

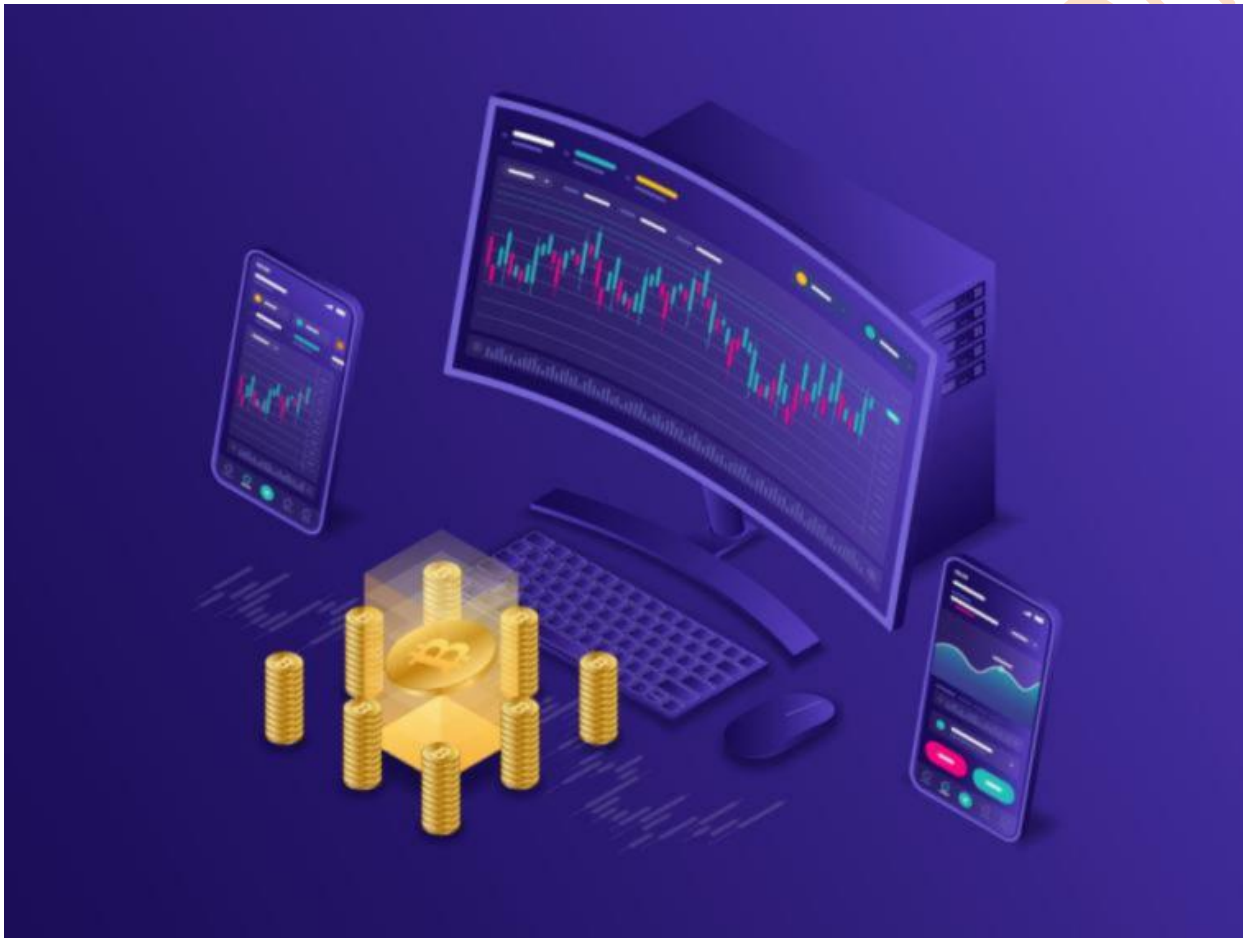
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Important News: International

India ranks 4th in the Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022

Why in News:

- India ranks fourth in the Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022 with an index score of 0.663.



key points:

- Vietnam ranks first in cryptocurrency adoption for the second year in a row with an overall index ranking.
- The Philippines is placed second in the index after Vietnam with an overall index score of 0.753, and Ukraine is ranked third in the index with an overall index score of 0.694.

- This is the third edition of the Global Crypto Adoption Index.
- Vietnam, Philippines, Ukraine, India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Morocco, Nepal, Kenya, and Indonesia have been included in the list of ten lower middle-income countries in the Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022.
- Brazil, Thailand, Russia, China, Turkey, Argentina, Colvin, and Ecuador have been included in the list of eight upper middle-income countries in the Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022.
- The United States and the United Kingdom have been included in the list of two high-income countries in the Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022.
- The Global Crypto Adoption Index ranks 154 countries based on the following five sub-indices, which include-
 - On-chain cryptocurrency prices received on centralized exchanges, weighted by per capita power parity (PPP)
 - On-chain retail price received on centralized exchanges, weighted by PPP per capita
 - Peer-to-peer (P2P) exchange trade volume, weighted by PPP per capita and number of Internet users
 - Mass-chain Cryptocurrency value derived from the Defoe protocol weighted by PPP per capita
 - The on-chain retail value derived from the Defoe protocol weighted by PPP per capita

Source: The Hindu

Important News: National

Election Commission of India launches BLO e-Patrika

Why in News:

- The 'BLO e-Patrika' has been released by the Election Commission of India with an aim to ensure direct communication with the booth-level officials.



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Election Commission of India

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Election Commission of India expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the 10.37 lakh BLOs and is proud to launch the first edition of the BLO Patrika dedicated to them.

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|| The E-Patrika facilitates BLO to become better informed, motivated & duty oriented. ||

key points:

- The themes of the bi-monthly e-Patrika include EVM-VVPAT training, IT-related applications, special summary revision, minimum sweep activities at polling stations, postal ballot facilities, accessible elections, electoral literacy clubs, unique voter awareness initiatives, and National Voters' Day.
- BLO e-Patrika also includes informal interactions with BLOs, their success stories, and best practices followed across the country.
- The BLO e-Patrika will be available in English, Hindi, and regional languages which can be accessed by accessing the English and Hindi versions of the BLO e-Patrika through the ECI website or the ECI's Twitter handle (@ECISVEEP).
- The institution of BLO was created by the Commission in the year 2006 primarily to ensure an inclusive, up-to-date, and error-free electoral roll which is the first step toward free, fair, and participatory elections.

- On this occasion, the Commission has organized the first-of-its-kind interaction with BLOs spread across the country with an aim to share experiences.

Source: PIB

India Home to Cheetahs After 70 Years

Why in News:

- After more than 70 years of extinction in India, the cheetah was rehabilitated at Kuno-Palpur National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh on 17 September.



key points:

- Eight African cheetahs - five females and three males aged between four and six years - have been brought to India from Namibia at Kuno-Palpur National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh.
- This is the first time in the world that a large carnivore has been transferred from one continent to another.
- The cheetah has an ancient history in the country, a Neolithic cave painting of a 'thin-spotted cat hunting' has also been found in Chaturbhuj Nala in Mansoor, Madhya Pradesh.

- In India, the cheetah was found from Jaipur and Lucknow in the north to Mysore in the south and from Kathiawar in the west to Deogarh in the east.
- The Cheetah was officially declared extinct by the Government of India in the year 1952.
- Since the 1940s, cheetahs were also declared extinct in 14 other countries - Jordan, Iraq, Israel, Morocco, Syria, Oman, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Djibouti, Ghana, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.
- After bringing back the cheetah, India has become the only country where all the five members of the 'Big Cat' species- tiger, lion, panther, snow leopard, and cheetah are present.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: State

Delhi Police First Force to Make Collection of Forensic Evidence Mandatory

Why in News:

- Delhi Police has become the first police force in India to make a collection of forensic evidence mandatory in crimes punishable by more than six years.



key points:

- After the meeting of the Zonal Council by Home Minister Amit Shah, Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora issued a 'Standard Order' to all police units.
- The change was one of the initial steps in making the collection of forensic evidence mandatory in criminal cases.
- Home Minister Amit Shah emphasized the fact that custodial torture has its roots in colonial India, however, the conviction of a criminal can be achieved on the basis of forensic evidence.
- Under this scheme, a forensic mobile van will be allotted to each district for the purpose of providing scientific and forensic assistance on the spot.
- Delhi is a Union Territory that the Ministry of Home Affairs has administrative jurisdiction over.
- The use of scientific procedures or skills to look into crimes or evaluate evidence that can be used in court is known as forensic science.
- An enormous range of topics are covered by forensic science, including anthropology, wildlife forensics, and DNA and fingerprint analysis.

- The first Central Fingerprint Bureau of India was founded in Kolkata in 1897 and put into operation in 1904.

Source: Dainik Bhaskar

Important Appointment

UNICEF has appointed 25-year-old Ugandan climate activist Vanessa Nakate as the Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Children's Fund.

Why in News:

- On 15 September 2022, UNICEF appointed 25-year-old Ugandan climate activist Vanessa Nkate as the Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).



key points:

- Vanessa Nakate was born in 1996 in Kampala, Uganda (East Africa).
- In January 2019, Vanessa Nkate started her activism with the inspiration of Greta Thunberg of Sweden and was named Climate Activist of Uganda.

- Vanessa Nakate was a prominent member of the Friday for Future movement.
- The Rise Up Movement, a platform to raise voices for African climate activists, and a project to install solar panels in rural Ugandan schools were also founded by Vanessa Nakate.
- In the year 2020, the Year 2020 World Economic Forum was attended by Vanessa Nkate along with Thunberg and others in Davos, Switzerland.
- The Rise Up Movement is a movement to eradicate poverty, gender-based violence, human trafficking, and child abuse.
- Globally, 2.2 billion children live in one of 33 countries classified by UNICEF's Children's Climate Risk Index as being at "extremely high risk of the effects of climate change".

Source: Times of India

Important News: Environment

Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in Darjeeling is recognized as the best zoo

Why in News:

- The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZP) in Darjeeling, West Bengal has been adjudged the best zoo in the country.



Key points:

- As per the list, Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Chennai has been adjudged the second best, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens in Mysore, Karnataka is third and Alipore Zoological Garden in Kolkata has been adjudged the fourth best zoo.
- The Zoological Park is internationally recognized for its breeding and conservation programs for the endangered animal species of the Eastern Himalayas, including the snow leopard and red panda.
- Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park is a zoo spread over 67.56 acres (27.3 ha) in the city of Darjeeling in the state of West Bengal, India.
- The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park was started in the year 1958, and is also the largest altitude zoo in India, with an average elevation of 7,000 feet (2,134 m).
- Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park is named after Padmaja Naidu (1900-1975), the daughter of Sarojini Naidu.
- The zoo serves as the central hub for the Red Panda Program of the Central Zoo Authority of India.

Source: Indian Express

Important Days

World Patient Safety Day observed on 17 September

Why in News:

- Every year on September 17, World Patient Safety Day is commemorated with the goal of raising awareness of the numerous precautions that should be taken to guarantee patient safety.



World Patient Safety Day 17 September

Key Points:

- The goal of World Patient Safety Day is to minimize and lessen the risks, mistakes, and injuries that patients may experience.
- World Patient Safety Day's key goals are to develop global understanding, increase public awareness, and call on all nations and international partners to act in unison to improve patient safety and lessen patient harm.
- Every year, a different theme is used to commemorate World Patient Safety Day. The subject for World Patient Safety Day 2022 this year is "Medication Safety," with the tagline "Medication Without Harm" and the instruction to "Know, Check, and Ask."
- The purpose of World Patient Safety Day is to demonstrate the dedication of patients, families, careers, communities, healthcare professionals, healthcare leaders, and policymakers to patient safety.

- World Patient Safety Day is one of the World Health Organization's (WHO) international public health days, which is observed on September 17.
- The 72nd World Health Assembly established World Patient Safety Day in 2019 with the passage of WHA 72.6, entitled "Global Action on Patient Safety."

Source: Livemint

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