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Important News: National

MoHUA launches Swachh Toycathon

Why in News:

- Swachh Toycathon has been launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) under the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav.



key points:

- Swachh Toycathon aims to explore solutions for the use of waste in the manufacture or manufacture of toys.
- The program was launched on MyGov portal and toolkit was also released by MoHUA secretary, Manoj Joshi during the event.
- The Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhinagar, is MoHUA's knowledge partner for the initiative.

- Swachh Toycathon is a national competition for individuals and groups.
- Swachh Toycathon is based on three broad themes-
 - Fun and learning that seeks out ideas for design and early prototyping of toys from the home, workplace and surrounding waste.
 - The use and enjoyment of ideas for the design and model of games and playing in the park / open spaces made of garbage.
 - To seek ideas / solutions / working models for circularity in the toy industry, both new and old.
- The National Action Plan for Toys (NAPT) 2020 was launched to promote the Indian toy industry, including traditional handicrafts and handmade toys, with an aim to establish India as a global toy hub.
- In addition to being the second largest populous country in the world, India has a growing youth population, accounting for half of the total population under the age of 25.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: State

Uttar Pradesh government approves Bundelkhand's first tiger reserve

Why in News:

- The Uttar Pradesh cabinet has given approval for the development of the first tiger reserve in the Bundelkhand region.



key points:

- The tiger reserve will be spread over 52,989.863 hectares of land, which includes 29,958.863 hectares buffer area and 23,031.00 hectares core area.
- The tiger reserve was already notified as Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary in Chitrakoot district of the state.
- The Ranipur Tiger Reserve area covered by northern tropical dry deciduous forests is known for tigers, leopards, bears, spotted deer, sambar, chinkara, reptiles and other mammals.
- Establishment of Ranipur Tiger Reserve is essential for the conservation of wildlife in Bundelkhand.
- With this scheme the government aims to create immense employment opportunities benefitting the local population along with opening up the eco-tourism potential of the area.

Source: Indian Express

Uttar Pradesh won Ayushman Excellence Award 2022

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- Uttar Pradesh has been awarded Ayushman Excellence Award 2022 for adding various health facilities in the health facility register.



key points:

- The award was presented to the state of Uttar Pradesh by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Health Authority, RS Sharma at the closing ceremony of Arogya Manthan organized by National Health Authority in New Delhi on 26 September 2022.
- Uttar Pradesh is the best performing state in the country with the inclusion of 28728 health facilities in the National Health Facility Register of the National Health Authority.
- Also, the state of Uttar Pradesh is the second-best state in making Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) with about 2 crore accounts.
- Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) was launched by the Prime Minister on 27 September 2021 through video conferencing.

- The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission aims to provide every citizen with a health ID (now called Aura) which will also act as their health account, allowing personal health records to be linked and viewed with the help of a mobile application.

Source: Times of India

Encyclopedia of Tribes in Odisha

Why in News:

- Naveen Patnaik, the chief minister of Odisha, has published The Encyclopedia of Tribes in Odisha.



Key Points:

- Odisha has become the first state in India to publish an encyclopedia on tribal people and record their history and distinctive traditions with the publication of five volumes of "Encyclopedia of Tribes in Odisha."

- The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute (SCSTRTI) and the Odisha State Tribal Museum jointly published the encyclopedia.
- The encyclopedia includes 13 particularly vulnerable groups among the 418 research articles on tribal communities.
- The 3,800-page encyclopedic academic book is the culmination of the research contributions of numerous academics and renowned anthropologists.
- The encyclopedia book's goal is to preserve the state's tribal tribes' quickly shifting cultural identities.
- The whole population of Odisha is made up of 22.85% tribal people.
- Odisha is home to 62 different tribes, making it one of the most diversified tribal cultures in all of India.

Source: Jansatta

Important Appointment

Senior Advocate R Venkataramani named as new Attorney General of India

Why in News:

- Senior Advocate R. Venkataramani has been appointed as the new Attorney General of India.



key points:

- As the Attorney General of India, R. Venkataramani's tenure will be three years.
- R. Venkataramani will succeed KK Venugopal, whose term ends on September 30.
- R. Venkataramani was born on 13 April 1950 in Pondicherry.
- R. Venkataramani was named a Senior Advocate by the Supreme Court in the year 1997.
- R Venkataramani has served as a member of the Law Commission of India in the year 2010 and in the year 2013.
- Earlier R. Venkataramani has represented the central government, several state governments, universities and public sector undertakings before the Supreme Court and High Courts.
- R Venkataramani in various branches of law. With more than four decades of practice in the Supreme Court, R Venkataramani has expertise in Constitutional Law, Law of Indirect Taxes, Human Rights Law, Civil and Criminal Law.

Source: PIB

Lt. Gen. Anil Chauhan appointed as the new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)

Why in News:

- Retired General Lt Gen Anil Chauhan has been appointed as the new Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) by the Centre.



key points:

- Lt Gen Anil Chauhan has been appointed as the CDS after the country's first Chief of Defense Staff (CDS), General Bipin Rawat was killed in a helicopter crash in the Nilgiris area of Tamil Nadu.
- Lt Gen Anil Chauhan was born on May 18, 1961, and in the year 1981, Anil Chauhan joined the 11 Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army.
- The CDS is a 'Four Star General/Officer' who acts as the Principal Military Adviser to the defense minister on matters of all the three services (Army, Navy and Indian Air Force).
- The CDS also serves as the permanent chairman of the 'Chief of Staff Committee' which includes the heads of the three services as members.

- The main function of the CDS is to promote greater operational synergy among the tri-services of the Indian Army and to keep the inter-service conflict to a minimum.
- The rank of CDS is the first among the counterparts, he has the rank of secretary within the DoD (Department of Defense) and his powers are limited to revenue budget only.

Source: Livemint

Important Days

International Day of Awareness about Food Loss and Waste 2022

Why in News:

- The third International Food Loss and Waste Awareness Day (IDAFWL) will be observed on September 29, 2022.



key points:

- The day aims to attract public and commercial institutions of the food system, as well as consumers, to reduce food loss and waste (FLW), mitigate climate change and enhance food security and nutrition.
- The theme of the 2022 International Day is Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet.
- On December 19, 2019, September 29 was declared as the International Day for Awareness of Food Loss and Waste by the United Nations General Assembly.
- The International Day of Food Loss and Waste is an opportunity for both the public and private sectors to prioritize efforts and initiatives to reduce food loss and waste to improve resource efficiency, mitigate climate change, and support food security and nutrition.
- The International Day of Food Loss and Waste aims to promote global efforts and collective action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Source: Indian Express

World heart day 2022

Why in News:

- World Heart Day is celebrated every year on 29 September in the world.



key points:

- World Heart Day is celebrated with the aim of creating awareness among the people about the prevention of heart diseases.
- The theme for World Heart Day 2022 is "Use a Heart for Every Heart".
- Each year, approximately 18.6 million people die from heart disease and stroke, which is considered one of the leading causes of death in the world.
- The idea of World Heart Day was introduced by Antoine Bayes de Luna, president of the World Heart Federation (from 1997 to 1999).
- The first World Heart Day was celebrated on 24 September 2000.
- Till the year 2011, this day was celebrated on the last Sunday of September, later this day is being celebrated on 29 September.
- Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the most common cause and accounts for nearly half of all non-communicable disease deaths globally.
- The heart is the only organ that can be heard and felt.
- To reduce the chances of heart diseases, everyone should reduce tobacco use, follow a healthy diet and be physically active, by following these measures, 80% of premature deaths from heart disease and stroke can be avoided.

Source: Indian Express