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23 lakh hectares of trees have been destroyed in India

- According to the report of the International Forest Watch, 23 lakh hectares of trees have been destroyed in India in the last 24 years.
- An estimated 4.14 lakh hectares of moist primary forests have been cleared in India during the period 2002 to 2023.
- It has been revealed that 23 lakh hectares of trees have been destroyed in the last 24 years.

Carbon dioxide storage:

- From 2001 to 2022, forests in India have emitted 5.1 crore tonnes of carbon dioxide per year.
- During the same period, 14.1 crore tonnes of carbon dioxide was removed.
- In this way a total of 8.9 crore tonnes of carbon dioxide has been saved per year.
- Forests play an important role in removing carbon dioxide from the air and emit carbon dioxide when trees are destroyed.

Reasons for Deforestation:

- Human migration and natural disasters are the major causes of tree destruction.
- In that way, 95 percent of forest destruction incidents in India from 2013 to 2023 have occurred as natural disasters.
- Forest destruction caused by forest fires:
- According to data released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), between 2015 and 2020, 6.68 lakh hectares of trees were destroyed annually in India.
- This makes India second in the world in deforestation.

Gopi Thotakakura to become the first Indian to travel to space for tourism

- Gopi Thotakakura from Andhra Pradesh is set to travel to space through Amazon founder Jeff Bezos' company Blue Origin.
- This makes him the first Indian to travel to space for tourism.
- Blue Origin Company is headquartered in the US capital Washington.
- For the 7th time, humans are going to be taken to space through the launch of New Shepard on behalf of the company to take tourists to space.