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M.P Special

"Cheetah, The Pride of India"



The theme of Madhya Pradesh's tableau at the Republic Day Parade 2025 in New Delhi will be "Cheetah, The Pride of India."

Key point

- ❖ The tableau will showcase the historic reintroduction of cheetahs in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ With the success of the cheetah project, Madhya Pradesh is now recognized as both the "Tiger State" and the "Cheetah State."
- ❖ The National Kuno Sanctuary, located on the banks of the Kuno River in Sheopur district, has become a new home for the cheetahs.
- ❖ The sanctuary provides suitable food and natural habitat for them.
- ❖ As a result of the successful reintroduction project, a total of 24 cheetahs, including adults and cubs, are now roaming in the sanctuary.

Award


Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2025




The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2025, in the Institutional Category, for its excellent work in Disaster Management.

Key point

- ❖ The Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has instituted an annual award known as Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar .

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To recognize and honour the invaluable contribution and selfless service rendered by individuals and organizations in India in the field of disaster management. ❖ The award is announced every year on 23rd January, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. ❖ The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 51 lakh and a certificate in case of an institution and Rs. 5 lakh and a certificate in case of an individual. <div> <p>About INCOIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) was established in 1999, in Hyderabad, Telangana. ❖ The INCOIS is integral to India's disaster management strategy, specializing in early alerts for ocean-related hazards. ❖ It established the Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC) which provides tsunami alerts within 10 minutes, serving India and 28 Indian Ocean countries. ❖ It has been recognized by UNESCO as a top Tsunami Service Provider. </div>
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Scheme

<p>Diamond Imprest Authorization (DIA) Scheme</p> 	<p>The Government of India's Department of Commerce has launched the Diamond Imprest Authorization (DIA) Scheme to strengthen India's global competitiveness in the diamond industry.</p> <p>Key point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Announced on 21st January 2025, the scheme will come into effect on 1st April 2025, enabling duty-free imports of Natural Cut and Polished Diamonds under specific conditions to support exporters and boost the domestic industry.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The scheme allows duty-free import of Natural Cut and Polished Diamonds of less than $\frac{1}{4}$ carat (including semi-processed or broken diamonds) and mandates a 10% value addition for export. ❖ Only diamond exporters with Two Star Export House status and annual exports of \$15 million in the last three years are eligible. ❖ The Diamond Imprest License (DIL) will be valid for 1 year for imports and 18 months for exports.
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Miscellaneous

<p>India's first CSIR Mega Innovation Complex</p> 	<p>On January 17, 2025, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's first CSIR Mega Innovation Complex in Mumbai, a major step forward in the country's innovation ecosystem.</p> <p>Key point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ This cutting-edge facility is designed to support start-ups, MSMEs, and industry players by offering advanced scientific infrastructure and expertise. ❖ Key features of the complex include nine floors with 24 fully equipped incubation labs, office spaces, and networking areas to help accelerate innovation and support business growth. ❖ It also aims to bridge the gap between research and practical applications by assisting in regulatory studies, technology transfer, and addressing challenges in sectors like healthcare, energy, and materials science. ❖ The complex encourages collaboration between start-ups, MSMEs, and CSIR's network of researchers and innovators, aligning with the vision of an Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India).
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<p>Umamaheshwara metal idol</p> 	<p>A significant historical find, a Umamaheshwara metal sculpture, was discovered in Taggunje, Ajri village, Kundapura taluk, Udupi district, Karnataka.</p> <p>Key point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ This detailed sculpture, thought to have been created in the 17th century using 12th-century artistic styles, combines Shaiva-Shaktha and Naga cult traditions, as explained by T. Murugeshi, a retired Associate Professor of Ancient History and Archaeology. ❖ Crafted from five metals (panchaloha), the sculpture depicts Lord Shiva seated on a lotus platform with his consort Parvati (Uma) sitting on his left lap. ❖ Shiva is shown with a crown of matted hair, a third eye, and holding a parashu (axe) and mriga (deer) in his hands. ❖ Above him, a five-headed serpent serves as an umbrella. Parvati holds a lotus bud and wears intricate jewellery. ❖ The platform also features Lord Ganesha, Shanmukha, and Nandi. The sculpture is framed by a Prabhavali, symbolising protection and power.
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Person in News

<p>Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal</p> 	<p>Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal, a 1994-batch IPS officer from the Tamil Nadu cadre, has been appointed as the Additional Director General (ADG) of the Border Security Force (BSF).</p> <p>Key point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ This appointment was confirmed by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on January 19, 2025. ❖ Aggarwal will serve in this role for four years from the date he assumes charge or until further orders, whichever comes first. ❖ Before this appointment, Aggarwal was serving as the Special Director General of Police, Armed Police, in Tamil Nadu.
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	❖ Aggarwal has held significant positions, including Commissioner of Police in both Chennai and Madurai.
<p>Usha Vance</p> 	<p>On January 20, 2025, Usha Vance made history by becoming the first Indian-American and Hindu Second Lady of the United States.</p> <p>Key point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Her husband, J.D. Vance was sworn in as the 50th Vice President, marking a pivotal moment in U.S. politics. ❖ Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh administered the oath to J.D. Vance. ❖ Usha Vance, born to Telugu immigrants, earned her degrees from Yale University and Yale Law School, where she met J.D. Her dedication to education and her cultural roots shaped her remarkable journey.

Short News

- ❖ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai launched the 'Deendayal Upadhyay Bhoomiheen Krishi Majdoor Kalyana Yojana' in Raipur, aimed at benefiting over 5.62 lakh landless agricultural workers, including Baigas and Gunias.
 - Each beneficiary will receive Rs 10,000 annually under the scheme. During the launch, Rs 562 crores were disbursed to the recipients.
- ❖ The Tamirabharani – Karumeniyar – Nambiyar River Linking Scheme will be inaugurated by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on February 7, 2025.
- ❖ The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) has elected Dhananjay Shukla as its President and Pawan G Chandak as Vice President for 2025 on January 19, 2025.
- ❖ The Centre has announced an increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for raw jute by ₹315, setting it at ₹5,650 per quintal for the 2025-26 marketing season.
- ❖ Bengaluru-based aerospace startup Sarla Aviation has introduced 'Shunya,' India's first electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) air taxi prototype.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which of the following organisations won the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2025?

- A. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)
- B. Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)
- C. Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management (GIDM)
- D. Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA)

Answer-B

2. Which of the following state governments launched the 'Deendayal Upadhyay Bhoomiheen Krishi Majdoor Kalyana Yojana'?

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Bihar
- D. Uttar Pradesh

Answer- A

