

April 2019

1. First leucistic five-striped palm squirrel found in North India

• A leucistic five-striped palm squirrel (Funambulus penannti) has been recorded from a human-made subtropical forest at Zamania in eastern Uttar Pradesh's Ghazipurdistrict.

2. **HOME EXPO INDIA 2019**

• The 8thedition of HOME EXPO INDIA 2019 has been organized by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

3. For a malnutrition-free India

- According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4, India has unacceptably high levels of stunting, despite marginal improvement over the years.
- In 2015-16, 38.4% of children below five years were stunted and 35.8% were underweight.
- India ranks 158 out of 195 countries on the human capital index.
- Lack of investment in health and education leads to slower economic growth.

Ambitious goals

- The aim of the National Nutrition Strategy of 2017 is to achieve a malnutrition-free India by 2022.
- The plan is to reduce stunting prevalence in children (0-3 years) by about three percentage points per year by 2022 from NFHS-4 levels, and achieve a one-third reduction in anaemia in children, adolescents and women of reproductive age.
- In terms of geographical regions, Bihar (48%), Uttar Pradesh (46%) and Jharkhand (45%) have very high rates of stunting, while States with the lowest rates include Kerala, and Goa (20%).

4. National Cardiology Conference 2019 started in Lucknow

5. <u>'Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014-2019' report:</u> Kanpur ranked 1 as the most polluted city

- The quality of air in Varanasi is positioned 3rd on the WHO's (World Health Organisation) list of 15 most polluted cities in the world, by the 'Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014-2019' report, released by Climate Trends.
- Kanpur (in Uttar Pradesh) is the most polluted city in the world and is positioned 1 on the list.
- 14 of the 15 most polluted cities in the world (mentioned by World Health Organisation (WHO) are in India.
- Out of them, 4 are in Uttar Pradesh which are Kanpur, Varanasi, Lucknow and Agra.

6. Indian Teams Win Awards at NASA Annual Rover Challenge

• The team from KIET Group of Institutions in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, won the "AIAA Neil Armstrong Best Design Award", which recognises systems best Design Award", which recognises systems best designed to meet the Rover Challenge performance requirements.

7. Uttar Pradesh Begins Otter Census from the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve

- For the first time, Uttar Pradesh is taking a census of otters in its protected areas.
- The census has begun in the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR).





8. Professor Najma Akhtar has been appointed as the first woman vice-chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia for a period of five years.

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