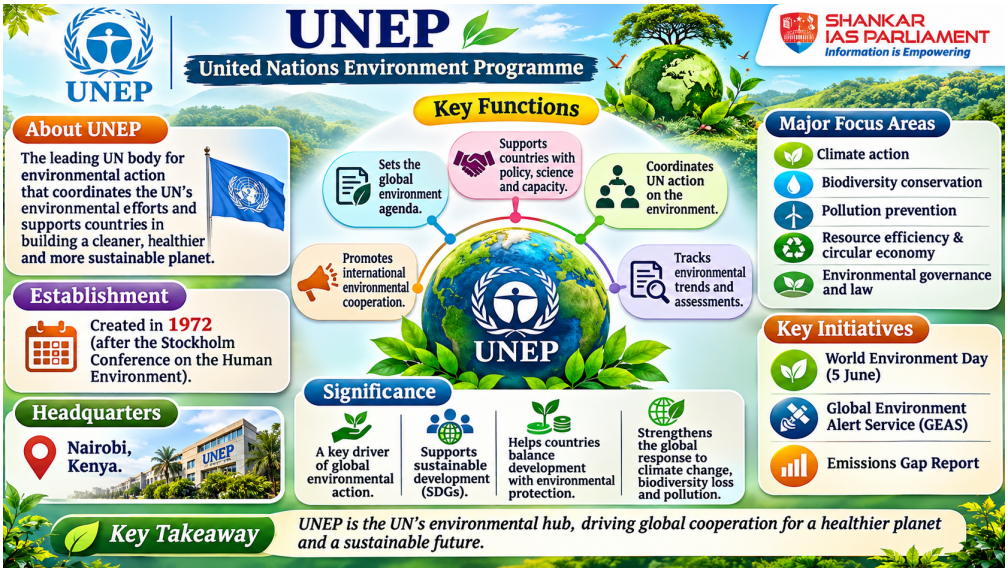
Nature's Comeback – Scaling Ecosystem Restoration for People and Planet

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Why in News?

*The UN report titled **Nature's Comeback – Scaling Ecosystem Restoration for People and Planet** reveals that countries have implemented only about 25% of their global ecosystem restoration commitments.*

- **Published by** – The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- The study highlights key metrics on current progress and the urgent need to triple efforts.
- **Key Findings from the Report**
- **Scale of Restoration–** Approximately **252 million hectares** (ha) across 149 countries are currently under active restoration, which is roughly ten times the size of the United Kingdom.
- **The Gap–** While 252 million hectares show progress, the target needed to meet global biodiversity goals is **738 million hectares** (or out of roughly 1 billion hectares of targeted lands), meaning the pace needs to triple by 2030.
- **Green Jobs–** Ongoing initiatives have generated **over one million green jobs** worldwide.
- **Impact Potential–**
  - Restoring just 15% of global priority areas can capture and store **30% of CO2 equivalent emissions** since the industrial revolution and prevent **60% of projected species extinctions**.
  - Restoring 10% of degraded agricultural land could help feed **154 million people**.
- **Economic Stakes–** Half of the world's GDP relies directly on healthy, functioning ecosystems that provide essential food, clean water, and air.



Reference

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