

1. Expanding Biosphere Reserve across the world will help millions of people realize a better future. Substantiate.

First International Biosphere day was celebrated on November 3rd, 2022. World Network of Biosphere Reserve established in 1971, system for ecosystem restoration, biodiversity conservation, living in harmony with nature. Presently 738 properties in 124 countries are present including 12 from India. But countries - like Bangl., Bhutan, Nepal - no biosphere reserves are present, opening up opportunities for expansion of biosphere reserve in South Asia.

Opportunity in South Asia:

currently there are 30 Biosphere Reserves in South Asia. Problems like Biodiversity loss, climate change, population, blind belief in technology, necessitates more Biosphere Reserves in South Asia.

1. India - vast subcontinent - has huge opportunities eg. Spain, smaller in size than India, has 53 properties. It opens

door for potentiality analysis & in India, focus on '7' sisters of north east

with local knowledge, best biodiversity conservation practices, better developed management plan can be made.

2. Join world network of mountain biosphere reserve.

^{is a} welcome opportunity - Bhutan, Nepal and help them ⁱⁿ achieving 1 biosphere reserve by 2025.

World network of Biosphere Reserve - platform to expand Biosphere reserve

World network of Biosphere Reserve - helps in
capacity building, knowledge sharing, Experience, Best practices
Help to work with each other necessary as each crosses
ecological carrying capacity.

Secondly, though there is political will, countries fall short of finances. Developed countries's private sector must finance countries in South Asia to expand Reserves

Way forward.

'Living in harmony with nature' - people must revisit to this theme, so that millions will be able to realise good water, clean air, nutritious foods which still out of reach to many. Thus, Expanding Biosphere reserves will help millions in need to realise their necessities for a better future.