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World Food India

Context

Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal has said that World Food India 2019 will be the biggest gathering of all global and domestic stakeholders in Food Processing Sector.

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- The government initiated a biennial event- World Food India to promote food processing sector at global level.
- The first such event was conducted in 2017 and received wide success.
- The event created Brand India in global food map by positioning India as a World Food Factory.
- It was for the first time in India that all major policy makers and top industrialists across the globe in Food Processing Industries were together under one roof.
- World Food India 2017 witnessed the participation of 61 countries, ministers from several countries and India, Chief Ministers of various Indian states, 60 Global CEOs and eminent academicians attended the event.

India will lead by example in combating desertification

Context

Union Environment Minister today said that we as a country make targets not under any global pressure but for our own country's real sustainable development, and as in the past India will play a leadership role and will lead by example in combating desertification.

Speaking at an event in New Delhi on the occasion of World Day to combat desertification and drought

Highlights

Minister further highlighted that with about 30% of country's total geographical area being

affected by land degradation; India has high stakes and stands strongly committed to the Convention.

- The Union Minister also launched a flagship project on enhancing capacity on forest landscape restoration (FLR) and Bonn Challenge in India.
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) in partnership with The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), to partner this flagship project
- Aims to develop and adapt best practices and monitoring protocols for the Indian states and build capacity within the five pilot states on FLR and Bonn Challenge.
- The Bonn Challenge is a global effort to bring 150 million hectares of the world's deforested and degraded land into restoration by 2020, and 350 million hectares by 2030.
- At the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP) 2015 in Paris, India also joined the voluntary Bonn Challenge pledge to bring into restoration
- The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is the only legally binding international agreement linking environment and development issues to the land agenda.