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1. Telangana Government Launches First-of-its-Kind State Robotics Framework (May 10, 2023)

Telangana government launches **State Robotics Framework** to establish **self-sustaining robotics ecosystem** and position the state **as a leader in robotics in India**

An Overview Of the News

- This includes setting up a **Robo Park** with testing facilities and co-working spaces as well as a **world-class robotics accelerator** for startups.
- It aims to support **research and development**, promote **collaboration between academia and industry**, and promote the adoption of robotics technology.
- The framework focuses on leveraging robotics in **agriculture, healthcare, industrial automation and consumer robotics** to drive growth and development.

About Telangana

- It is a state located in **south-central India** on the **high Deccan Plateau**.
- It is the **eleventh largest state of India by area**.
- Telangana was carved out of the **northwestern part of Andhra Pradesh** on **2 June 2014** and became the newly formed state of Telangana with **Hyderabad as the capital**.
- Telangana is bordered by **Maharashtra to the north, Chhattisgarh to the northeast, Karnataka to the west, and Andhra Pradesh to the east and south**.
- As of 2019, the state of Telangana is divided into **33 districts**.

Formed (by split) - **2 June 2014**

Capital - **Hyderabad**

District - **33**

Governor - **Tamilisai Soundararajan**

Chief Minister - **K Chandrasekhar Rao (BRS)**

State Legislature - **Bicameral**

Council - **(40 seats)**

Legislative Assembly - **(119 seats)**

Rajya Sabha - **7 seats**

Lok Sabha - **17 seats**

High Court - **Telangana High Court**

2. After J&K, lithium reserves found in Rajasthan (May 9, 2023)

After J&K, lithium reserves found in Rajasthan

After discovering lithium deposits in Jammu and Kashmir, the **Geological Survey of India (GSI)** has discovered another deposit of the important mineral at **Degana in Rajasthan's Nagaur district**.

An overview of the news

- It is believed that these reserves are **much bigger in quantity than the one found in the Union Territory** and **can meet 80% of the total country's demand**.
- Currently, India is dependent on imports for **several minerals such as lithium, nickel and cobalt**.
- Lithium deposits were **found for the first time in Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir in February this year**.
- This was the first significant lithium mineral discovery in India, as earlier only a small deposit had been **discovered in Karnataka**.
- Since lithium is a major component of batteries used in electric vehicles, the government is exploring deposits of the **rare metal within and outside the country**.
- Lithium reserves are concentrated in the **Lithium Triangle in South America - Argentina, Bolivia and Chile, with 50% of deposits** concentrated in these regions.
- China is ahead of other countries and it **controls 75% of lithium refining**.

About Lithium

- It is a **chemical element with the symbol (Li)**.
- It is a **soft and silvery white metal**.
- It is the **lightest metal and the lightest solid element** at standard conditions.
- It is **alkaline and a rare metal**.
- Lithium has an **atomic number of 3 and an atomic mass of 6.941u**.
- Lithium is one of the key components of rechargeable batteries for **mobile phones, laptops, digital cameras and electric vehicles**.
- It is also used in some **non-rechargeable batteries** for things like **heart pacemakers, toys, and watches**.
- Countries with the largest reserves: **Chile > Australia > Argentina**

3. First Pharma Park to be built in Uttar Pradesh (May 7, 2023)

First Pharma Park to be built in Uttar Pradesh

The state government has given green signal to the project of setting up a **state's first Pharma Park in Lalitpur district of Bundelkhand.**

An overview of the news

- For this, the state government will transfer **1500 hectares of land in Lalitpur district** to the Animal Husbandry Department.
- The state government will spend **Rs 1560 crore** for development works and providing necessary facilities to the investors in Lalitpur Pharma Park.
- A proposal has been prepared to transfer the vacant land of the **Animal Husbandry Department in Lalitpur** to the **Industrial Development Department.**
- The **Detail Project Report (DPR)** will be prepared soon after selecting a consultant for the development of the Pharma Park.
- Entrepreneurs setting up units in Pharma Park will be given **100% exemption in stamp duty on land purchase, capital subsidy, construction of houses for laborers, employment generation etc. by the government.**

First Medical Device Park in Gautam Buddha Nagar

- The Uttar Pradesh government is setting up a **medical device park on 350 acres** of land at the **Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YIDA) in Gautam Buddha Nagar.**
- The park is being set up in **Sector 28 of Yeida** where plots have been allotted to 50 entrepreneurs so far.
- There is complete preparation to connect this park with **metro, expressway, transport city and bullet train.**
- A flatted factory with a **common hydrant facility** will also be constructed in the **Medical Device Park.**
- There is also a proposal to set up a **police station** here to help entrepreneurs.
- Uttar Pradesh has received **investment proposals worth Rs 16,420 crore** in the medical devices manufacturing sector at the **Global Investors Summit (GIS)** held in February this year.
- A total of **175 MoUs** have been signed in this area. Most of these investors have expressed their willingness to set up their units in **Medical Device Park and Pharma Park.**

4. Kiren Rijiju launched the trailer of the first Tagine language film (May 6, 2023)

Kiren Rijiju launched the trailer of the first Tagine language film

The trailer of '**Love in 90s**', the **first film made in Tagin language of Arunachal Pradesh**, was launched by Union Law and Justice Minister **Kiren Rijiju** on 6th May in New Delhi.

An overview of the news

- The film depicts the **vibrant and colorful world of the 90s**, based on the **Tagin community** in Upper **Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh** and the first film made **entirely in Tagin language**.
- Directed by **Tapen Natam**, the film brings to the national platform the **rich culture, tradition and local filmmaking initiatives of Arunachal Pradesh**.
- The film highlights the **love story of two youths** amidst the challenges faced by this community in Arunachal Pradesh during the 1990s.
- The film not only celebrates local talent and filmmaking initiatives, but also offers a unique perspective on the **struggles and triumphs of the Tagin community**.
- Through this film, viewers can witness the beauty and rich heritage of Tagine culture and traditions.

About Tagine Community

- **Tagin or Ghasi Miri tribe** is one of the **prominent tribe of Arunachal Pradesh**, members of the Tani tribe descended from **Abu Tani**.
- Most tagines are in **Upper Subansiri district**, but are also found in surrounding districts, especially in **West Siang and Papum Pare**.
- The most important festival of the Tagins is the **Si-Doni Festival**, in which the **Earth (Si) and the Sun (Doni) are worshiped**.
- The notable personality of this community is **Tapi Mra (1st Everest Climber)**.

5. Uttar Pradesh government plans to develop a theme park on the lines of Disneyland (May 5, 2023)

Uttar Pradesh government plans to develop a theme park on the lines of Disneyland

The Uttar Pradesh government plans to develop a theme park named '**Ramland**' in **Ayodhya** on the lines of **Disneyland** to showcase the story of **Lord Ram and attract tourists**.

An Overview of the News

- The park aims to provide visitors a unique learning experience with **entertainment, catering to both children and adults.**
- The development of Ayodhya as a global tourism hotspot is part of the '**Ayodhya Vision 2047**' initiative, which includes around 260 projects covering various sectors such as **tourism, infrastructure, housing, medicine, energy, culture, urban development and transport.**
- Around Rs 30,000 crore is expected to be spent on the **rejuvenation of Ayodhya**, and this expenditure will be borne by the Center and the UP government.
- Some of the projects under the initiative include Smart City Mission, modernization of bus terminals, widening of roads, cleaning of overhead **power supply cables, beautification of ghats and setting up of cultural centres.**

About Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh is a state located in the **northern part of India.**

It is the most populous state in India as well as the most populous subdivision in the world.

The state was officially **established in 1950.**

Chief Minister - **Yogi Adityanath**

Capital - **Lucknow (Executive Branch)**

Governor - **Anandiben Patel**

Rajya Sabha - **31 seats**

Lok Sabha - **80 seats**

6. Patna High Court directs Bihar government to stop caste-based survey immediately (May 5, 2023)

Patna High Court directs Bihar government to stop caste-based survey immediately

The **Patna High Court** has issued a **direction to the State Government of Bihar**, ordering an **immediate stay on the caste-based survey.**

An Overview of the News

- The court has further ordered the government to ensure that any data already collected is kept secure and not shared with anyone till the final order is passed in the writ petition.

What is caste based census?

- In independent India, figures for **Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes** have been published in **every census from 1951 to 2011**, but figures for other castes have not been published.
- **Until 1931 every census included caste data.**

- However, **in 1941**, caste-based data was collected but not published.
- In the absence of such a census, the **population of OBCs and others cannot be accurately estimated.**
- The **Mandal Commission** estimated the OBC population at **52%.**

About Bihar

It is a state **located in the eastern part of India**, which shares a **border with Nepal.**

The state is **divided by the river Ganges.**

Formation - **22 March 1912**

Capital- **Patna**

Chief Justice - **K Vinod Chandran**

Chief Minister - **Nitish Kumar**

Official Animal - **Gaur**

Official Bird - **House Sparrow**

Official Flower - **Bauhinia Variegata**

Official Tree - **Sacred Fig**

7. Himachal cabinet approves monthly incentive for women of Spiti (May 4, 2023)

Himachal Pradesh cabinet led by Chief Minister Sukhwinder Sukhu approved **monthly incentive amount to women in Spiti Valley.**

An Overview of the News

- The Himachal Pradesh cabinet led by Chief Minister Sukhwinder Sukhu announced a **monthly incentive of Rs 1,500 for women in Spiti Valley.**
- The incentive will be provided to all eligible women including Buddhist nuns above 18 years of age. This initiative is called the **Indira Gandhi Mahila Samman Nidhi.**

Cabinet approves other measures for the development of the state

- This decision was taken during the cabinet meeting held on 3 April 2023.
- Apart from the incentives, the cabinet also approved several other measures to improve the financial condition of the state.
- Constitution of cabinet sub-committee

- - The cabinet decided to form a subcommittee to prepare a white paper on the financial position of the state.
 - The sub-committee will be headed by Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, while Agriculture Minister Chander Kumar and Rural Development Minister Anirudh Singh will be members.
- **Introduction to E-Stamping**
 - - The cabinet gave its approval for the introduction of e-stamping to make the collection of stamp duty more convenient.
 - The dual system of stamps i.e. physical stamp paper and e-stamp paper will continue from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Physical stamp paper will be completely phased out after April 1, 2024.
- **Direct Benefit Transfer for School Uniform**
 - - The cabinet approved Direct Benefit Transfer of Rs 600 to eligible students in lieu of school uniform.
- **Increase in honorarium**
 - - The cabinet has approved increasing the honorarium of numberdars in the revenue department from Rs 3,200 to Rs 3,700 per month, which will benefit about 3,177 people.
 - The honorarium of revenue chowkidars or part-time employees will also be increased from Rs 5,000 to Rs 5,500 per month, benefiting around 1,950 people.
- **Increase in Court Fee Rates**
 - - The cabinet approved the increase in the rates of court fee from Rs 6 to Rs 20 for filing an application or petition in revenue courts or for verification of affidavits or other documents in civil courts other than the High Court.
- **Formation of Atal Tunnel Planning Area**
 - - The cabinet has approved the formation of Atal Tunnel Planning Area and freezing of existing land use of Atal Tunnel Planning Area, which includes revenue villages of Lahaul-Spiti district.

8. Tiger at Kalesar National Park in Yamunanagar caught on camera (May 1, 2023)

Tiger at Kalesar National Park in Yamunanagar caught on camera

A tiger has been **spotted in a camera trap** at **Kalesar National Park** in **Yamunanagar district of Haryana**.

An overview of the news

- Recently tiger sightings in the Kalesar area have happened **after a gap of 110 years**.
- Kalesar Park is adjacent to the **Simbalbara National Park in the Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh**.
- Both these parks are connected to **Rajaji National Park** through dense forest. It appears that tigers are using this corridor for roaming.

About Kalesar National Park

- It is located in the **Yamunanagar district of Haryana**.
- It is situated at the **foothills of the Shivalik ranges of the Himalayas**.
- It was declared a **National Park on 8 December 2003**.
- It shares boundary with three States viz., **Himachal Pradesh, Uttranchal & U.P.**
- It was named after a temple (known as **Kalesar Mahadev temple**) located inside the premise of the park.
- In earlier times, rulers under the **Mughal and British Raj** used the park as hunting grounds.
- The park is also famous for its **Dak bungalows** – the **administrative architectural bungalows** built in colonial times.
- **Flora** - Most of the forest is covered by tall and dense sal trees. Other trees that are found in the forest are Semul, Bahera, Amaltas, Shisham, Khair, Sain, Chhal and Jhingan.
- **Fauna**: It houses many animals like leopards, Ghoral, Barking deer, Sambar, Chital, Python, King Cobra, Monitor lizard etc.

9. PM Modi launches 91 FM Transmitters of capacity of 100 Watt (May 1, 2023)

PM Modi launches 91 FM Transmitters of capacity of 100 Watt

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** on 28th April virtually **commissioned 91 FM Transmitters of capacity of 100 Watt at Diphu in Karbi Anglong district of Assam**.

An overview of the news

- Priority has been given to **Left Wing Extremism affected areas**, aspirational districts and border areas of the country for setting up new transmitters.

- The transmitter will act **as a vehicle to convey information about programs and policies of the government** as well as entertainment content to every nook and corner of the country.
- This will strengthen cultural connectivity as well as intellectual bonding and is expected to benefit the underprivileged who may not have had access to this facility earlier.
 - It will **promote digital entrepreneurship in villages.**
 - It can be linked to the **strength of the country and the collective power of duty among the countrymen.**

About All India Radio

- All India Radio, formally known as **Akashvani since 1957**, is India's **national public radio broadcaster** and an arm of **Prasar Bharati**.
- It was **established in 1936.**
- It is run by the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.**
- Its slogan is '**Bahujan Hitay: Bahujan Sukhay**', which translates to 'serving, educating and entertaining the masses'.

10. Gandhisagar Wildlife Sanctuary will be developed as a second home for cheetahs (April 26, 2023)

Gandisagar Wildlife Sanctuary

Recently the **Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh** has announced that the **Gandisagar Wildlife Sanctuary will be developed as a new home for cheetahs in the next six months.**

An overview of the news

- According to wildlife experts, after the increase in the number of cheetahs in **Kuno National Park**, there will not be enough area for them, so it is necessary to relocate them to another place.
- **Gandisagar Wildlife Sanctuary has vast open spaces and grasslands** surrounded by shrubs, which is an ideal landscape for cheetah.

About Gandhisagar Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located in **northwestern Madhya Pradesh (Mandsaur and Neemuch districts) near the Rajasthan border.**
- It was notified as a **wildlife sanctuary in the year 1974.**
- The **Chambal River** flows through the **Gandisagar Sanctuary and divides it into two parts.**

- **Khair, Salai, Kardhai, Dhavada, Tendu and Palash** are the major tree species found here.
- Animals like **chinkara, nilgai and spotted deer, panther, striped hyena and jackal** are found in this wildlife sanctuary.
- Gandisagar Wildlife Sanctuary has many places of historical, archaeological and religious importance like - **Chaurasigarh, Chaturbhujnath Temple, Bhakaji Rock Painting, Narsinghjar Hinglajgarh Fort, Karkeshwar Temple.**