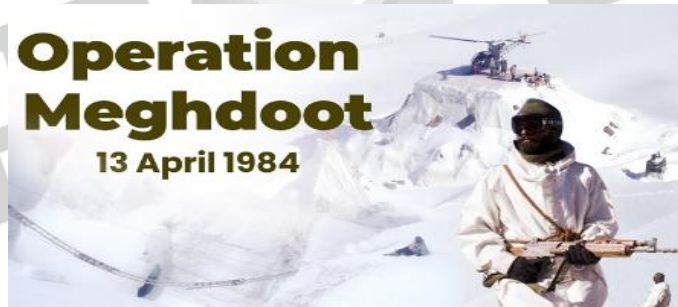


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 16, 2024

DEFENCE

➤ Operation Meghdoot

- ✓ The Indian Army recently commemorated 40 years since 'Operation Meghdoot' began for securing the Siachen Glacier.

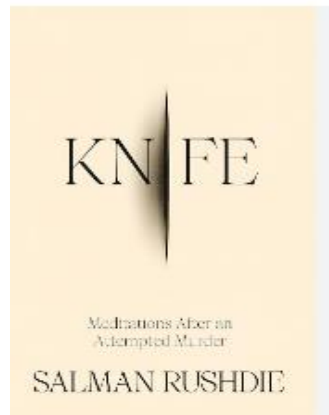


- ✓ Operation Meghdoot was the code-name for the Indian Armed Forces operation to capture the Siachen Glacier, a strategically crucial region dominating Northern Ladakh.
- ✓ The primary objective behind this operation was to pre-empt the seizure of Sia La and Bilafond La passes by the Pakistan Army.
- ✓ Launched on April 13, 1984, this military operation was unique as the first assault launched on the world's highest battlefield.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

➤ Knife

- ✓ British-American author Salman Rushdie releases his memoir "Knife". Booker Prize-winning author Salman Rushdie's memoir "Knife" has been released.



- ✓ In 'Knife', the Salman Rushdie has an imaginary conversation with his attacker.
- ✓ On this occasion, has spoken in detail about the moment he was attacked by a man with a knife on a stage in New York in 2022.
- ✓ In this attack, Rushdie's damaged liver and hands and nerves in his right eye.

REPORT

➤ Global Forest Watch

- ✓ According to the latest data from the Global Forest Watch monitoring project, 2.33 million hectares of tree cover have been lost since 2000.



- ✓ It is equivalent to a six per cent decrease in tree cover during this period.
- ✓ As per the data, 95 per cent of the tree cover loss in India between 2013 to 2023 occurred within natural forests.
- ✓ Between 2002 to 2023, India lost 4,14,000 hectares of humid primary forest (4.1 per cent), which is 18 per cent of its total tree cover loss in the same period.
- ✓ The Global Forest Watch tracks forest changes in real time by using satellite data and other sources.
- ✓ Between 2001 and 2022, forests in India emitted 51 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent a year and removed 141 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent a year.

