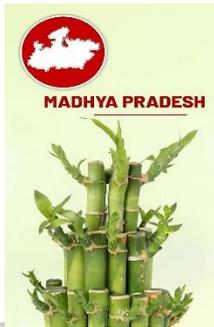


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Madhya Pradesh tops in bamboo resources in country

Madhya Pradesh has topped in bamboo resources among all the states across the nation with having the highest bamboo bearing area of 1.84 million hectare of the total area estimated 15.0 million hectares in the country.



Key Points

- ❖ According to the recent Indian Forest Survey Report (IFSR) 2021, Madhya Pradesh has a highest bamboo bearing area of 18,394 square kilometers followed by Arunachal Pradesh (15,739 sq km), Maharashtra (13,526 sq km) and Odisha (11,199 sq km).
- ❖ The total bamboo bearing area estimated in the country is 1,49,443 sq kilometers.
- ❖ Besides, the pure bamboo area in Madhya Pradesh is 847 square kilometres, dense area is 4046 square kilometers, sparse area is 8327 square kilometres and regeneration is 3,245 square kilometers which is the highest in the country.

- ❖ Bamboo cultivation is being promoted in Madhya Pradesh through the Bamboo Mission Scheme.

National Bamboo Mission:

- ❖ It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme started in the year 2006-07 and was subsumed under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16.



- ❖ MIDH is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented from 2014-15 for the holistic development of horticulture in the country, covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew and cocoa.
- ❖ The aim of the National Bamboo Mission will focus on the development of bamboo in limited States where it has social, commercial and economical advantages.

- ❖ **Nodal Ministry:** Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

Madhya Pradesh govt hosts 4th interactive session on investment opportunities

Madhya Pradesh government conducted its fourth interactive session on investment opportunities in the state, in Kolkata

Key Points

- ❖ This is a precursor to the biennial flagship event 'Invest Madhya Pradesh – Global Investors Summit', scheduled to take place in February 2025 in Bhopal.
- ❖ The event was attended by 10 international diplomatic missions from countries including Germany, Russia, Canada, Spain, Greece, El Salvador, Bangladesh, Maldives and Guatemala.



- ❖ Representatives from leading industrial organizations such as NASSCOM, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), Bengal Chambers of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), Indian Chambers of Commerce (ICC) and, Engineering Export Promotion Council of India (EEPC) also attended the session.

Pench Tiger Reserve Faces Habitat Strain Due to Spotted Deer Overpopulation

The Pench Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh is facing habitat stress due to an overpopulation of spotted deer, leading to relocation efforts to restore ecosystem balance.

Key Points

- ❖ Woodland grass is a unique feature of PTR and hence, the tiger reserve spread over 400 sq km has a high density of chital or spotted deer



- ❖ The rich habitat has led the PTR to be overpopulated with spotted deer whose population has now swelled to over 40,000 in the wildlife sanctuary.

- ❖ The PTR has shifted around 2,000 spotted deer each to Kuno National Park and Satpura Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh over the past two years to improve the prey base of cheetahs and tigers in these two reserve forests respectively.

About Spotted Deer:

- ❖ The spotted deer, or Chital, is the most common deer species in Indian forests.

Distribution:

- ❖ It is native to the Indian subcontinent.
- ❖ It is widely distributed in Asia, especially in India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and a small group in Pakistan.

Conservation Status:

- ❖ **IUCN Red List:** Least Concern

Nadi Utsav 2024

Nadi Utsav 2024 was inaugurated at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) in New Delhi.



Key Points

- ❖ Organized by the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM) of IGNCA (Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts) in collaboration with the Janapada Sampada Division
- ❖ The 5th edition of the festival is being celebrated under the theme 'Rivers in Reverse: Making of a Lifeline', focusing on the components of a river and its surrounding culture.
- ❖ It highlights the components of rivers and their surrounding cultures.
- ❖ The 'Nadi Utsav' commenced in 2018, with its inaugural event held in Nashik (Maharashtra) city situated on the banks of River Godavri.
- ❖ The second 'Nadi Utsav' took place in Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh) city situated on the banks of river Krishna, and the third in Munger (Bihar) city situated on the banks of river Ganga.

- ❖ **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)**



- ❖ The IGNCA was launched on November 19th, 1985, by the late Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi.

- ❖ Five rocks from five major rivers – Sindhu, Ganga, Kaveri, Mahanadi and the Narmada (where the most ancient ammonite fossils are found) were composed into sculptural forms. These will remain at the site as reminders of the antiquity of Indian culture and the sacredness of her rivers and rocks.

IPS officer Anurag Garg takes over as new NCB Director General



Anurag Garg, a 1993 batch IPS officer from the Himachal Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the new Director General (DG) of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

Key Points

- ❖ Garg was previously serving as Additional Director General in the Border Security Force (BSF) at its headquarters in New Delhi.
- ❖ He takes over from CRPF DG Anish Dayal Singh, who was holding the NCB DG position in an additional capacity after the retirement of S N Pradhan in August.

- ❖ The Narcotics Control Bureau, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, was established in 1986 and is responsible for combating drug trafficking and illegal substance use under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

News Shorts

- ❖ Kerala has once again secured first position in the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2024.
- ❖ Jasprit Bumrah has become the 10th Indian bowler to reach the milestone of 400 international wickets.
- ❖ Taiwan has officially recognized same-sex marriages between Taiwanese and Chinese citizens, allowing them to register their marriages for the first time.
- ❖ Kumar Tuhin has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Netherlands
- ❖ Rajasthan Atomic Power Reactor is the third home-built 700 MWe nuclear reactor in India.
- ❖ Recently, The Union Minister has announced that the government will work on improving two lakh dirty and difficult spots across the country as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM).

❖ According to the '2024 Megahubs report', released by the United Kingdom (UK)-based air consultancy firm Official Airline Guide (OAG), Indira Gandhi International Airport

(IGIA) in New Delhi(Delhi), has been ranked at 24th spot among the top 25 Megahub airports globally, up by one place from 25th spot in OAG's 2023 report.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which Indian state has the largest bamboo resources in the country?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) West Bengal

Answer – (c)

2. The Madhya Pradesh government conducted its 4th interactive session on investment opportunities in which city?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Bengaluru

Answer – (c)

