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Eastern Economic Forum

Relevance: Prelims & Mains Paper II; Int. Orgns.

Russia's Far East

- The region encompasses **one-third of Russia's territory** and contributes to **five per cent of Russia's GDP**.
- Region is **rich with natural resources** such as fish, oil, natural gas, wood, diamonds and other minerals.
- However, the region has **sparse population** and **lack of investment**



Eastern Economic Forum

Relevance: Prelims & Mains Paper II; Int. Orgns.

Eastern Economic Forum

- The Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) was established in **2015** to **encourage foreign investments in the Russia's Far East (RFE)**.
- The EEF **displays the economic potential, suitable business conditions and investment opportunities** in the region.
- Russia hosted the **seventh** Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) Vladivostok from September 5 to 8.

Status

- As of 2022, almost 2,729 investment projects are being planned in the region.
- The agreements focus on infrastructure, transportation projects, mineral excavations, construction, industry and agriculture.
- **China is the largest investor, followed by South Korea and Japan.**
- India has shown interest in making investments.

Tamil Nadu's new breakfast scheme in schools

Relevance: Prelims & Mains Paper II; Governance

About the scheme

- Breakfast Scheme for students of Class I to V in government schools
- Sum of ₹33.56 crore has been set apart for the scheme.
- The scheme covers around around 1.14 lakh students.
- Apart from Mid-day meal scheme

Benefits

- Higher enrollment and attendance rates
- Address malnutrition among children

Queen Elizabeth II's funeral

Relevance: Prelims; Int. issues

Queen's Funeral

- Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral will be held on September 19 at **Westminster Abbey**.
- Westminster Abbey has been the **coronation church** since 1066 and the **final resting place** of 17 monarchs.
- The Abbey has also been the site of about 16 **royal weddings**.
- After the **Queen's husband Prince Philip** passed away on April 9, 2021, his mortal remains were kept in the Royal Vault in St George's Chapel. Following the state funeral, **he will be moved to lie beside Queen Elizabeth II**.

Queen Elizabeth II's coffin

- Made of **English oak**, the Queen's coffin was crafted over three decades ago and is **lined with lead**, to preserve the mortal remains following its burial in a crypt.
- The lead is said to keep **moisture out** by making the coffin airtight.

Queen Elizabeth II's funeral

Relevance: Prelims; Int. issues

Royal symbols

- At Westminster Hall, her coffin rests on a **raised platform** called a **catafalque**.
- Her closed coffin will be **adorned with several objects**— including her **personal flag**, the **Royal Standard flag**, as well as the **Orb and Sceptre**, both of which are **part of the royal family's crown jewels**.
- The Queen received the **orb**, which is also known as the **Sovereign's Orb**, **during her coronation**. Over 300 years old, the orb in essence is a **golden globe with a cross** that is meant to act as a reminder to the monarch that their power is derived from God.

Royal symbols

- The **Sceptre**, too, was received by the Queen **during her coronation**. It has been handed down from monarch to monarch since Charles II in 1661. Both artefacts will eventually be handed over to King Charles III at his coronation.
- The **Imperial State Crown**, formerly worn by **Queen Elizabeth II during her coronation**, will be kept atop her coffin. The **St Edwards Crown**, worn by the Queen during her coronation, will be placed on King Charles III's head, the report further stated.
- Meanwhile the **King's wife, Camilla, the Queen Consort**, will wear the **Crown of Queen Elizabeth**, which features the **Kohinoor diamond**.

Cheetahs imported to India

Relevance: Prelims & Mains Paper III; Environment

Imported from Namibia

- Over 70 years after they went extinct, eight cheetahs have been imported from **Namibia**.
- They are released to **Kuno National park in MP**.
- This is the **first time in the world that a large carnivore will be relocated from one continent to another**.

Reintroducing cheetahs

- **8** African cheetahs
- **3** males and **5** females

will arrive this week!

- India had declared cheetahs extinct in **1952**

Sept 16 HOSEA KUTAKO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NAMIBIA

Boeing 747 "Jumbo Jet" (Modified) JAIPUR

Helicopter KUNO NATIONAL PARK, MADHYA PRADESH

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Q1. Consider the following statements about Cheetah import into India:

1. The Cheetahs were imported from Namibia.
2. The imported Cheetah have been introduced to Kuno wildlife sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh.
3. This is the first time in the world that a large carnivore has been relocated from one continent to another.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 3 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

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