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### **1. The UP Government has approved the proposal regarding the establishment of 'Ranipur Tiger Reserve' ( Sept. 28, 2022 )**

The proposal regarding the establishment of '**Ranipur Tiger Reserve**' was approved in the cabinet meeting held on September 27 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

#### **Important facts**

- Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary at **Chitrakoot** will be the first tiger reserve of Bundelkhand and the **fourth tiger reserve of the state**.
- The tiger reserve will span across 53,000 hectares of land, including 30,000 hectares of buffer area and 23,000 hectares of core area which was already notified as Ranipur wildlife sanctuary in Chitrakoot district of the state.
- Once the Ranipur Tiger Reserve is notified, it will become a part of **Project Tiger of the Government of India**.
- After coming to the submerged area due to the formation of this Tiger Reserve, tigers will come here from Panna Tiger Reserve. They can be rehabilitated safely.
- The cabinet has also decided to set up the **Ranipur Tiger Conservation Foundation**.

#### **About Ranipur Tiger Reserve**

- Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary is located on the **UP-MP border in Chitrakoot** and about 150 km from Panna Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh.
- Covered with northern tropical dry deciduous forests, this area is home to tigers, leopards, bears, spotted deer, sambar, chinkara and other mammals.
- Established in **1977**, it is one of the main attractions of Chitrakoot district of Uttar Pradesh.

#### **Other tiger reserves in Uttar Pradesh**

- At present there are three tiger reserves in the state. These include **Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, Amangarh Tiger Reserve and Pilibhit Tiger Reserve**.

### **2. Supreme Court orders to stop all commercial activities within 500-metre of iconic Taj Mahal ( Sept. 27, 2022 )**

The Supreme Court has directed the Agra Development Authority, Uttar Pradesh to immediately stop all commercial activities **within a 500-metre radius from the peripheral wall of the Taj Mahal**.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and AS Oka told the Agra Development Authority to ensure the compliance with its order delivered on 27 September 2022.

The Apex Court was hearing an application seeking direction to the authorities to prohibit commercial activities within the 500-metre radius of the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The 500m-radius of the 17th-century white marble mausoleum is a no-construction zone. Besides, there are also strict regulations on vehicular movement around the monument. There is also a ban on burning of wood near the monument, and municipal solid waste and agriculture waste in the entire area.

The top court is hearing the matter since it was filed in 1984 related to the protection and preservation of the Taj Mahal and its surroundings.

The Taj Mahal was built by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal in 1631.

### **3. President Murmu unveils foundation stone for ICMR-National Institute of Virology, South Zone at Bengaluru ( Sept. 27, 2022 )**

President **Droupadi Murmu** unveiled the foundation stone for ICMR-National Institute of Virology (NIV) Pune, South Zone at **Bengaluru** in virtual mode, in presence of Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Bharti Pravin Pawar on 27 September 2022.

The setting up of the zonal campus of the National Institute of Virology, Pune is part of the **Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)** of the central government.

#### **Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)**

- The Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission
- was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in **Varanasi**, Uttar Pradesh on **25 October 2021**.
- The total outlay on the scheme is **Rs 64,180 Crore** and the duration of the scheme is from **2021-22 to 25-26**.
- The Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission is one of the largest pan-India schemes for strengthening healthcare infrastructure across the country.
- Its objective is to fill gaps in public health infrastructure, especially in critical care facilities and primary care in both urban and rural areas.
- It will provide support for 17,788 rural health and wellness centers in 10 high-focus states.
- Further, 11,024 urban health and wellness centers will be established in all the States.
- Under the scheme, a national institution for one health (**set up in Nagpur**), four new regional centers of the national institutes for virology, a regional research platform for WHO South East Asia Region, nine biosafety level-III laboratories, and five new regional national centre for disease control will be set up.
- For the first time in Asia, two container-based hospitals with comprehensive medical facilities will be kept ready at all times, which can be rapidly deployed via rail or air to deal with any disaster or calamity in the country.

#### **National Institute of Virology (NIV)**

The National Institute of Virology is one of the major Institutes of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

It was established at **Pune**, Maharashtra State in 1952 as Virus Research Centre (VRC) under the auspices of the ICMR and the Rockefeller Foundation (RF), USA. Now it is fully funded by ICMR.

NIV is also the National Centre for Hepatitis and Influenza.

NIV has been designated as one of the collaborating laboratories of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Chairman: **Dr Priya Abraham**

#### **4. Uttar Pradesh gets Ayushman Utkrishta award 2022 for adding maximum various Health facilities ( Sept. 26, 2022 )**

Uttar Pradesh has been awarded [Ayushman Utkrishta award 2022](#) for adding various health facilities to the health facility register.

The State was conferred this award by the Chief Executive officer (CEO) of the National Health Authority **R.S Sharma** at the closing ceremony of the [Aarogya Manthan](#) organised by the National Health Authority in New Delhi on 26 September 2022.

#### **Achievements of the state**

Uttar Pradesh is the best performing state in the country with 28728 Health facilities added to the **National health facility register** of the National Health Authority.

Also the state is the **second best State** in creating **Ayushman Bharat health account (ABHA)** with almost 2 crores Accounts.

#### **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)**

- The Prime Minister launched the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) via video conferencing on **27th September 2021**.
- It aims to provide a health ID (now called as ABHA) to every citizen that will also work as their health account, to which personal health records can be linked and viewed with the help of a mobile application.

#### **5. Odisha Village 'Govindpur' declared as Birds Village ( Sept. 26, 2022 )**

Located near the Hirakud Lake in Bargarh district of Odisha, **Govindpur village** has declared itself as a "Birds Village". The residents of the village have resolved to keep the area pollution free and protect the migratory birds during its nesting period.

The Govindpur village lies within the Lakhanpur wildlife range and the locals have taken the initiative under the guidance of Hirakud wildlife division.

More than 2 lakh birds migrate to Hirakud Reservoir every year for breeding and stay for six months. The migratory birds of about 100 species come to the reservoir, spread over 746 sq km, in October every year.

With the declaration of the Hirakud Lake as Ramsar site in 2022, the area is expected to attract tourists, photographers in large numbers.

### **Hirakud Dam**

The Hirakud Dam is the world's longest earthen dam built on river Mahanadi in Sambalpur district of Odisha. The dam is 25.79 km long and has an artificial lake called Hirakud reservoir.

It is a multipurpose river project which was conceived by **M. Visvesvaraya** in **1937**, after recurrence of devastating floods in Mahanadi River.

The construction of the dam began in 1947 and it was inaugurated in 1957.

The largest earthen dam in the world is the Tarbela Dam on River Indus in Pakistan.

The largest earthen dam in India is the **Banasura Sagar Dam**, on the river **Karamanathodu** which is the tributary of the Kabini River. It is in Kerala.

It is also the 2nd largest earthen dam in Asia after Tarbela dam.

### **6. Union Agriculture Minister lays foundation stone of NSC organic seed farm in Morena, MP ( Sept. 26, 2022 )**

The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, **Narendra Singh Tomar**, on 25 September laid the foundation stone of an organic seed farm of the National Seed Corporation (NSC) at **Morena**.

#### **Important facts**

- The Central Government has decided to set up a farm at Morena (MP) for the production of organic seeds by reclamation of the land in the rough area.
- For this, the Government of Madhya Pradesh has allotted **885.34 hectares of land in 4 villages of Morena (Gadora, Jakhauna, Rithora Khurd and Gorkha)** to the Union Agriculture Ministry.
- This land is a rough area of **Chambal** and farming was not possible due to the ravines in the area.
- On completion of this, new organic seeds of oilseeds will be available to the farmers of Madhya Pradesh.
- With this farm farmers will be introduced to modern technology, they will get high yielding seeds and their socio-economic status will improve.

#### **De-notification of 207 hectares of land**

- He said that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has taken a major decision to recommend de-notification of **207 hectares of land** in the **National Wildlife Sanctuary of Chambal**.
- Due to de-notification, this area will be outside the sanctuary area, due to which sand will be available at cheap prices for construction/development works at the local level and this will also create new employment opportunities.

## **National Seed Corporation (NSC)**

- NSC is a Schedule '**B**'-**Miniratna Category-I company**.
- It is wholly owned by the Government of India under the administrative control of Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- It was established in **March-1963** to undertake production of foundation and certified seeds.
- Presently, it is producing certified seeds of about **621 varieties of 80 crops**.

## **7. President Droupadi Murmu Inaugurates Dasara Festival In Mysuru ( Sept. 26, 2022 )**

President of India **Draupadi Murmu** is on a visit to Karnataka from 26-28 September. On 26 September she inaugurated the **Mysuru Dasara Festival** at **Chamundi Hills, Mysuru**.

### **Important facts**

- The famous 10-day Dussehra celebrations began with religious and traditional fervor on 26 September in this palace town.
- Celebrated as "**Nada Habba**" (**State Festival**), this festival reflects the rich culture and traditions of Karnataka.

### **About Naada Habba - Dasara**

- It is the 10-day festival of Dussehra which is one of the most popular festivals in Karnataka, especially in the Mysore region.
- In Karnataka, the origin of Nada Habba is mainly associated with the slaying of the demon **Mahishasura by Chamundeshwari**.
- The highlight of the festival is a procession on the day of Vijayadashami (the last day) to mark the victory of good over evil.
- Important pujas, ceremonies and rituals associated with Dussehra in Mysore are celebrated at the Amba Vilas Palace by the Wodeyar, former rulers of the region.
- The head of the Wodeyar family conducts all the religious rituals associated with Dasara on all ten days.

### **Other festival in karnataka**

- **Hampi Festival or Vijaya Utsava** - this is celebrated to commemorate the birthday of an ancient poet Purandaradasa.
- **Karaga Festival** - this is a folk dance performed as a tribute to Draupadi.

- **Pattadakal Dance Festival** - this is conducted to honor the famous temples every year in the month of January.
- **Kambala Festival** - On the first day of Kambala, a parade is conducted with all the buffalos.
- **Ugadi** - it symbolizes New Year for Kannadigas.

## **8. Prime Minister Modi greets women of Telangana on the occasion of Bathukamma ( Sept. 25, 2022 )**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the women of Telangana on the auspicious occasion of **Bathukamma** on 25 September 2022.

Bathukamma 'means 'Goddess of Life' and is celebrated during Dussehra.

It is a state festival of Telangana where women pay respects to nature by making large stacks of flowers, called Bathukamma.

Women decorate a special pot with seasonal flowers, fill the pot with offerings to the goddess, go in a procession, and later immerse the pot in a local pond.

### **State Symbol of Telangana**

- The State Bird - **Palapitta** (Indian Roller or Blue Jay).
- The State Animal - **Jinka** (Deer).
- The State Tree - **Jammi Chettu** (Prosopis Cineraria).
- The State Flower - **Tangedu** (Tanner's Cassia).

## **9. Amit Shah inaugurates building of four BOPs at SSB Camp Kishanganj in Bihar ( Sept. 24, 2022 )**

**Union Home Minister Amit Shah on 24 September inaugurated the building of four BOPs in SSB camp Kishanganj, Bihar and asserted that the boundary of the country is fully secured.**

### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- He inaugurated the building of four Border Observation Posts (BOPs) at Fatehpur, Pektola, Beria, Aamgachi, and Raniganj at the SSB camp in Kishanganj.
- The Union Home Minister asked the Seema Suraksha Bal (SSB) personnel to remain vigilant along the border to prevent infiltration and smuggling of humans and animals from Nepal and Bangladesh.
- He said the SSB should adopt the latest technology including Drone and CCTV to ensure perfect security along bordering areas.

- He said SSB jawans are not only protecting bordering areas but also performing a commendable job to eliminate the Naxal menace in Bihar and Jharkhand.
- A meeting on border security is going on between Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Director Generals of BSF, SSB and ITBP at the BSF camp in Kishanganj.

***About Sashastra Seema Bal :***

- Sashastra Seema Bal was established on 20 December 1963 after the Indo-China war.
- The Sashastra Seema Bal guards the country's borders with Nepal (1,751 km) and Bhutan (699 km).
- On 13 April 2014, the Union Home Ministry for the first time approved the induction of young women into the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) as Combat Officers.
- Headquarters- **New Delhi**

**10. Punjab fined Rs 2180 crore by the NGT for its failure to treat waste ( Sept. 23, 2022 )**

**The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a penalty of Rs 2,180 crore on the Punjab government for its failure to treat solid and liquid waste, leading to a huge gap in their generation and treatment.**

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson **Justice AK Goel** said corrective action could not wait for an indefinite period and health issues could not be deferred for long.

It said the compliance of environmental norms on the subject of waste management had to be high on priority. The government has to provide funds for this purpose.

It asked the state government to deposit the fine amount in a separate fund which will be used to build infrastructure for treatment of waste.

The NGT is monitoring compliance of Municipal Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, and other environmental issues by states and Union territories.

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

***National Green Tribunal :***

- It deals with cases relating to the environment protection and conservation of forest.
- It was set up in 2010 under the National Green Tribunal Act 2010.
- The Tribunal is not bound by the procedure laid down under the **Code of Civil Procedure, 1908**, but is guided **by principles of natural justice**.
- **New Delhi** is the Principal Place of Sitting of the Tribunal and Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata and Chennai are other places of sitting of the Tribunal.\
- **Chairperson : Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel**

