


**25<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

### Ganga Dolphin



- ❖ According to the Wildlife Institute of India, about 4,000 dolphins currently exist in the Ganga and its tributaries.
- The population of Ganges dolphins in Uttar Pradesh is estimated to be 2,000, which is more than half of the total number of Ganges dolphins found in India.
- Considering the importance of Ganga dolphin in Uttar Pradesh, the UP government has implemented a new tourism policy and declared Chambal Sanctuary as a dolphin sanctuary area.

*Note:* According to a report in The Statesman, unprecedented efforts to clean and purify the Ganga under the Namami Gange Mission have led to an increase in the dolphin population in the river.

### Important - State News

<b>Sikkim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Saga Dawa festival was celebrated in Sikkim on 23 May 2024 on the occasion of Buddha Purnima.</li> <li>❖ This festival is celebrated annually on the 15th day of the fourth month of the Northern Buddhist calendar.</li> <li>❖ Saga Dawa is considered the most sacred Buddhist festival, commemorating the birth, attainment of enlightenment and Mahaparinirvana (death) of Buddha Shakyamuni.</li> <li>❖ This day is also known as the 'Triple Blessed Occasion'.</li> </ul>	
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Person In News

<p><b>Pritismita Bhoi</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Indian weightlifter Pritismita Bhoi has created a world record by lifting 133 kg in the 40 kg women's weight category.</li> <li>❖ 15-year-old Pritismita Bhoi became the first weightlifter from the country to win the title with clean and jerk world record.</li> <li>❖ She led India to an unprecedented 1-2 finish in the women's 40kg at the World Youth Championships in Lima (Peru).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Jaya Badiga</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Indian-American lawyer Jaya Badiga has been appointed judge in the Sacramento County Superior Court in California, USA.</li> <li>❖ Budiga Judge Robert S. Lapham has been appointed to the post vacant after his retirement.</li> <li>❖ Badiga has work in the California Department of Health Care Services in the year 2020.</li> <li>❖ Jaya Badiga belongs to Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Medha Patekar</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Recently, Delhi court convicted Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Medha Patkar in a defamation case filed by Delhi LG VK Saxena.</li> <li>❖ If convicted, Patkar could be sentenced to up to two years in prison, a fine, or both.</li> </ul>	



### Short News

- ❖ Recently Airbus Helicopters and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to finance the purchase of Airbus helicopters in India.
  - Under the MoU, both Airbus Helicopters and SIDBI will identify potential civil helicopter operators in India who are interested in financing solutions to purchase helicopters.
- ❖ Airbus will provide technical and helicopter industry knowledge to SIDBI, which will evaluate these possibilities and finance them exclusively for Airbus.

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