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Middle East Green Initiative

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Why is in news? Union Minister for Environment Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav speaks at the Middle East Green Initiative Summit 2022 at COP 27 Egypt

Highlights of speech:

Saudi Arabia led initiative to plant 50 billion trees across the Middle East applauded.

The **Green fuel production of Egypt** in the pursuit of net-zero shipping appreciated

National Hydrogen Mission signifies India's commitment to clean and green energy

International Solar Alliance, a testimony to India's vision to bring clean and affordable energy

Countries across the globe invited to join **Lead IT and CDRI**

Middle East Green Initiative:

Saudi Arabia launched Saudi Green Initiative and the Middle East Green Initiative to combat the threat of climate change.

Aim: To **preserve marine and coastal environments**, increase the proportion of natural reserves and protected land, improve the regulation of oil production, accelerate the transition to clean energy and boost the amount of energy generated by renewables.

Saudi Arabia will work with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and regional partners to **plant an additional 40 billion trees** in the West Asian region to reduce 2.5 per cent of global carbon levels.

Saudi Arabia has been sharing its expertise and know-how with its neighbouring countries to **reduce carbon emissions** resulting from hydrocarbon production in the region by 60 per cent and globally by 10 per cent.

Under it, the annual summit will host leaders from the government, scientists and environmentalists to discuss the details of implementation.

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