



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### REC Limited Honoured with Golden Peacock Award

**REC Limited (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited) a Maharatna** Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power, has received the **Golden Peacock Award in Risk Management** for its commitment to implementing **effective risk assessment strategies**.

- The Golden Peacock Awards, established by the **Institute of Directors (IOD)**, India in 1991, has emerged as an internationally acclaimed **standard for corporate excellence**.
  - The IOD is an apex professional association for Directors in India under the **Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860** to fill the need for professional development of **Corporate Directors and building effective Boards**.
- REC Limited is a **Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)** focused on Power Sector Financing and Development in India. It provides financial assistance to various entities in the power sector.
  - REC's funding contributes to **lighting every fourth bulb in India**.

Read more: [Maharatna Status to REC](#)

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### Little Ice Age Was Wet

A recent study on the **Little Ice Age (LIA)**, a global climatic event spanning CE 1671-1942, has unveiled significant variations in **rainfall patterns**, challenging the traditional assumption of a **uniformly cold and dry climate during the LIA**.

- The **Western Ghats**, influenced by both the **southwest summer monsoon (SWM) and northeast winter monsoon (NEM)**, was chosen for the study.
- Researchers reconstructed vegetation dynamics and climate variability from CE 1219-1942 using **pollen-based analysis** from the Western Ghats, India.
  - Pollen analysis **uses pollen(male spores in a seed plant) to reconstruct past environments**
- The study indicated a **record of a moist (wet) LIA in the Western Ghats due increased NEM contributed to the moist conditions** during the LIA.
  - Vegetation types in the study area were **primarily moist/semi-evergreen and dry tropical deciduous forests**.
- The study also suggests that factors like the movement of the **Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ)**, **temperature anomalies**, **sunspot numbers**, and solar activity influenced the climate during the LIA.

Read more: [Western Ghats](#)