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51st Khajuraho Dance Festival

Why in News?

The 51st Khajuraho Dance Festival was organised in Khajuraho, Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh from 20 to 26 February 2025 .

Key Points

- **About Khajuraho Dance Festival:**
 - It was organised by the **Culture Department and Tourism Department of Madhya Pradesh.**
 - The festival was held against the backdrop of the **historic temples of Khajuraho , which are on the UNESCO World Heritage List.**
- **Initiation:**
 - Khajuraho Dance Festival was **started in 1975** and since then it is being organised by **Ustad Alauddin Khan Music and Arts Academy** under the Culture Department of Madhya Pradesh Government.
- **Objective of the celebration :**
 - Various Indian classical dance forms like **Bharatnatyam, Kathak, Odissi, Kuchipudi, Manipuri, Mohiniyattam, Kathakali, Yakshagana,** etc. are showcased through this festival.
 - Along with traditional dance, **new experiments in dance and rich forms of choreography are encouraged.**
 - Through this festival, the **historical and cultural heritage of Khajuraho is promoted** at the global level.
 - The festival **provides a platform to various artisans and handicraft artists** to showcase their art and crafts.
- **Major activities of the festival :**
 - **Classical Dance Marathon (Relay)**
 - 139 artists created a **Guinness World Record** by performing classical dance for 24 hours 9 minutes 26 seconds.
 - **Grand classical dance performances :**
 - Dance forms like Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Odissi, Kuchipudi, Manipuri, Mohiniyattam, Kathakali, Yakshagana etc. were performed.

- **Hunar Mela – Handicrafts and Art Exhibition :**
 - An **exhibition of traditional handicrafts, paintings, jewellery and artefacts** of Madhya Pradesh was organised.
- **Live Exhibition :**
 - **Exhibition of terracotta art, Bundeli paintings, bead jewellery and other local arts.**

Khajuraho Temple



➤ Introduction:

- Built by the Chandela dynasty in the 10th and 11th centuries, these temple groups present a unique example of architecture and sculpture .
- The number of temples built in Nagar style has now reduced to only 20, among which the temple of Kandariya Mahadev is especially famous.
- The temples here belong to two religions – Jain and Hindu .

➤ World Heritage Site :

- It was included in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the year 1986 .

Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2025

Why in News?

Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2025 was organized in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on **24-25 February 2025** in which **Memorandum Of Understandings (MOUs)** worth a total of Rs 30 lakh 77 thousand crore were signed.

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Key Points

- **About GIS:**
 - This two-day Global Investors Summit was organized **at the National Human Museum in Bhopal** .
 - The Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister stated that the GIS is a historic initiative to take the state's economy to new heights.
 - The theme of the summit this year was **'Infinite Possibilities'**.
 - The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation mentioned the goal to make **India a fully developed nation by the year 2047 and the third largest economy by 2027** .
- **Objective:**
 - The objective of this summit is **to attract investment and increase employment opportunities** in Madhya Pradesh .
 - Through this summit, investments will be made in many sectors like science, technical education, skill development, **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)** and health services.
- **Participation and Investment:**
 - The conference had over 25,000 registrations.
 - Over 100 foreign delegates from over 60 countries participated.
 - **Nine countries contributed as partner countries**, including Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, Morocco, Poland, Russia, Rwanda, and the United Kingdom.
 - A total of **MoUs worth Rs 30 lakh 77 thousand crore were signed** , which will help in setting up large and ancillary industries in Madhya Pradesh.
 - It will promote **employment, development and industrial growth** in the state.

Vulture Census

Why in News?

The vulture census began on **17th February, 2025**, to evaluate their **population and status** in Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- **About:**
 - According to official information, the winter vulture census was conducted on 17, 18 and 19 February and the summer vulture census will be conducted on 29 April 2025.
 - The **vulture census** is conducted **twice a year in two phases**.
 - As per official information, the **winter census** was held on **17-19 February, 2025**, while the **summer census** is scheduled from **29th April, 2025**.
- **Training Programs:**
 - A **one-day training programme** was organised by **11 master trainers for 2024-25**.
- **Partner:**
 - More than **900 forest officers-staff, vulture experts and ornithologists** participated in the training.
- **Winter vulture count:**
 - The **three-day winter vulture count** has started at **Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary (GSWLS)** in Mandsaur district .
 - According to the **state forest department**, a total of **12,981 vultures** were found in the state.
- **Historical perspective:**
 - The vulture census in Madhya Pradesh was conducted for the **first time in 2016**, when there were 6,999 vultures in the state.
 - After this, calculations have also been done for the years **2018, 2019, 2021, 2024 and 2025**.

Vultures

- **About:**
 - Vultures play an important role in the ecosystem because they eat dead organisms.
 - These act as natural scavengers .
 - They mainly live in tropical and subtropical regions.
 - India is home to nine species of vultures such as Oriental White-backed, Long-billed, Slender-billed, Himalayan, Red-headed, Egyptian, Bearded, Cinereous and Eurasian Griffon.

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Note:

- Vultures lay eggs only once a year and this process takes place on rocks or tall trees. The average lifespan of a vulture is 15 to 30 years .

➤ **Decrease in numbers:**

- The main reason for the decline in their numbers was the widespread use of the painkiller diclofenac in animal treatments in the late 1990s and early 2000s.
- This resulted in populations decreasing by more than 97% in some areas, causing an ecological crisis.

Gandhisagar Wildlife Sanctuary

- Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is located in northwestern Madhya Pradesh (Mandsaur and Neemuch districts) near the border with Rajasthan.
- It was designated as a wildlife sanctuary in 1974.
- The Chambal River flows through the Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary and divides it into two parts.
- Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary is an important natural habitat for vultures. The region's biodiversity, towering cliffs, and abundant food supply create a perfect habitat for vultures.

Rehabilitation of Indian Bison

Why in News?

50 Bison Gaur will be rehabilitated by the Forest Department and Wildlife Institute of India , Dehradun.

Key Points

- **About Resettlement:**
 - The relocation work will be done in two phases, from [Satpura Tiger Reserve](#) to [Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve](#) on 20 to 24 February.
 - Reintroduction means **re-establishing a species in its natural habitat** where it previously existed.
- **Purpose of resettlement:**
 - Increasing the population of Bison (Gaur) and genetic improvement.
 - Maintaining balance in **biodiversity and ecosystem** .
- **Importance of Resettlement:**
 - Earlier, 50 boys were rehabilitated in 2011-12, taking their number to over 170.

- This step is important towards the conservation of Bison so that they can have a stable and healthy population in the future.
- Their rehabilitation will promote a **healthy ecosystem for wildlife** and will prove beneficial for other species as well.

Indian Bison (Gaur)



➤ **About:**

- **It is the largest species of wild cattle** found in India and is the largest extant bovine animal.
- Boysen controls the growth of grasses and plants, keeping the ecosystem healthy.
- The number of Gaur in the world is around 13,000 to 30,000, of which about 85% are present in India.

➤ **Location:**

- It is originally found in South and Southeast Asia.
 - In India, they are found in abundance in the Western Ghats. Mainly found in [Nagarhole National Park](#) , [Bandipur National Park](#) , [Masinagudi National Park](#) and [Biligirirangana Hills \(BR Hills\)](#).
 - They are also found in **Burma and Thailand**.

NAKSHA Programme

Why in News?

The Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture launched **the Naksha Programme for Land Survey of Urban Settlements** in Raisen, Madhya Pradesh.

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Note:

Key Points

- **About the program:**
 - “NAKSHA” (National Geospatial Knowledge-based Land Survey of Urban Habitations) program has been launched under [the Digital India Land Records Modernization Program \(DILRMP\)](#).
 - Under this initiative, a pilot project will be run in 152 cities, including 10 towns in 9 districts of Madhya Pradesh.
- **Objective:**
 - The aim of this initiative is to **overhaul the urban land records system** and **develop a comprehensive land management system** based on accurate geospatial data.
- **This initiative is going to:**
 - Make life easier for citizens.
 - Improve urban planning for better city development.
 - Reduce land disputes by ensuring clear property records.
 - Enhance transparency, efficiency, and sustainability with an IT-based property record system.

Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP)

- **Introduction:**
 - The Central Government **approved the National Land Records Modernization Programme (NLRMP) on 21 August 2008** to **modernize the land records system** in the country, which was relaunched in the year 2016 and renamed as **Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP)**.
 - It is a **Central Sector Scheme** with 100% funding by the Centre.
- **Objective:**
 - Introduction of a system for updated land records, automated and automated mutation, integration between text and spatial records, **inter-connection between revenue and registration**, replacement of the current deed registration and presumptive title system with conclusive title with title guarantee.

Cheetah Mitra Sammelan

Why in News?

On 18 February 2025, **Cheetah Mitra Sammelan** was organized in **Kuno National Park**, Sheopur, in which 100 Cheetah Friends participated.

Key Points

- **About the conference:**
 - The conference was held on the **completion of two successful years of rehabilitation of cheetahs** introduced from South Africa to Kuno National Park.
 - Cheetah friends **shared their experiences and suggestions** related to the project, which can be helpful in improving this project in future.
 - Detailed information about **Project Cheetah** was given and direct experience of the work done under the project was shared.
- **Objective:**
 - The purpose of this conference was to **analyze the work done under the project**.
 - Through this it was ensured that all aspects were taken into consideration and contributed to the success of the Cheetah project.

Kuno National Park

- **About:**
 - **Kuno National Park** was established as a **wildlife sanctuary in 1981** and declared **a national park in 2018**.
- **Geography:**
 - It consists mainly of dry deciduous forests and the Kuno River, a major tributary of **the Chambal**, flows through the park.
 - It is situated in **the Vindhya mountain range**.
- **Fauna:**
 - Leopard, striped hyena, Indian wolf, **blackbuck**, sambar deer, **gharial** (Kuno River).
 - It was selected under **the action plan for the introduction of cheetah** in India.
- **Flora:**
 - The primary **tree species** are **Kardhaai, Khair and Salai**.

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Note:

Cheetah

Common Name – Cheetah

Scientific Name – *Acinonyx jubatus*

- *Acinonyx jubatus jubatus* (African Cheetah)
- *Acinonyx jubatus venaticus* (Asiatic Cheetah)

Reintroduction of Cheetah to India:

- The "Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India" was released by MoEF&CC at the 19th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) (January 2022).
- Such a plan was first proposed in 2009.
- In September 2022, eight cheetahs landed in India from Namibia.
- The 8 cheetahs have been relocated to the Kuno-Palpur National Park, Madhya Pradesh.
- The relocation of cheetahs to India from Namibia is the world's first inter- continental large wild carnivore translocation project.

Slightly brownish and golden skin; thicker than the Asiatic Cheetahs

More prominent spots and lines on the face

Found all over the African continent

IUCN Red List Status – Vulnerable

African Cheetah

Slightly smaller than the African ones.

Pale yellowish fawn coloured skin – more fur under body, belly specifically.

Found only in Iran; the country claims there are only 12 of them left. Year 1952 – Asiatic Cheetah officially declared extinct from India.

IUCN Red List Status – Critically Endangered

Asiatic Cheetah

Madhya Pradesh GCC Policy 2025

Why in News?

Madhya Pradesh has introduced the country's first dedicated **Global Capability Centre (GCC) policy**, aiming to establish the state as a leading hub for **global innovation and collaboration**.

Key Points

- **Madhya Pradesh GCC Policy 2025:**
 - The Madhya Pradesh GCC Policy 2025 integrates **incentives for capital expenditure, payroll, upskilling, and research and development**.

- A dedicated nodal agency, the **Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (MPSeDC)**, will oversee policy implementation.
- **Target Sectors and Strategic Focus:**
 - The policy targets key sectors, including IT, finance, engineering, human resources, and emerging technologies.
 - Special emphasis is placed on **artificial intelligence (AI)** and **cybersecurity** to drive digital transformation.
- **Decentralizing Business Hubs:**
 - This is **India's first dedicated framework for fostering GCC growth** in tier-2 cities.
 - The initiative aims to **shift business hubs beyond traditional metro cities**, promoting regional economic development.
 - The policy **seeks to attract over 50 GCCs**, generating more than **37,000 direct jobs**.
 - It aims to position **Madhya Pradesh as a center of excellence for IT/ITeS, advanced analytics, R&D, and digital transformation**.
- **Foreign Investments and Industrial Ecosystem:**
 - The policy facilitates **foreign investments and infrastructure development** across multiple industries.
 - The policy was unveiled ahead of the biennial **Global Investors' Summit** in Bhopal.
- **Infrastructure:**
 - Madhya Pradesh houses over **five Special Economic Zones (SEZs)**, 15+ IT parks, and 150+ Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) units.
 - Key IT hubs include Indore, Bhopal, and Jabalpur, with upcoming projects like **Knowledge City** and **Electronics Manufacturing Cluster 2.0**.
 - **Ranked 4th in the Ease of Doing Business Rankings (2023)**, Madhya Pradesh ensures streamlined regulatory processes and **investor-friendly policies**.
- **Policy Implementation and Governance:**
 - The **MPSeDC serves as the nodal agency** for policy execution.
 - A dedicated **Policy Implementation Unit (PIU)** will manage project approvals, incentive allocation, and compliance monitoring.

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Note:

- By fostering innovation and attracting global tech centers, Madhya Pradesh contributes to **India's vision of a USD 110 billion GCC market by 2030.**

Global Capability Centers (GCCs)

➤ About:

- Global Capability Centers (GCCs), also known as Global In-House Centers (GICs), are strategic outposts established by **multinational corporations (MNCs)** in countries around the world.
- Operating as internal entities within the global corporate framework, these centres **offer specialised capabilities including IT services, research** and development, customer support, and various other business functions.

➤ Examples of GCCs:

- General Electric (GE) has a large GCC in Bangalore, focused on R&D and engineering for its aviation and healthcare businesses.
- **Nestle** has established a **GCC in Lausanne, Switzerland**, dedicated to product development and innovation for its food and beverage brands.

New Policies Approved by Madhya Pradesh

Why in News?

The Madhya Pradesh Cabinet approved more than **10 policies related to various industrial sectors** in the cabinet meeting held in Bhopal.

Key Points

➤ Key Policies:

- The state government has approved several policies to bring investment and increase employment opportunities in the state ahead of the hosting of the new **Global Investors Summit (GIS)**.
- The cabinet approved **the Industrial Promotion Policy-2025** to make the state developed and prosperous .
- **Under this, 10 sector specific policies have been approved:**

- Agriculture, Dairy and Food Processing Policy
- Textile Policy
- Apparel, Footwear, Toys, and Accessories Policy
- Aerospace and Defence Production Promotion Policy
- Pharmaceuticals Policy
- Biotechnology Policy
- Medical Device Policy
- EV Manufacturing Policy
- Renewable Energy Equipment Manufacturing Policy
- High Value-Add Manufacturer Policy

○ Objectives of Industrial Promotion Policy-2025 :

- Promote industrial development across the state.
- Raise the sector's share in GDP from Rs 2.9 lakh crore (2023-24) to Rs 6 lakh crore by 2030.
- Build a strong industrial ecosystem to attract investors.
- Promote environmentally sustainable and regionally balanced industrial development.
- Generate 20 lakh new jobs in the next five years, focusing on employment-intensive sectors.
- Streamline investor facilitation and simplify business processes.
- **Investment-Based Incentives:**
 - Industries investing Rs 50 to Rs 150 crore will receive up to 40% incentives.
 - Investments up to Rs 200 crore will receive 32% incentives along with additional concessions.
- **Electricity Discounts:**
 - Investors will benefit from special discounts on electricity.
- **Financial Support for Management & Infrastructure:**
 - Rs 10 crore will be provided for management support.
 - Rs 5 crore will be allocated for infrastructure development.

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Note:

Organising awareness campaigns

Why in News?

Recently, on completion of 10 years of the '**Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao**' campaign, an awareness campaign was organized in the **Government Girls Hostel** in Betul.

Key Points

- **Objective:**
 - The main objective of this program was to make women aware about education and to develop positive thinking regarding their rights in the society.
 - During this campaign, the girls were given information on **POCSO Act**, **Child Helpline (1098)**, **One Stop Centre** services and **menstrual hygiene management**.
- **The POCSO Act:**
 - It came into force on November 14, 2012, as a result of India's ratification of **the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in the year 1992**.
 - This Act defines **any person below the age of 18 as a child**. And provides for punishment based on the severity of the crime.
 - In the year 2019, this law was reviewed and amended, which provided for harsher punishments like death penalty in cases of sexual abuse of children.
 - The Government of India has also notified **the POCSO Rules, 2020**.

Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao

- **Introduction:**
 - 22 January 2025 marks the completion of 10 years since the launch of **the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme**.
 - It was launched on 22 January 2015 with the aim of addressing sex selective abortion and declining child sex ratio, which stood at 918 girls per 1,000 boys in 2011.
 - It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development.

➤ Main objectives:

- Prevention of gender based selection.
- To ensure the survival and protection of girl children.
- To ensure proper arrangement of education for girls and their participation.
- Protecting the rights of the girl child.

First Successful Heart Transplant in MP

Why in News?

Recently, **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Bhopal**, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, has conducted its **first successful heart transplant**.

- The State Chief Minister congratulated the doctors on this achievement and made important announcements to **promote organ donation** in the state.

Key Points

- **Organ donor:**
 - The transplant was possible as a result of organ donation by a family in Sagar district.
 - The heart was brought to AIIMS Bhopal through **PM Shri Air Ambulance Service** and transplanted there.
- **State level institute:**
 - The Chief Minister announced plans to **expand transplant facilities** in all medical colleges across the state and **establish a state-level institute**.
 - This initiative will offer **learning opportunities for medical students** and raise awareness about **organ transplantation and body donation**.
- **Promoting Organ donation:**
 - The state government is making many efforts to promote organ donation:
 - **Ayushman cards** will be made for the family members of those who donate their bodies.
 - The **organ donor will be cremated with state honours** and will be honoured on national festivals.

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PM Shri Air Ambulance Service

- The **Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh** launched the state's first emergency air ambulance service in **February 2024**.
- Madhya Pradesh became the **first state in the country to provide this service**. These services are being provided in **collaboration with Pawan Hans**.
- This service provides air transport facility for immediate treatment to **seriously injured persons in road and industrial accidents**, and **natural disasters**.
- This service is applicable in all the districts and any person can avail its benefit.

Ladli Behna Scheme

Why in News?

Under the **Ladli Behna Yojana** in Madhya Pradesh, the monthly assistance amount will be increased from the present Rs 1250 to Rs 3000.

Key Points

- **About the Scheme:**
 - **Objective:** The main objective of Ladli Behna Yojana is to **economically empower the women** of Madhya Pradesh .
 - Under the **Ladli Behna Yojana**, so far, **Rs. 1553 crore** has been transferred to the accounts of **1.27 crore women beneficiaries**.
 - The state government increasing the amount to Rs. 3000 per month, more women will now be able to take advantage of this and improve their economic condition.
- This scheme was launched by the state government in **May 2023** and under this, married women between **21 and 60 years of age** were initially given assistance of **Rs 1000** which was later increased to **Rs 1250 per month**.
- **Eligibility and Rules:**
 - The annual income of the woman's family should be less than **Rs 2.5 lakh**.
 - No member of the family holds a government job.
 - Apart from this, the family should not have more than **5 acres of land or tractor or four-wheeler**.

Awadhesh Pratap Singh University

Why in News?

Recently **the Governor** of Madhya Pradesh appointed **Dr. Rajendra Kumar Kudaria** as the Vice Chancellor of **Awadhesh Pratap Singh University Rewa** .

Key Points

- **About the University:**
 - It is named after **freedom fighter** Captain Awadhesh Pratap Singh .
 - The university was **established on 20 July 1968** and was recognised by the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** in February 1972 .
- **Captain Awadhesh Pratap Singh:**
 - He was an **Indian politician and Indian freedom fighter**.
 - After **Vindhya Pradesh** was formed in 1948 following **independence**, he served as its **first Chief Minister from 1948 to 1949**.
 - Later, he was **nominated as a member of the Constituent Assembly**.

Rewa district

- It is situated in a part of **the Vindhya Plateau** of Madhya Pradesh and is irrigated by **Tons river** and its tributaries.
- Rewa was originally the residence of **Gond and Kol tribals**.
 - Bagheli is a **major language** in Rewa district .
- **Purwa Falls** is a **70 m high waterfall** situated on the **Tons River** flowing in Rewa district and **Chachai Falls** is situated on its tributary (**Bihad River**).

Global United Consciousness Conclave

Why in News?

The three-day **Global United Consciousness Conclave 2025** is being organized in **Ujjain** from **14 to 16 February 2025**. Thinkers, scholars, spiritual leaders and yogacharyas

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from more than 20 countries will participate in the conclave.

Key Points

- **Objective:**
 - The objective of organizing this conclave is to **establish a culture of peace in the country and the world.**
 - It includes topics like **spirit of unity, welfare, service, spirituality and yoga, ecology, education and democracy, inclusion and participation and sustainable economy.**
- **Event:**
 - The event is being **organised by** United Consciousness, Yoga Vidya-Germany, European Yoga Federation and Akshara Kids Academy-Ujjain at Kalidas Academy.
 - The collaborating institutions include **Maharaja Vikramaditya Research Centre, Department of Culture, Madhya Pradesh Government, Kalidas Sanskrit Academy and Vikram University, Ujjain.**
 - The event is in line with G20 **"One Earth, One Family, One Future" mission** and aims to promote peace, stress relief and improve relationships.
- **Theme:**
 - **The key themes of this conclave are:**
 - Culture of peace through the spirit of unity
 - A Culture of Peace through Wellness
 - Culture of Peace through the Spirit of Service
 - Culture of Peace through Spirituality and Yoga
 - Culture of Peace through Ecology
 - Culture of Peace through Education and Democracy
 - A culture of peace through inclusion and participation
 - A culture of peace through a sustainable economy

United Consciousness

- United Consciousness is a **global initiative of Project Self Inc., a non-profit organization** registered in the US and India.
- It aims to **promote universal peace, spiritual enlightenment, spirit of unity and happiness throughout the world.**
- It believes in the power of one consciousness, one existence.

Madhav National Park

Why in News?

Madhav National Park is going to become the **9th Tiger Reserve of the state**, which will increase the wildlife prosperity in **the Chambal region.**

Key Points

- **Important steps towards tiger conservation:**
 - **The Madhav Tiger Reserve** is part of a long-term plan to expand to an area of **1,600 sq km** within five years .
 - **A tiger safari spread over an area of 100 hectares** has also been planned, with an infrastructure investment of Rs 20 crore, which is expected to boost **ecotourism** and **the local economy.**
 - At present, there are **8 major tiger reserves in the state** (**Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, Panna, Satpura, Sanjay Dubri, Ratapani and Nauradehi Tiger Reserve**).
 - **Ratapani** is the **eighth tiger reserve** .
 - In **Kuno National Park**, a female cheetah has given birth to two cubs.
 - **Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of tigers in India (785 as per the 2022 census).**

Madhav National Park

About:

- **Madhav National Park is a part of the Upper Vindhya Hills** located in the **Shivpuri district** of Madhya Pradesh.
- This park was the hunting ground of the Mughal emperors and the Maharajas of Gwalior. It got the status of a national park in the year 1959.

Ecosystem:

- The area is blessed with diverse ecosystems, including lakes, dry deciduous forests and thorn forests. It is home to tiger, leopard, nilgai, chinkara, chowsingha and various kinds of deer.

Tiger Corridor:

- The park **falls within one of the 32 major tiger corridors in the country, which are managed through the Tiger Conservation Plan.** The Tiger Conservation Plan is implemented under **the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.**

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Madhya Pradesh: New Hub for IT Investment

Why in News?

According to the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, the state is emerging as a major investment hub in the Information Technology (IT), ITES (Information Technology Enabled Services) and ESDM (Electronics System Design and Manufacturing) sectors.

Key Points

- **Attractive Centre:**
 - The state government's **IT and ESDM policy**, development of **data centre parks, IT parks and start-ups** have made Madhya Pradesh an attractive destination for technology investments.
 - Madhya Pradesh is a leader in adopting cutting-edge technologies like **Artificial Intelligence**, Machine Learning, Big Data, **Blockchain** and **Cyber Security** under the **Digital India Mission**.
- **Major cities:**
 - Cities like **Indore, Bhopal, Jabalpur and Gwalior** have now become the new hubs of IT companies.
 - **Global Investors Summit** will be organized in Bhopal on 24-25 February 2025, in which **IT and technology investors** are likely to get an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with the vast possibilities of the state.

Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES)

- It refers to the **use of information technology to provide various services** to businesses and organizations.
- It includes services such as **data processing, customer support, technical support, and consulting**.
- **Some common examples of ITES include:**
 - **KPO** (Knowledge Process Outsourcing)
 - **BPO** (Business Process Outsourcing)
 - **LPO** (Legal Process Outsourcing)
 - **GPO** (Game Process Outsourcing)
 - **EDI** (Electronic Data Interchange)

Electronics System Design and Manufacturing

- ESDM is a **process that covers all aspects of the design, development, and manufacturing** of electronic devices and systems.

Kanha Tiger Reserve

Why in News?

Recently, a **tigress** was found dead in the **Kanha Tiger Reserve** in Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- **Discovery of the Carcass:**
 - Forest officials found the carcass of a two-year-old tigress in the **Mukki Forest Range**, located in the **Parsantola Beat** of Kanha Tiger Reserve.
 - Authorities secured the site and initiated an investigation following **the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** guidelines and directives from the Chief Wildlife Conservator of Madhya Pradesh.
- **Post-Mortem:**
 - A team of expert wildlife doctors conducted the post-mortem examination.
 - Authorities confirmed that all body parts were intact, **ruling out poaching** as the **cause of death**.
 - They suspect the tigress died in a **territorial fight with another tiger**.
- **Kanha Tiger Reserve:**
 - It stretches over an area of 940 square km in the **two districts - Mandla and Balaghat - of Madhya Pradesh**.
 - The present-day Kanha area was **divided into two sanctuaries, Hallon and Banjar**. **Kanha National Park was created in 1955** and in **1973** was made the Kanha Tiger Reserve.
 - Kanha National Park is the **largest National Park in Central India**.

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National Tiger Conservation Authority

- National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) is a **statutory body** under the **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**.
- It was established in **2005** following the recommendations of the Tiger Task Force.
- It was constituted under enabling provisions of the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**, as amended in 2006, for strengthening tiger conservation, as per powers and functions assigned to it.

Madhya Pradesh Strengthens India-Japan Relations

Why in News?

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Mohan Yadav** is on a **four-day visit to Japan (28-31 January 2025)** to promote **investment opportunities** in the state and invite Japanese investors to the **Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2025** in Bhopal.

Key Points

- **Meeting with Japan's Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs:**
 - Discussed **strengthening India-Japan relations** and boosting cooperation at the state level.
- **Discussion with Director of A&D Medicals:**
 - MP Government offered **75 acres of land at subsidized rates** in **Ujjain's medical & pharmaceutical park**.
 - **A&D Medicals is interested** in setting up a **manufacturing facility** in MP in 2025.
- **Meeting with Chairman of East Japan Railway Company:**
 - Discussed economic collaboration between **Japan and Madhya Pradesh**.
 - Attended by Indian Ambassador to Japan **Sibi George**.

- **Talks with Toyota Motor Corporation's Senior Leadership:**
 - CM pitched **Madhya Pradesh** as an **investment destination** for Toyota.
- **Global Investors Summit (GIS) 2025:**
 - 24-25 February, 2025, in **Bhopal**.
 - **Inauguration:** By **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**



IIT Indore Inaugurates AgriHub

Why in News?

On 27th January, 2025, IIT Indore launched **AgriHub**, a state-of-the-art **Center of Excellence (CoE)** focused on utilising **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, **Machine Learning (ML)**, and **Deep Learning (DL)** to tackle the critical challenges faced by agriculture in India.

Key Points

- **AgriHub's Mission and Vision:**
 - **AgriHub** aims to become a collaborative platform for **researchers, farmers, breeders, and policymakers**.
 - The initiative seeks to foster **transdisciplinary research** and innovation, focusing on **AI, ML, and DL** for **sustainable agriculture**.
 - **MeitY** and the **Madhya Pradesh Government** have shown strong support for AgriHub, recognizing its potential to boost agricultural productivity and sustainability.

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➤ **Significance:**

- **Startup Incubation:** AgriHub will support the growth of startups in the agricultural technology space.
 - **Job Creation:** It will create job opportunities in various sectors related to sustainable farming.
 - **Patents and Publications:** Research outcomes will include innovations, patents, and scientific publications that will contribute to the growth of agricultural technologies.
 - **Industry Collaborations:** AgriHub aims to partner with industries to create practical applications of its research.
- **Entrepreneurship Workshops:** Programs to foster entrepreneurship among students and emerging professionals will be a key focus.
 - **Technological Advancements:** AgriHub will harness **AI, high-performance computing, and big data** to address challenges like **low agricultural productivity** and the effects of **climate change** (droughts, floods).
 - The integration of **Geographic Information Systems (GIS), drone technology, and precision farming** will help optimize resource use, monitor crops, and provide data-driven solutions to farmers.



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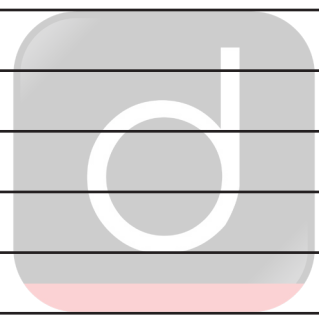
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