NATIONAL

➢ **India Joins UN's 'Race To Resilience' At COP28**
✓ India has taken a significant step towards addressing the challenges posed by climate change by joining the United Nations' 'Race to Resilience' global campaign.

✓ The Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube) at NIUA, an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, will play a pivotal role in spearheading India's participation in the 'Race to Resilience.'
✓ The 'Race to Resilience' is a worldwide platform that aims to unite non-state actors, investors, businesses, cities, regions, and civil society.
✓ The goal is to enhance the resilience of the most vulnerable communities to the impacts of climate change by 2030.

SCHEMES

➢ **Forest Certification Scheme For Sustainable Management**
✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has introduced the **Indian Forest & Wood Certification Scheme**.

- ✓ This voluntary national certification initiative aims to encourage sustainable forest management and agroforestry practices in India.
- ✓ The scheme encompasses forest management certification, tree outside forest management certification, and chain of custody certification.
- ✓ The Indian Forest and Wood Certification Council will oversee the scheme, acting as a multi-stakeholder advisory body. The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies under the Quality Council of India will accredit certification bodies.

AWARDS

➢ Order of Merit

- ✓ Kabir Bedi was awarded the "Order of Merit of the Italian Republic" (Merito della Repubblica Italiana), the country's highest honour awarded to civilians, at a private ceremony held in Mumbai.

- ✓ The "Order of Merit of the Italian Republic" stands as a testament to Italy's appreciation for those who have made outstanding contributions to society, embodying the nation's values of merit and excellence.
- ✓ The "Order of Merit of the Italian Republic," known as "Merito della Repubblica Italiana" in Italian, is one of Italy's highest honours.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- ➢ **National Energy Conservation Day: December 14**
- ✓ National Energy Conservation Day is observed in India on December 14 every year to celebrate the country's strides in energy efficiency and conservation.

- ✓ National Energy Conservation Day aims to raise awareness about global warming, climate change, and encourage initiatives to conserve energy resources.
- ✓ It also serves as a platform to celebrate India's achievements in energy efficiency and conservation.