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1. Delhi Customs launches Project 'Nigah' at ICD Garhi Harsaru, Gurugram (May 28, 2022)

Chief Commissioner, Delhi Customs Zone, Surjit Bhujbal inaugurated the project 'NIGAH (NIGAH)' at ICD Garhi Harsaru, Gurugram.

- Project Nigah is an initiative to track containers using ICTM (ICD Container Tracking Modulus) which will aid in better visibility of container movement within the ICD.
- It will also help in monitoring the timely clearance of long awaited containers to enhance ease of doing business while ensuring key containment checks.
- ICTM (ICD Container Tracking Modulus) has been developed in collaboration with M/s GRFL as a custodian.

2. Money spider, ant-mimicking spider discovered at Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (May 28, 2022)

A money spider found in European grasslands has been spotted in the Muthanga range of Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary for the first time in the country by researchers from Christ College (Kerala).

- Researchers have also discovered ant-mimicking spiders belonging to the group of jumping spiders from the Muthanga range.
- **About Money Spider**
 - The money spider belongs to the family of dwarf spiders under the genus Prosoponoides.
 - It has been named Prosoponoides biflectogynus.
 - So far only six species of spiders belonging to this genus have been identified worldwide.
 - Male and female money spiders are usually 3 mm to 4 mm long.
 - Both males and females are dark brown in colour with irregular silver and black spots on their oval belly.
 - Females build triangular webs between dry tree twigs and feed on small insects, while males prefer to hide under dry leaves.
 - Two or more males can be found in the web of a single female spider.
- **About Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary**
 - It was established in 1973.
 - Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (Kerala) is an integral part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.
 - The Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve was the first biosphere reserve in India to be included in the UNESCO-designated World Network of Biosphere Reserves in 2012.

- Other wildlife parks that come under this reserve include Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary, Bandipur National Park, Nagarhole National Park, Mukurthi National Park and Silent Valley.
- The Kabini River (a tributary of the Kaveri River) flows through this sanctuary.
- Other major sanctuaries that have been in discussion recently**
- Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (Rajasthan)** - 52nd Tiger Reserve of the country has been declared.
- Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary (Gujarat)** - designated as a wetland site of international importance under the Ramsar Convention.
- Aravalli Biodiversity Park (Haryana)**- India's first "Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures" (OECM) site has been declared.
- Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh)** - India's first hot air balloon wildlife safari launched.

3. India's first Lavender Festival' at Bhaderwah, J&K (May 28, 2022)

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated 'India's first Lavender Festival' at Bhaderwah, J&K on 26 May 2022 under Aroma Mission 2 of the Government.

- Bhaderwah in Jammu and Kashmir is the birthplace of India's Violet or Lavender Revolution.
- Scientists, technologists, progressive farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs from different parts of the country including Jammu and Kashmir participated in the Lavender Festival at Bhaderwah.
- Violet Revolution was launched in 2016 to promote lavender cultivation under the Aroma Mission of CSIR-IIIM through the Ministry of Science and Technology.
- The mission aims to increase the cultivation of lavender to 1500 hectares by 2024.
- The country's first National Institute of High Altitude Medicine is being built in Bhaderwah.
- Some Major Revolutions and Related Areas**

Name of revolution	Field
Green Revolution	Food Production
White Revolution	Milk production
Yellow Revolution	Production of edible oils and oilseeds crops
Blue Revolution	Fish Production

Pink Revolution	Production of Onion and Lobster
Silver Revolution	Egg Production
Golden Revolution	Horticulture Production

4. A monkey found in Arunachal Pradesh named after the strategic Sela Pass (May 28, 2022)

A new species of Old World monkey has been found in Arunachal Pradesh which is named after the strategic hill Sela Pass which is situated at an altitude of 13,700 feet above sea level.

- **Sela macaque (Macaca selai)**

- The monkey is named Sela Macaque (Macaca sellai)
- The new primate was identified and analysed by a team of experts from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) and the University of Calcutta.
- The study is published in the latest edition of Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution.
- The study revealed that the Sela macaque was geographically separated from the Arunachal macaque (Macaca munzala) of Tawang district by Sela.
- According to the study, this mountain pass hindered the migration of these two species for about two million years.
- The Sela macaque is genetically close to the Arunachal macaque in the study.
- According to villagers, sela macaque is a major cause of crop damage in West Kameng district of the state.

- **About Sela Pass**

- It is a high altitude mountain pass located on the border between Tawang and West Kameng districts in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Its elevation is 4170 metres and it connects the Indian Buddhist city of Tawang with Dirang and Guwahati.
- The pass carries National Highway 13 and connects Tawang to the rest of India.
- The pass is home to rare vegetation and is usually covered with snow to some extent throughout the year.

- The foundation stone of Sela Tunnel was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on
- February 9, 2019.

5. Uttarakhand sets up expert panel for Uniform Civil Code implementation (May 28, 2022)

The Uttarakhand government on May 27 constituted a panel of experts, headed by a retired Supreme Court judge, to implement the Uniform Civil Code in the state.

- The Uniform Civil Code includes a review of laws governing marriage, divorce, maintenance, succession, adoption and other personal laws.
- The committee will examine all laws and matters relating to personal law in communities and draft a Uniform Civil Code.
- Uttarakhand will be the second state in the country after Goa to do so if the Uniform Civil Code comes into force.

• Name of panel head and its members

1. Retired judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (current head of the Delimitation Commission will chair the committee)
2. Retired judge Justice Pramod Kohli
3. Social worker Manu Gaur (Head Taxpayers Association of Bharat)
4. Retired IAS officer Shatrughan Singh
5. Surekha Dangwal, Vice Chancellor of Doon University

• What is Uniform Civil Code?

- Uniform Civil Code means one law for the whole country, which is applicable to all religious communities in their personal matters like marriage, divorce, inheritance, adoption etc.
- Article 44 of the Constitution talks about securing a Uniform Civil Code for every citizen of the country.
- Article 44 is one of the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP).
- Article 37 of the Constitution makes it clear that the DPSP "shall not be enforced by any court".
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- The Supreme Court for the first time directed the Parliament to frame a uniform civil code in the year 1985 in Shah Bano case.

6. Odisha CM launches Olympic Values Education Programme (May 27, 2022)

International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s Olympic Value Education Program (OVEP) was launched by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in association with Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust (ABFT).

- With the aim of making children active, healthy and responsible citizens, the curriculum related to the Olympics was included in the school education system.
- The initial target of the program is to reach 32,000 children enrolled in 90 schools in the cities of Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. After this it will be spread to about 70 lakh school children of the state.
- Odisha's Department of School and Mass Education and Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust have jointly prepared this program included in the school curriculum.

- **Important facts**

STATE	CAPITAL	STATE BIRD	STATE ANIMAL	STATE FLOWER	TOTAL LITERACY
HARYANA	Chandigarh	Black Francolin	black deer or blackbuck	lotus	75.55%
ODISHA	Bhubneswar	Neelkanth	sambar	Ashok	72.9%
UTTAR PRADESH	Lucknow	stork (crunch)	reindeer	Palaash	67.72%
KERALA	Thiruvananthapuram	great hornbill	Elephant	Kanikonna	94.00%

- **About the International Olympic Committee**

- Headquarters - Lausanne, Switzerland;
- Director General - Christophe De Keper;
- Establishment - 23 June 1894
- At present, a total of 205 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of the world are its members.

7. President inaugurates Late Smt Laxmibai Dagdusheth Halwai Dutta Mandir Trust in Pune (May 27, 2022)

President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 125th Anniversary Celebrations of Late Smt Laxmibai Dagdusheth Halwai Dutta Mandir Trust in Pune on 27 May.

- **Laxmibai Memorial Awards 2022**

- Laxmibai Memorial Awards 2022 were presented to three eminent women achievers from different fields on the occasion.
- The awardees are Dr. Madhuri Kanitkar, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences; International Bonsai expert Dr. Prajakta Kale; and Dr. Bhagyashree Patil, Chairman and Executive Director, Dr. D.Y. Patil Abhimat University, Pimpri.

- **About Laxmibai Dagdusheth Halwai Datta Mandir**

- It is a Hindu temple established by Laxmibai Dagdusheth, wife of Dagdusheth Gadve.
- She was originally a Lingayat trader from Karnataka.
- After settling in Pune and setting up a business of sweet and savoury snacks, the family came to be known as Dagdusheth Halwai.
- Shrimant Dagdusheth Halwai and his wife Lakshmi Bai played an important role during the freedom struggle and created a tradition of social service.
- This temple was established on 4 July 1904 and is dedicated to Sri Dattatreya.
- In Maharashtra, Dattatreya is considered to be an avatar of the three Hindu Gods, Trimurti—Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva.
- It is believed that the deities are especially awakened in this temple, making it a popular spot among devotees.
- The temple is located in Budhwar Peth near Dagdusheth Halwai Ganpati Temple.
- In 2017, Laxmibai Dagdusheth Halwai Datta Temple became the first temple in Pune to be completely solar powered.

8. PM inaugurates several completed projects and lays foundation stones for new projects in Chennai (May 27, 2022)

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated several completed projects and laid foundation stones for new projects in Chennai on 27 May.

- **Inaugurated projects**

- He laid foundation stones for six major infrastructure projects worth 28,540 crore rupees.
- He dedicated to the nation five projects that have been completed at a cost of 2960 crore rupees.
- He inaugurated the new campus of the Central Institute of Classical Tamil, which is being fully funded by the Central Government.

- Subramanya Bharathi Chair on Tamil Studies at Banaras Hindu University was announced recently.
- PM inaugurated phase 1 of Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway.
- He said the proposed Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway would connect the two major centres to boost the economy.
- He also inaugurated a four-lane, double decker, elevated road connecting Chennai Port to Maduravoyal.
- This will make Chennai port more efficient and decongest the city.
- Five railway stations in the state are being redeveloped.
- Chennai Light House project was the first project in the country under the urban component of PM-Awas scheme.
- Multi-modal logistic parks

9. Rajasthan Government approved new guidelines for the implementation of Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme (May 26, 2022)

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved new guidelines for the implementation of Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme.

- **New guidelines**
 - As per the new guidelines, a person in the age group of 18 to 60 years residing in the local body area will be registered on the basis of Jan Aadhaar card.
 - Jan Aadhaar card will be issued by the state government and will be the primary eligibility document for enrollment under the scheme.
- **Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme**
 - This scheme is an urban employment scheme announced by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot in the state budget 2022-23 of Rajasthan.
 - Under this scheme, people living in urban areas will be provided employment for at least 100 days per year.
 - It has been prepared on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA).
 - The government will spend Rs 800 crore every year on this ambitious scheme.
 - To get the work allowed under this scheme, the work will be approved and executed through committees at the state / district / body level.

10. Uttarakhand, BPCL Sign Agreement for Renewable Energy Development (May 26, 2022)

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Government of Uttarakhand and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) for the development of renewable energy.

- On behalf of the Uttarakhand Government, Energy Secretary R Meenakshi Sundaram and BPCL's Chief General Manager, Renewable Energy Shaily Abraham and Executive Director Amit Garg signed.
- This MoU has been done for the development of renovation and other projects in the state and for 100% financial investment.
- After this agreement, progress will be made in the field of renewable energy, especially solar energy in the state.

- **About Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**

- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited is the third largest integrated oil refining and marketing public sector company of the Government of India.
- Bharat Petroleum has got the Navratna status by the government.
- Establishment- 1976
- Headquarter- Mumbai
- Chairman and Managing Director- Ashok Sinha