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<p>Living Will</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Bombay High Court recently criticized the Maharashtra government for lacking a proper and sufficient mechanism, including an adequate medical board, for enforcing living wills. <p>About Living Will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Definition: A living will is a legal document that outlines a person's preferences for medical treatment in situations where they are unable to communicate their decisions.Purpose: It allows individuals to specify their wishes regarding life-sustaining treatments, resuscitation, and other medical procedures.Supreme Court Ruling (2018):<ul style="list-style-type: none">Case: Common Cause vs. Union of India.Recognition: Terminally ill patients or those in a persistent vegetative state can execute an "advance medical directive" or a "living will" to refuse medical treatment.Sanction: The ruling gave legal sanction to passive euthanasia and living wills/advance directives.The court laid down specific principles relating to the procedure for executing a living will. <p>Think:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Know about Procedural Principles of living will India.
<p>Maharashtra Institute for Transformation (MITRA)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Maharashtra Institute for Transformation (MITRA), under the state government, is organizing a conference on sustainable development in Kolhapur on June 25. <p>About MITRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Objective: To drive sustainable development and transformation in Maharashtra by implementing innovative policies and projects.Establishment: Formed as a strategic body to ensure the



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	<p>effective execution of government programs and initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develops strategies for economic growth and social development. ○ Monitors the progress of key state projects. ○ Advises the government on policy matters and best practices. ● Governance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operates under the direct supervision of the Chief Minister of Maharashtra. ○ Collaborates with various state departments and agencies.
<p>Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Maharashtra forest department plans to translocate tigers from the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Chandrapur district. ● The goal is to introduce breeding tigers to Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR) and enhance its tiger population. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR) is the sole tiger reserve in the western region of Maharashtra. ● Historically, the tiger population in this region has been low due to factors like poaching, a limited prey base, and habitat changes. ● Despite the reserve's establishment in 2010, the number of tigers did not increase significantly. <p>About Sahyadri Tiger Reserve (STR):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Established: Declared a Tiger Reserve in 2008. ● Components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chandoli National Park ○ Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary ● Rivers: Major rivers like Krishna, Koyna, and Warna flow through the reserve.
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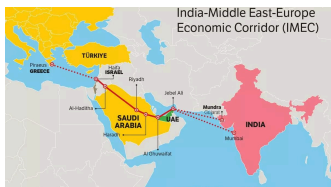
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- The success of this project depends on the **Sahyadri-Konkan wildlife corridor**.
- Wildlife corridors are **essential pathways connecting fragmented wildlife populations**, often disrupted by human settlements and infrastructure.

About Sahyadri-Konkan wildlife corridor:

- **Location:** The Sahyadri-Konkan wildlife corridor is located in the **Western Ghats**, a biodiversity hotspot in India, spanning parts of **Maharashtra** and **Karnataka**.
- **Purpose:** The corridor aims to **facilitate the movement and genetic exchange of wildlife species** between protected areas, **reducing the risk of inbreeding and enhancing biodiversity conservation**.
- **Protected Areas:** The corridor connects several protected areas, such as the **Sahyadri Tiger Reserve**, **Anshi National Park**, and **Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary**.

India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEEEC)



Why in the news?

- The Central Cabinet on approved developing a major **greenfield port at Vadhavan in Maharashtra**, which will be an **integral part of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEEEC)**.

About IMEEEC:

- **Name:** India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEEEC)
- **Announcement:** September 2023 **at the G20 summit in New Delhi**
- **Participants:** **India**, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel, the European Union, and the United States
- **Objective:**
 - **Enhance trade, transport, and digital connectivity** between India, the Middle East, and Europe
 - IMEEEC aims to **promote economic development and inter-regional connectivity** between **Asia, the Persian Gulf, and Europe**.
- **Proposed Route:** The corridor envisions a **route from India to Europe through the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Israel, and Greece**.



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