: The acid drainage/ leachates often contaminates nearby streams and lakes.
- The acidic water is detrimental to many aquatic life.
- (v) Air pollution : In order to separate the metal from other impurities in the smelting is done which emits enormous quantities of air pollutants damaging the vegetation nearby and has serious environmental health impacts. .

- (vi) **Occupational Health Hazards :**  
the **miners** suffer from **various resp**  
**and skin diseases** due to constant ex  
the suspended particulate matter a  
substances.
- (vii) **Noise and vibrations.**

## **Remedial measures: EIA, NAB**

- Safety of mine workers should be the subject of industry.
- Adverse impacts of mining - Eco-friendly mining technology. should be adopted.
- The low-grade ores can be better utilized using microbial-leaching technique *Acidithiobacillus ferrooxidans* which is more environment friendly.

- Restoration of mined areas by re-vegetating them with appropriate plant species, stabilization of the mined lands, gradual restoration of flora, prevention of toxic drainage discharge and conforming standards of air emissions are essential in minimizing environmental impacts.

# **LAND RESOURCES**

- **LAND AS A RESOURCE**
- **Land is a finite and valuable resource upon which we depend for our food, fiber and fuel basic amenities of life.**
- **Soil, especially the top soil, is classified as a renewable resource because it is continually regenerated by natural process though at a slow rate.**
- **About 200-1000 years are needed for the formation of one inch or 2.5 cm soil, depending upon the climate and the soil type.**

# Country with most arable land

- Arable land is defined by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as land currently used, or potentially capable of being used, to grow seasonal crops (Arable Area)

In Acres

United States	389,767,633
India	385,641,557
Russia	300,594,679
China	295,220,748

# **Green Revolution in India-**

- Land use statistics by country
- Rank Country Arable land (%)

• 1	India	50.4
• 2	United States	16.8
• 3	Russia	7.3
• 4	China	11.3,
- Adoption of technology, such as the ultra-high yielding variety (HYV) seeds, mechanized tools, irrigation facilities, pesticides, and fertilizers.- Norman Borlaug – Dwarf wheat variety.
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# Explained before ?

- Rank Country Arable Hectares Arable Hectares
- 1 United States 157,736,800 389,767,633
- 2 India 156,067,000 385,641,557
- 3 Russia 121,649,000 300,594,679
- 4 China 119,474,200 295,220,748
- 5 Algeria 75,050,017 185,448,592
- 6 Brazil 55,762,000 137,787,902
- 7 Nigeria 34,000,000 84,014,000
- 8 Ukraine 32,924,000 81,355,204
- 9 Argentina 32,632,760 80,635,550
- 10 Australia 30,573,000 75,545,883

# Total Areawise countries

**Algeria                    185,448,592**

(<https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings-by-country>, Accessed on Septamber 09, 2022).

**Total Areawise countries :**

- 1. Russia. Area: 17,125,000 square kilometres.**
- 2. Canada. Area: 9,984,670 square kilometres.**
- 3. China. Area: 9,572,900 square kilometres.**
- 4. United States of America. Area: 9,525,067 square kilometres.**
- 5. Brazil. Area: 8,515,767 square kilometres. ...**
- 6. Australia. ...**
- 7. India. ...**
- 8. Argentina**

# **LAND DEGRADATION**

- With increasing population growth demands for arable land for produce fibre and fuelwood is also increasing.
- More population more land degradation due to overexploitation.
- The average annual erosion rate is times more than the renewal rate.

# Degradation of Land

- Soil erosion, water-logging, salinization, contamination of the soil with industrial wastes like fly-ash, press-mud or heavy metals all cause degradation of land.
- **SOIL EROSION**
- Soil erosion results in the loss of fertile top soil layer.
- Two thirds of the seriously degraded land is in Asia and Africa.

# Type of Soil Erosion

- Soil erosion is of **two types**
- (i) **Normal erosion or geologic erosion** caused by the gradual removal of topsoil by natural processes. There is a balance between erosion and renewal.
- (ii). **Accelerated erosion:** This is mainly caused by **anthropogenic (man-made)** activities and the rate of erosion is much faster than the rate of formation of soil.

- Overgrazing, deforestation and mining important activities causing accelerated soil erosion.
- AGENTS OF SOIL EROSION :
- There are two types of agents which cause soil erosion:
- (i) Climatic agents: Water and wind are climatic agents of soil erosion. Water causes soil erosion in the form of torrential rains, flow of water along slopes, run-off, wave action, melting of snow/ice.
- (ii). Biotic agents: Excessive grazing, mining, deforestation are the major biotic agents responsible for soil erosion.

# The 7 methods of soil conservation

- These methods include
  - (1). Installing biodegradable erosion control mats,(2). Practicing crop rotation, (3). implementing conservation tillage,(4). no-till farming, (5). strip farming,(6). terrace farming and (7). using diversion structures.
  - Preventing soil erosion is essential for maintaining soil health, crop yield, and ecosystem services.

## **SOIL CONSERVATION PRACTICE** May be defined as

- (i) **Conservational till farming:** or minimum tillage, is a broadly defined that includes no-till, strip till, ridge till, and conservation till systems. These techniques maintain plant residues ( mulch) of previous crop on at least 30% of the soil surface after tillage activities.

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# Conservation tillage,



## **May be deleted**

**Inject seeds, fertilizers, herbicides and water in the slit, so that the seed germinates and the crop grows successfully without competition with weeds.**

**(ii) Contour farming:** On gentle slopes, crops are grown in rows across, rather than down, a practice known as contour farming.

**Each row planted horizontally along the contours of the land.**

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- **Terracing :**

**It is used on still steeper slopes. These areas are converted into a series of broad terraces across the contour.**

**(iv) Strip cropping:** Here strips of crops are alternated with strips of soil saving cover grasses or grass-legume mixture. Whatever comes from the cropped soil is retained by the covercrop and this reduces soil erosion. Fixing legumes also help in restoring soil

## **Fallow land – Land left without cropping to gain nutrients**

- (vi) **Alley cropping:** It is a form of intercropping in which crops are planted between rows of trees or shrubs. This is also called Agroforestry.

## **Water Logging**

- In order to provide congenial moisture for growing crops, farmers usually apply heavy irrigation to their farmland. Also, in order to leach down the salts deeper into the soil, farmer provides more irrigation.

## **LANDSLIDES**

- Various anthropogenic activities like hydroelectric projects, large dams, reconstruction of roads and railway lines, construction of buildings, mining etc are responsible for clearing of large forests.
- These result in landslide.

They also increase the turbidity of various streams, thereby reducing their productivity.

# About 29.32 % land degradation desertification in India - 2

- **DESERTIFICATION**
- Desertification is a process whereby the potential of arid or semiarid ( receiving less lands falls by ten percent or so.
- Severe desertification results in more than in productivity and usually creates huge g sand dunes.
- Desertification leads to the conversion of i.e., grasslands or irrigated croplands to dry conditions in which agricultural productiv

# Desertification

- Desertification is characterized by **devegetation and loss of vegetal overgrowth, depletion of groundwater, salinization, and severe soil erosion.**

## Causes of Desertification:

Formation of deserts may take place

- (1). Due to natural phenomena like climate change or may be due to abusive use of land. (2). Anthropogenic activities

# **The major anthropogenic acts responsible for desertification**

- (a) Deforestation:
- (b) Overgrazing
- : (c) Mining and quarrying.
- **Xenobiotics are chemical substances that are foreign to animal life and thus includes such examples as pharmaceutical constituents, drugs, pesticides, cosmetics, flavorings, fragrances, food additives, industrial chemicals and environmental pollutants.**

**THERE IS A NEED OF INDIVIDUAL EFFOTS IN THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES.**

**Map of Desertification in India -**



# **Conserve Water**

**Do not keep water taps running while  
shaving, washing or bath in the fountains**

**In washing machines fill the machine only  
level required for your clothes.**

**I Install water-saving toilets that use not  
6 liters per flush.**

**I Check for water leaks in pipes and toilets  
repair them promptly. A small pin-hole size  
will lead to the wastage of 640 liters of water  
per month.**

- I Reuse the soapy water of washing clothes for washing off the courtyards, driveways etc.
- I Water the plants in your kitchen-gardens in the evening when evaporation losses are minimum. Never water the plants in mid-day.
- I Use drip irrigation and

**and sprinkling irrigation to improve irrigation efficiency and reduce evapo**

- I Install a small system to capture rain and collect normally wasted used water from sinks, cloth-washers, bathtubs etc. which can be used for watering the plants.
- I Build rain water harvesting system in my house. Even the President of India is doing this.

# **ENERGY RESOURCES**

- Energy consumption of a nation is usually considered as an index of its development.
- This is because almost all the developmental activities are directly or indirectly dependent upon energy.
- Early man used it for cooking and heating purposes. Wind and hydropower have been in use for the last 10,000 years.
- Germany – Falling water

- The invention of steam engines replaced burning of wood by coal and coal was replaced to a great extent by oil. In to Yom –Kippur War and Iranian revolution and Oil Politics – there was Oil Crisis
- Due to Arab oil embargo the prices went up. This ultimately led to exploration of several alternate and nonconventional sources of energy - CES

# **GROWING ENERGY NEEDS**

- Agriculture, industry, mining, transportation, cooling and heating in buildings all need energy.
- With INCREASE IN population the world is facing further energy deficit. The fossil fuels like coal and natural gas which at present are supplying ALMOST 80 - 90% of the commercial energy needs of the world resources are not going to last for many years.
- Our life style is changing very fast and from the simple way of life we are shifting to a luxurious life.

- Developed countries like U.S.A. and constitute about 5% of the world,s population but consume one fourth energy resources.
- An average person there consumes (Giga Joules,equal to 60 barrels of oil) per year. By contrast, an average man in a country like Bhutan, Nepal or Ethiopia consumes less than 1 GJ in a year.

- Global energy demand rose by 2.2% in reaching nearly 650 EJ.
- In 2023, India's primary energy consumption listed as the third largest in the World, at 94.28 exajoules (EJ) behind China (170.74 EJ) and the USA (94.28 EJ). Per person, energy consumption in India is 27.3 gigajoules (GJ) compared to 277.3 GJ in China and 277.3 GJ in US in 2023.

Exajoule is equal to 10 raised to the power of 18 joules

# **90 % villages in India elect**

- Today, India is the third largest energy consumer in the world.
- India has large population and Rural population (as a percentage of total population) in India was reported at 45.9% in 2021 - according to the World Bank collected data from various national development indicators, compiled from other recognized sources.
- As of June 2025, India's total installed power generation capacity has reached a significant milestone with 450 GW, achieved by 240 GW of thermal, 110.9 GW of solar, 100 GW of wind power, marking a strong shift towards renewable energy and energy security.

# **RENEWABLE AND NON-RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES**

- Renewable Resources which can be generated continuously in nature and are inexhaustible e.g. wood, solar energy, energy, tidal energy, hydropower, biomass energy, biofuels, geothermal energy and hydrogen.
- They are also known as non-conventional sources of energy and they can be used again and again in an endless manner

# **Non-renewable Energy Res**

- Non-renewable Resources which have accumulated in nature over a long time and cannot be quickly replenished e.g. coal, petroleum, natural gas and nuclear fuels like uranium and thorium.
- It took millions of years for the coal to be formed out of wood and petroleum and natural gas to be formed from the dead marine animals.

## **(a) Renewable Energy Resources**

- **Solar energy:** Sun is the ultimate source of energy, directly or indirectly for all other forms of energy.
- **Our Sun is about halfway through its life cycle, so don't worry. It still has about 5,000,000,000—five billion—years to go.**
- The solar energy received by the near Earth space is approximately 1.4 kilojoules/square centimetre per second, known as solar constant.

**Solarimeter - is a pyranometer, a type of radiometer, a measuring device used to measure components of direct and diffuse solar radiation.**

- Traditionally, we have been using solar energy for drying clothes and food-grains, preparing of eatables and for obtaining salt from sea water.
- Solar heat collectors :
  - These can be passive or active in nature. Passive solar heat collectors are natural materials like stones, bricks etc. or material like glass which absorb heat during the day time and release slowly at night. Glaubers salt - Sodium sulphate decahydrate ( 32 deg. C).

- **(iii) Solar cooker:**
- **Solar cookers make use of solar heat by reflecting solar radiations using a mirror directly on a sheet which covers the black insulated box in which the raw food is kept .**
- **(iv) Solar water heater:**
- **It consists of an insulated box painted black inside and having a glass lid to receive and reflect heat. Inside the box it has black painted coils through which cold water is made to flow which gets heated and flows out into a storage tank.**
- **The hot water from the storage tank fitted at the top is then supplied through pipes into buildings, hotels and hospitals.**

**Active solar collectors pump a heat absorbing medium (air or water) through a small collector is normally placed on the top of the building.**

### **Solar cells/ PV cells :**

**They are also known as photovoltaic cells or PV cells.**  
**Solar cells are made of thin wafers of semi-conducting materials like silicon. When solar radiation falls on them, a potential difference is produced which causes a flow of electrons and produce electricity. – p-n junction.**

# Doping of solar cells

- Usually silicon is used in two layers, one being doped with boron, the other phosphorus. These layers have different chemical electron charges and subsequently both drive and control the current of electrons.
- Phosphorus is n –type dopant, others –
  - ( For generating electrons) .
  - Boron is a p-type dopant, other is Indium.
  - ( For moving positive holes to the n – type layer by receiving electrons from the p- type doped semiconductor).

- N-type materials increase the conductivity of a semiconductor by increasing the number of available electrons; P-type materials increase the conductivity by increasing the number of holes present.
- P-N junctions are formed by joining n-type and p-type semiconductor materials, as shown in the figure in the next slide. Since the n-type has a high electron concentration and the p-type has a high hole concentration, electrons diffuse from the n-type side to the p-type side.

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in Depletion Zone  
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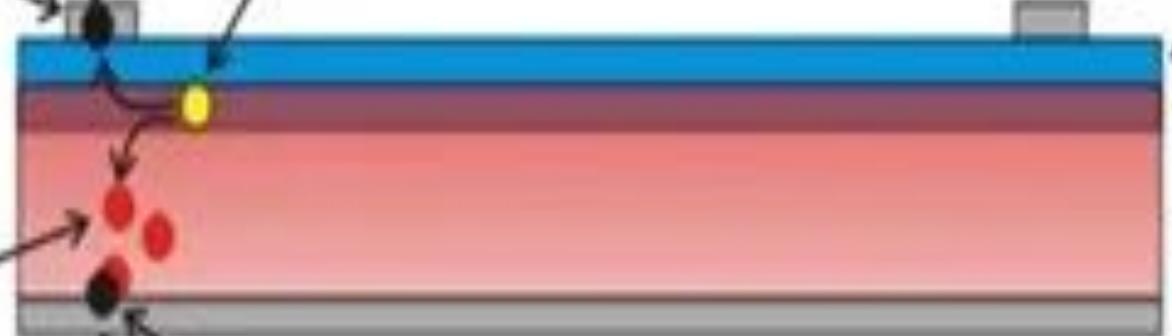
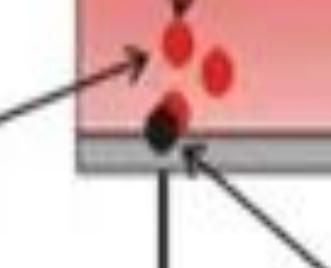
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## Top Uses for Solar Energy

Power Fans



Charge B



Heat Home & Water

Heat Swimming Pool



# **Video on photovoltaic power generation**

- [https://www.google.com/search?q=video+on+photovo%3B+generation+sca\\_esv=5b71dfa89013eb9f&rlz=1C1YUH\\_enUS600US600&xsr=AE3TifP6eQMTH8lrMnA5swvxl\\_DoxK1Obw%3A175791DlaKDjlZeqseMPIs\\_02Qo&ved=0ahUKEwjgyu3AqNuPAxUsQ4dUDCBA&uact=5&oq=video+on+photovo%3Btaic+pow&gs\\_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2I6LXNlcnAiJ3ZpZGVvIG9uIHBob3RvdmdlcIBnZW5lcmF0aW9uIDIHECEYoAEYCjIHECEYoAEYCjIFECEFSPuRAVAAWOO MAXABeAGQAQCYAbQBoAHmLaoBBDAu4AQGYAiigArcvqAIKwglHECMYJxjqAsICChAjGIAEGCcYigXCAGAYgAQYkQIYigXCAgsQABiABBixAxidAcICCBAAGIAEGLEDwPCAggQLhiABBjIBMICChAAGIAEGEMYigXCAgsQLhiABBixAxEGLEDGEMYigXCAgUQABiABMICChAAGIAEGAIYywHCAgcOEAAYDRgewglIEAAAYCBgNGB7CAgsQABiABBiGAXiKBcICCBAAEAY7wWYAw3xBa-Si7ulAXoikgcEMS4zOaAHxIACsgcEMCwLjE5LjE4LjPIB60B&sclient=gws-wiz-serp#fpstate=ive&vldid:FQXkMt0Zm1A,st:0](https://www.google.com/search?q=video+on+photovo%3B+generation+sca_esv=5b71dfa89013eb9f&rlz=1C1YUH_enUS600US600&xsr=AE3TifP6eQMTH8lrMnA5swvxl_DoxK1Obw%3A175791DlaKDjlZeqseMPIs_02Qo&ved=0ahUKEwjgyu3AqNuPAxUsQ4dUDCBA&uact=5&oq=video+on+photovo%3Btaic+pow&gs_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2I6LXNlcnAiJ3ZpZGVvIG9uIHBob3RvdmdlcIBnZW5lcmF0aW9uIDIHECEYoAEYCjIHECEYoAEYCjIFECEFSPuRAVAAWOO MAXABeAGQAQCYAbQBoAHmLaoBBDAu4AQGYAiigArcvqAIKwglHECMYJxjqAsICChAjGIAEGCcYigXCAGAYgAQYkQIYigXCAgsQABiABBixAxidAcICCBAAGIAEGLEDwPCAggQLhiABBjIBMICChAAGIAEGEMYigXCAgsQLhiABBixAxEGLEDGEMYigXCAgUQABiABMICChAAGIAEGAIYywHCAgcOEAAYDRgewglIEAAAYCBgNGB7CAgsQABiABBiGAXiKBcICCBAAEAY7wWYAw3xBa-Si7ulAXoikgcEMS4zOaAHxIACsgcEMCwLjE5LjE4LjPIB60B&sclient=gws-wiz-serp#fpstate=ive&vldid:FQXkMt0Zm1A,st:0)

# **Use of Fresnel lenses also -**

- The use of Fresnel lens is to magnify the light intensity from the sun to achieve higher solar collectability of solar panel which may increase power output.

## **(v) Solar furnace:**

Here thousands of small plane mirrors are arranged around concave reflectors, all of which collect the solar energy and produce as high a temperature as  $3000^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

One may use concentrating lenses also but it depends upon the economy.

Use of solar energy for solvent extractors and reactions at IIT Delhi.

- (vi) Solar power plant :
- Solar energy is harnessed on a large scale concave reflectors/ solar concentrators w boiling of water to produce steam. The st drives a generator to produce electricity. power plant (50 K Watt capacity) has bee at Gurugram, Haryana.

Several solar photovoltaic systems are being India lately at Karnataka, Telengana, Rajasthan, Prades and Gujarat ( Bhuj ) etc.

- The Bhadla Solar Park is a solar power plant located in the Thar Desert of Rajasthan, India. It covers an area of 56 square kilometers and has a total capacity of 2,245 megawatts (MW), making it the largest and the 11th-largest solar park in the world as of 2024.
- The NTPC REL Khavda Solar Park (NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd.) is set to surpass the Bhadla Solar Park to become the biggest solar power plant in India, with a proposed capacity of 4,750 MW. The construction of this facility is currently underway in Bhuj, Gujarat.

**As of July 2025, India's cumulative solar power capacity stands at 119.02 GW, which includes 90.09 GW from ground-mounted solar plants, 19.88 GW from grid-connected rooftop installations, 3.06 GW from hybrid projects, and 5.09 GW from off-grid installations, reflecting the country's diverse and rapidly expanding solar energy landscape.**



# **WIND ENERGY**

- The high speed winds have a lot of energy. We can harness some of them as kinetic energy due to their motion. The driving force of the winds is the wind energy. Wind energy is harnessed by making wind mills. The blades of the wind mill rotate continuously due to the striking wind.

# **Height –10 – 200 meters**

- These wind farms are ideally located in coastal regions, open grasslands or hilly regions, particularly mountain passes and ridges where the wind is strong and steady. The minimum wind speed required for satisfactory working of a wind generator is 10 km/hr.
- Global status: India has fourth largest wind power installed capacity and is third largest renewable energy producer in the world. Significant growth in wind power capacity has been recorded from 21.04 GW in 2014 to 51.5 in May 2022. Renewable Energy: Wind power is the second largest contributor to India's renewable energy mix after solar power.

# Wind Mills in India



# HYDROPOWER

- The water flowing in a river is collected by constructing a big dam where the water is allowed to fall from a height.
- The blades of the turbine located at the base of the dam move with the fast moving water and turn rotate the generator and produces electricity according to Faradays law of Induction.
- The hydropower potential of India is estimated to be about  $4 \times 10^{12}$  raised to the power 11KW-hrs.
- Till now we have utilized only a little more than 1% of this potential.

# Hydroelectric Power Gewinnung



# TIDAL ENERGY

- Ocean tides produced by gravitational sun and moon contain enormous amount of energy. The high tide and low tide refer to the rise and fall of water in the oceans.
- There are only a few sites in the world where tidal energy can be suitably harnessed. One such site is the Bay of Fundy Canada having 17-18 m high tides with a theoretical power generation potential of 5,000 MW of power generation.
- **Wave energy** can also be used for power generation.

- **The tidal mill at La Rance, France is first modern tidal power mill.**
- **In India Gulf of Cambay, Gulf of Kutch the Sunder bans deltas are the tidal sites.**

# **OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY CONVERSION (OTEC)**

- The energy available due to the difference in temperature of water at the surface of tropical oceans and at deeper levels is Ocean Thermal Energy. A difference of more is required between surface water and deeper water of ocean for operating OTEC (Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion) power plants.
- The warm surface water of ocean is used as a liquid like ammonia.

- The high pressure vapours of the liquid formed by boiling liquid are then used in the turbine of a generator and produce electricity – Rankine cycle.
- The colder water from the deeper ocean is pumped to cool and condense the vapour into liquid. Thus the process keeps on continuing continuously for 24 hours a day.

The ten countries with the most renewable energy production in 2022 are:

Norway, Sweden, Brazil, New Zealand, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Switzerland, Finland, and Colombia

- **Renewables 2022 Global Status Report**  
India Ranks **Third** Globally, After China and the U.S., For Total Renewable Power Addition In 2021.
- As per IRENA RE Statistics 2025, India ranks **Second** Globally in Renewable Energy Installed Capacity. It is **4th** in Wind Power, and **3rd** in Solar Power installed capacity. Expansion in Renewable Energy Installed RE capacity has grown from 76.37 GW in March 2014 to 226.79 GW by March 2025, an increase of nearly 3 times.

# **GEOTHERMAL ENERGY**

- The energy harnessed from the heat present inside the earth is called geothermal energy. High temperature, high pressure steam fields exist below the earth's surface in many places.
- In some places, the steam or the hot water comes out of the ground naturally through cracks in the form of natural geysers. Manikaran, Kullu and Sohna, Haryana are some such places.

## **Jharia ?**

- In USA and New Zealand, there are geothermal plants working successfully.

### **BIOMASS ENERGY**

#### **(a) Energy Plantations:**

Fast growing trees like cottonwood, paulownia, Leucaena, non-woody herbaceous grasses, plants like sugarcane, sweet sorghum, sugar beet, aquatic weeds like water lily, etc.

**and sea-weeds and carbohydrate rich cereal etc. are some of the important plantations.**

- (b) **Agricultural and Urban Waste biofuels**  
**Crop residues, bagasse (sugarcane residue), coconut shells, peanut hulls, cotton stalks etc. are some of the common agricultural wastes which produce energy by burning.**

- Animal dung, fishery and poultry waste, human refuse are examples of biomass.
- In Brazil 30 % of electricity is obtained by burning bagasse.
- In rural India, animal dung cakes are burnt to produce heat. About 80 % of rural heating requirements are/ were met by burning agricultural wastes, wood and animal dung – CBG and LNG Cylinders.

# **Compressed BIOGAS Cylinders**

- Biogas is a mixture of methane, carbon dioxide, hydrogen and hydrogen sulphide, the major constituent being methane. Biogas is produced by anaerobic digestion of animal wastes (and sometimes plant wastes) in the presence of bacteria.
- Biogas plants used in our country are basically of two types:
  - 1. Floating gas-holder type and 2. Fixed dome type- Compressed Biogas – Removal of water vapour.

# Biogas Plant in India



# **BIOFUELS**

- Ethanol can be easily produced from carbohydrate rich substances like sugar. It burns clean and is non-polluting.
- However, as compared to petrol its value is less and therefore, produces less heat than petrol.
- Methanol is very useful since it burns at a lower temperature than gasoline or kerosene.

**One hundred years ago, Rudolf Diesel tested peanut oil for his engine for the first time on August 10, 1893. In the 1930s and 1940s vegetable oils were used as diesel fuel from time to time, usually only in emergencies.**

- **Biodiesel and Green Diesel :**
- **From seed oils : Sunflower oil, Soyabean oil, Jatropha oil, Pongamia oil etc.**
- **Waste cooking oil.**
- **HYDROGEN AS A FUEL**
- **Electrolysis of water using power generated by renewable energy.**
- **Green Hydrogen.**
- **Blue Hydrogen**
- **Brown Hydrogen**
- **Pink Hydrogen.**

## b) Non-Renewable Energy Sources

- COAL
- Coal was formed 255-350 million years ago in the hot, damp regions of the earth during the carboniferous age.
- At the present rate of usage, the coal reserves are likely to last for about 200 years, and if its use increases by 2% per year, will last for another 65 years?

- Peat
- Lignite/ Brown coal. Bituminous coal
- Anthracite
- Production of coal during 2022-23 was 100.00 MT (Provisional) with a positive growth of 8.67%.

- India has almost 9% of the world's total reserves and it has 360 Billion tons ).
- Major coal fields in India are Raniganj, Jharia, Bokaro, Singrauli, and Godavari v

Coking coal is mainly imported in India. A million tons of coking coal is imported by almost same amount was produced by In

# **Coal Capital - Dhanbad**

- The coal states of India are Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal, Bihar, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Anthracite coal occurs only in J & K.
- When coal is burnt it produces carbon dioxide, which is a greenhouse gas responsible for causing enhanced global warming. Fly ash is also produced.
- There are clean coal technologies.

- Coal also contains impurities like sulphur therefore as it burns the smoke contains gases like oxides of sulphur and nitrogen.
- PETROLEUM
- It is the lifeline of global economy. The countries in the world having 67% of the petroleum reserves which together form OPEC (Organization of Petroleum exporting countries). About 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the oil reserves are located in Saudi Arabia.

# Petroleum Refining

- At the present rate of usage, the world's crude oil reserves are estimated to get exhausted in 40 years. Some optimists, however, believe there are some yet undiscovered reserves. Even so, crude oil reserves will last for another 40-50 years.

## Crude petroleum

- Crude oil is a complex mixture of alkane and other hydrocarbons. Hence it has to be purified by the process of fractional distillation, due to which different constituents. – Gasoline, ATF etc. are produced.

# **Refining – Removing S and other impurities from crude oil**

- Oil fractions separate out at different temperatures. ( Petroleum refineries )  
large variety of products from this, namely petroleum LPGs, kerosene, petrol, diesel oil, lubricating oil, paraffin wax, asphalt etc - Petrochemicals
- Petroleum is a cleaner fuel as compared to other fossil fuels as it burns completely and leaves no residue. It is also easier to transport and use. That is the reason why petroleum is preferred among the fossil fuels – IOCL, HPC, BP etc.

# Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)

- The main component of petroleum gas is methane, the other being propane and ethane. Liquefied petroleum gas is easily converted to a liquid form under pressure as LPG.

## NATURAL GAS

It is mainly composed of methane (95%) with small amounts of propane and ethane. Shale gas ( 70-90 % methane ) from shale formations.

- It is a fossil fuel. Natural gas deposits accompany oil deposits because it has formed by decomposing remains of animals and plants buried under the ground.
- Natural gas is the cleanest fossil fuel. It can be easily transported through pipelines. It has a high calorific value of about 34 MJ/m<sup>3</sup> and burns without any smoke.

# LNG imported and used a

- Russia has maximum reserves (40 %) followed by Iran (14%) and USA (7%)
- Natural gas reserves are found in association with all the oil fields in India. Some fields have been found in Tripura, Jharkhand, Off-shore area of Mumbai and the Krishna Godavari Delta - ONGC and GAIL.

# **NUCLEAR ENERGY**

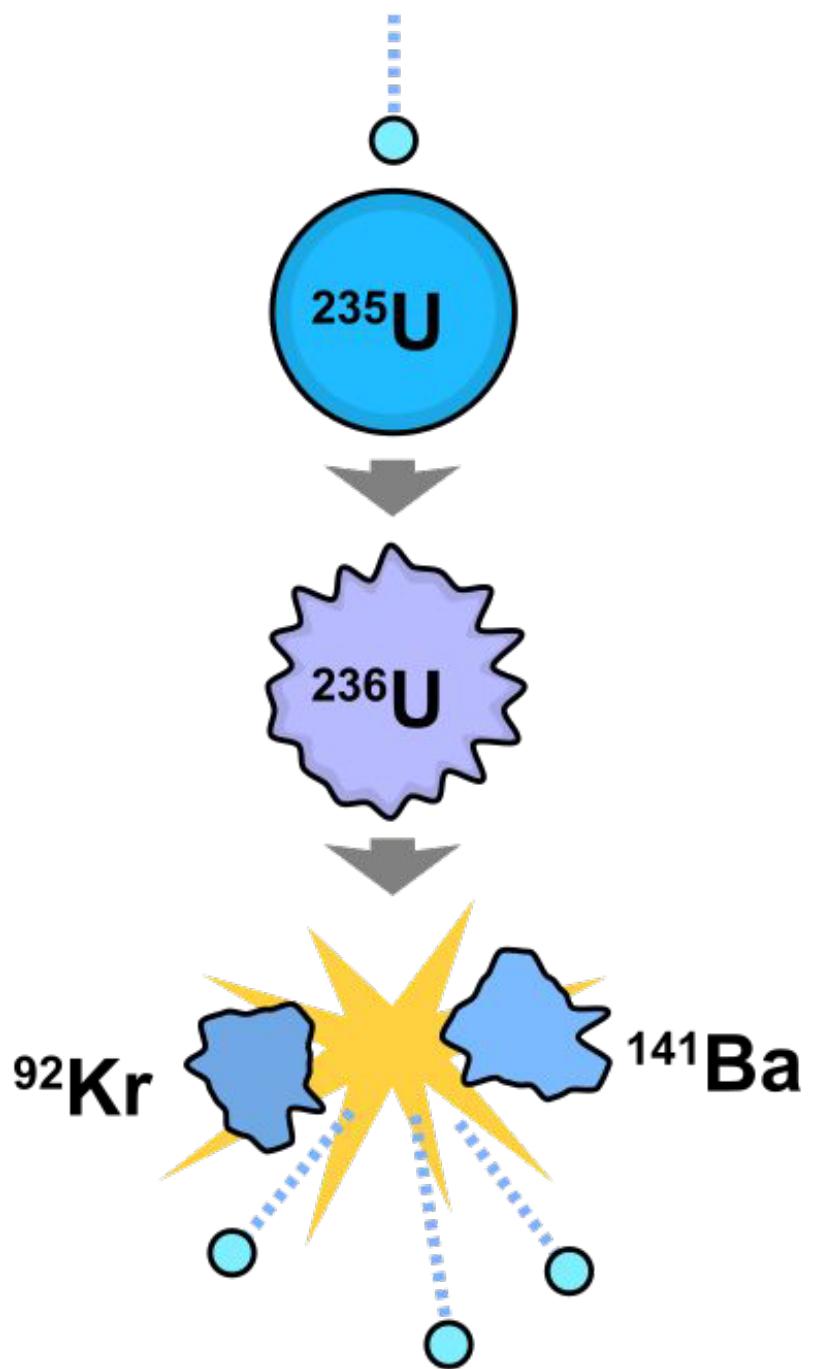
- Nuclear energy is known for its high destructive power as evidenced from weapons. The nuclear energy can also be harnessed for providing commercial energy.
- Nuclear energy can be generated by two types of reactions:
- (i) **Nuclear Fission:** It is the nuclear reaction in which nucleus of certain isotopes undergoes fission in which mass numbers are split into smaller nuclei.

# Nuclear Fuels

lighter nuclei on bombardment by neutrons and a large amount of energy is released through a chain reaction

- $^{92}\text{U}^{235} + 0\text{n}1 \rightarrow 36\text{Kr}^{92} + 56\text{Ba}^{141}$   
Energy
- $\text{U}^{238} + 0\text{ Nu }1 = \text{Pu}^{239} + \text{Energy}$

- A typical nuclear power plant in operation today uses about 2 kg Uranium-235 to generate 1000 megawatts of electricity.
- About 5600 tons ( $5.1 \times 10^6$  kg) of coal are required to produce the same amount of electricity in a conventional power plant.
- Presently, India has 22 operating nuclear reactors, with an installed capacity of 27 MWe.



## **(ii) Nuclear fusion:**

- Here two isotopes of a light element are brought together at extremely high temperatures (tens of billion °C) until they fuse to form a heavier nucleus releasing enormous energy in the process. It is difficult to initiate the process but once it starts it releases more energy than nuclear fission. **Chaos- Containment of heat**
- There are around 20 fusion reactors in the world, all striving to reach the extreme temperatures needed and R & D work is in progress.

- Nuclear Fusion reactions power the other stars. In a fusion reaction, two nuclei merge to form a single heavier nucleus. The process releases energy because the total mass of the resulting single nucleus is less than the mass of the two original nuclei. The leftover mass becomes energy.

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# **Present Energy Scenario**

- Present trend is to go in for the cleaner renewable energy sources such as solar energy mainly
- Use of Electrical vehicles is being encouraged which may be fueled by Fuel cells and Hydrogen
- During COP 21 at Paris some voluntary commitments to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were made - Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) - Lifestyle and Environment' as a key to combating climate change

# **What is India's NDC target by**

- India's NDC has three main elements:
- An emissions-intensity target of 45% below 2005 levels by 2030.
- A target of achieving 50% cumulative share of power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030.
- Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of sustainable lifestyles and climate justice to protect the poor and vulnerable from adverse impacts of climate change

# **EQUITABLE USE OF RESOURCES SUSTAINABLE LIFE STYLE – Background Information**

- There is a big divide in the world as North vs South. Between the more developed countries (MDC's) and less developed countries (LDC's), the haves and have-nots..
- The MDC's have only 22% of world's population but they use 88% of its natural resources, 73% of its energy and command 85% of its income. Industrialisation has contributed a very big proportion to its pollution.
- These countries include USA, Canada, Japan, Australia , New Zealand and Western European Countries.

- The LDCs on the other hand, have very moderate industrial growth, have 75% of world population and use about 12% of natural resources and 27% of energy. Their income is merely 15% of global income. The gap between the two is increasing with time due to sharp increase in population in the LDC's. The rich have grown richer while the poor have stayed poor or gone even poorer.

- As the rich nations are developing more rapidly than others, they are also leading to more pollution and degradation of the environment. The sustainability of the earth's life support system is under threat.
- As the rich nations continue to grow richer, their economic output will reach a limit. If they have a growth rate of 10 % every year, they will show 100 times increase in the next 70 years or so.
- Will this much of growth be sustainable?

- Thus, the two basic causes of unsustainability are over population in poor countries and under consumption of resources by rich countries, which generate wastes.
- In order to achieve sustainable life style it is desirable to achieve a more balanced and equitable distribution of global resources and income to meet everyone's basic needs.

# Top 10: Sustainable Count

- Canada.
- Germany.
- Norway.
- Switzerland.
- Finland.
- Rural Sweden.
- Stockholm, Sweden.
- Denmark.