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Important News: International

European Investment Bank (EIB) joins CDRI

Why in News:

- The European Investment Bank (EIB) joined the Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) coalition aimed at limiting the destruction caused by climate change.



key points:

- Under the new alliance, the European Investment Bank will work with national governments, multilateral development banks, United Nations agencies, and the private sector with the aim of encouraging the rapid development of infrastructure that is vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters in developing and developed countries. The European Investment Bank will also provide advisory and financial assistance to the member states of Disaster Resilient Infrastructure to deal with climate change and natural disasters.
- Currently, the European Investment Bank will act as the "EU Climate Bank" with Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and will share knowledge with member nations through its newly deployed development arm - "EIB Global".
- The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure is a multi-stakeholder global partnership of national governments, United Nations agencies and programs, multilateral development banks and financing mechanisms, the private sector, and knowledge institutions, which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India at the United Nations Climate Action Summit on 23 September 2019. was launched during his speech at the conference.
- The European Investment Bank was established in 1958 after the Treaty of Rome came into force in Brussels and in 1968 the headquarters of the European Investment Bank was moved from Brussels to Luxembourg.

Source: Economic Times

Important News: National

India lost 329 tigers in 3 years: Government data

Why in News:



- According to a report presented in the Lok Sabha by the Union Minister of State for Environment Ashwini Kumar Choubey on the status of tigers in India, the death toll of tigers in India has risen to 329 in the last 3 years.



key points:

- According to the data released by the government, in the year 2019, 96 tigers died in India, in the year 2020, 106 tigers died, while in the year 2021, the death toll of tigers has increased to 127.
- According to government data, the number of poaching cases in India has come down, and the number of poaching cases has come down from 17 in the year 2019 to 4 in the year 2021.
- At present, the total number of tigers in India is 2,967.

Initiatives are taken by the government for the protection of tigers:

1. M-STrIPES App

- M-STrIPES (Monitoring System for Tigers - Intensive Security and Ecological Status) is an app-based monitoring system, launched in the year 2010 by NTCA in Indian Tiger Reserves, the system enables field managers to monitor patrol intensity and spatial coverage. able to assist.

2. Project Tiger

- Project Tiger was started by the Indira Gandhi government in 1973 at Jim Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand.
- Project Tiger was initially implemented in Jim Corbett, Manas, Ranthambore, Simlipal, Bandipur, Palamu, Sundarbans, Melaghta, and Kanha National Parks, whereas currently, more than 2% of the country's area is protected under Project Tiger.

3. The Wildlife Protection Act was passed by the government in the year 1972 for the protection of various species of flora and fauna.

Source: Business Standard

Important News: Defence

iDEX-DIO of the Ministry of Defence signs its 100th contract for innovation

Why in News:



- iDEX signed its 100th contract with a firm named Pacify Medical Technologies Pvt Ltd in New Delhi.



key points:

- In April 2018, a project called iDEX (Innovation for Defense Excellence) was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the head of the Ministry of Defense (MoD) for technological innovation.
- iDEX aims to encourage start-ups and provide them a platform for co-creation and co-development in defense and aerospace technology.
- iDEX has been defined by the Government as "an ecosystem for promoting innovation and technology development in Defense and Aerospace by involving innovators and entrepreneurs to deliver technologically advanced solutions for the modernization of the Indian Army".
- iDEX is funded and managed by the Defense Innovation Organization, a 'Non-Profit Company in accordance with Section 8 of the Companies Act 2013. The founding members of iDEX are Defense Public Sector Undertakings Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).

Source: Business Standard

Han Kuang military exercises 2022

Why in News:

- The second phase of the Han Kuang military exercise will be conducted from July 25, 2022, to July 29, 2022, in which all branches of the Taiwanese military have participated.



key points:

- The Han Kuang exercise is an annual military exercise by all branches of the Taiwan Army and its reserve forces in Taiwan, Kinmen, Penghu, and Matsu.

- The Han Kuang military exercise was first conducted on 23 April 1984 by Army General Hou Pei-sun (then Chief of the General Staff).
- It is an annual military exercise conducted annually since 1984.
- The main objective of the Han Kuang military exercise is to boost the forces' overall defense capabilities and to counter preparedness during an offensive by the People's Liberation Army of China.
- Taiwan is a self-governing island, but Taiwan is claimed to be Chinese territory by the ruling Communist Party of China, the importance of the Han Kuang military exercise in 2022 is of great importance to Taiwan due to growing concerns over China's intentions.

Source: Indian Express

Important Awards

Winston Churchill Leadership Award

Why in News:

- President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky was presented the Winston Churchill Leadership Award by British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.



key points:

- Volodymyr Zelensky has been awarded this award for gallantry fighting during the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- Volodymyr Zelensky was presented the Winston Churchill Leadership Award in virtual mode during a ceremony held at Boris Johnson's London office.
- The Winston Churchill Leadership Award was instituted in the year 2006, the first Winston Churchill Leadership Award was presented in 2006 to Prince Charles, former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and former British Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and John Major.
- Sir Winston Churchill was a British politician, writer, and soldier, who served as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1951 to 1955 during World War II, the award was instituted in 2006 in his honor.
- Sir Winston Churchill was an economic liberal and imperialist leader and served as a member of the Conservative Party for most of his political career.

Source: Business Standard

Important News: Sports

2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games

Why in News:

- Olympic medalist PV Sindhu has been made the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games 2022 held in Birmingham.



key points:

- Earlier, PV Sindhu was made the flag bearer of the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the 2018 Commonwealth Games held in Gold Coast, Australia.
- From July 28 to August 8, Birmingham, England, will host the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- The 2022 Commonwealth Games are officially known as the XXII Commonwealth Games and popularly known as Birmingham 2022.
- The Commonwealth Games are a multi-sport event organized internationally for the members of the Commonwealth.
- This is the third time that the Commonwealth Games are being hosted by England, before that the Commonwealth Games were hosted by England in the year 2002 and in the year 1934.
- The first Commonwealth Games were held in Canada's Hamilton in 1930.

Source: The Times of India

World Athletics Championships 2022

Why in News:

- The 18th edition of the World Athletics Championships held in Eugene and Oregon, United States, concluded with India finishing 33rd in the points table with one medal.



key points:

- The 18th edition of the World Athletics Championships 2022 was held at Hayward Field, University of Oregon campus in Eugene, Oregon, United States (USA).
- The World Championships in Athletics was held for the first time in the United States, while it was held in North America for the second time.
- The World Athletics Championships were organized this year by USA Track and Field (USATF) and World Athletics.
- This year's mascot for the World Athletics Championships is "Legend the Wingfoot".
- At the World Athletics Championships this year, the United States is leading the footing table with 33 medals, while Ethiopia, Jamaica, Kenya, and China are ranked second, third and fourth in the table with 10 medals each.
- India ranked 33rd with 1 medal at the World Athletics Championships this year, while India finished fourth among Asian nations behind, China, Japan, and Kazakhstan.
- India's silver medal was won by Neeraj Chopra at the 2022 World Athletics Championships.
- The 19th edition of the World Athletics Championships will be hosted by Hungary in the year 2023.

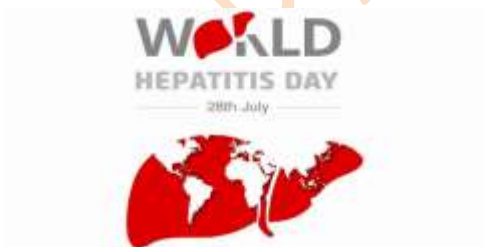
Source: Times of India

Important Days

World Hepatitis Day 2022

Why in News:

- World Hepatitis Day is observed every year on 28 July with the aim of raising awareness about viral hepatitis.



Key point:



- The theme of this year's World Hepatitis Day 2022 is "Bringing Hepatitis Care Closer to You".
- Any inflammation of the liver, including inflammation or irritation caused by a variety of causes, is called hepatitis.
- Hepatitis is mainly caused by a group of "hepatotropic" (liver-directed) viruses including A, B, C, D, and E.
- Hepatitis is the only communicable disease in the world whose mortality rate is increasing.
- The Hepatitis B virus was discovered by Nobel Prize-winning scientist Dr. Baruch Blumberg and World Hepatitis Day is celebrated every year since 2008 to commemorate his birthday.
- Viral hepatitis in India, caused by hepatitis viruses A and E, remains a major public health problem in India, with about 354 million people suffering from hepatitis B and C globally.
- The symptoms of hepatitis are mainly swelling of the liver, dark color of urine, abdominal pain, loss of appetite and thirst, sudden weight loss, yellowing of eyes, fever, and vomiting and abdominal swelling etc.

Source: Indian Express