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Zika Virus Disease in Uttar Pradesh | Uttar Pradesh | 01 Nov 2021

Why in news

On October 31, 2021, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, in a high-level meeting, directed the Health Department to make people aware of door-to-door sanitization and fogging to prevent the spread of **Zika virus** in the state.

Key Points

- The first case of Zika virus disease was reported in the state on October 22, 2021, after which sanitization, fogging and anti larva chemical spray is being done on a large scale by the state health department, so that the breeding of mosquitoes can be stopped.
- In addition, door-to-door surveys are being conducted by health workers to identify people with symptoms related to carrier-borne diseases including viral fever.
- Zika virus disease is mainly transmitted by the Aedes mosquito. In addition, the Zika virus is transmitted from mother to fetus during pregnancy, through sexual contact, blood and product bases, and organ transplantation.
- Infection with the Zika virus during pregnancy can cause babies to be born with microcephaly and other congenital malformations.
- There is no vaccine or medicine available to treat Zika. To deal with this, rehydration and acetaminophen are used to relieve fever and pain, with the focus on the symptoms in the beginning.

Industrial Cultivation of Cannabis in Uttarakhand | Uttarakhand | 01 Nov 2021

Why in News

On the occasion of its 14th Foundation Day on October 31, 2021, U-Turn Foundation has offered its support to the State Government for the **Hemp Mission**.

Key Points

- In the year 2018, a pilot project for industrial cultivation of **cannabis** was started in Uttarakhand by the then Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat, under which an MoU of Rs 1100 crore was signed between the Indian Industrial Hemp Association and the Government of Uttarakhand, in which the next five years During the period, investments were made in the fields of cannabis cultivation, storage, transportation and processing etc.
- By doing industrial cultivation of cannabis, along with almost three times increase in the income of farmers, many other benefits can be obtained, such as-
 - **CBD oil** made from hemp is used to make soaps, shampoos and medicines.
 - Apart from this, paper, ropes, decorative items and biodegradable hemp plastic are made from hemp.

National Tribal Dance Festival | Chhattisgarh | 01 Nov 2021

Why in News

On October 30, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released four books '**Padamuntom Bastar**', '**Salute to Historic Victory**', '**Coffee-Table Book**' on **National Tribal Dance Festival, 2019** and '**Humar Culture, Humar Tihar**' at the closing ceremony of the three-day National Tribal Dance Festival.

Key Points

- '**Padamuntom Bastar**', a work from these books released by the Chief Minister, focuses on the development of Bastar division and the tribes living there.
- The second work '**Salute to Historic Victory**' brings to the fore India's historic victory in the 1971 war, the valor of the soldiers and the leadership and personality of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Late Smt. Indira Priyadarshini Gandhi.
- The memories of the National Tribal Dance Festival, 2019 have been decorated in the form of a '**Coffee-Table Book**' by the Public Relations Department.
- The fourth work, '**Humar Culture, Humar Tihar**', presents information about the folk festivals of Chhattisgarh.

Birsa Munda Airport | Jharkhand | 01 Nov 2021

Why in News

Birsa Munda Airport (Ranchi) has been ranked 5th in the country and 1st in Eastern India in the recently released Airports Council International's Phase-I survey report out of 60 airports across the country.

Key Points

- A survey is conducted every six months by the Airports Council International, on the basis of which the ranking of the airport is released.
- In this survey, feedback was taken from the passengers on 35 points, which included connectivity to the airport, parking facility, facility to sit in the airport after checking, toilets, behavior of airport personnel etc.

Sahityakar Samman Yojana | Haryana | 01 Nov 2021

Why in News

On October 31, 2021, litterateurs have been selected by Haryana Sahitya Akademi for various awards for the year 2020 for **Sahityakar Samman Yojna**.

Key Points

- Nationally renowned story writer, novelist Gyanprakash Vivek (Bahadurgarh) has been selected for the lifetime Sahitya Sadhna Samman (amount of Rs 7 lakh) given by the Academy at the national level for overall writing.
- Mahakavi Surdas Lifelong Sahitya Sadhna Samman (amount Rs 5 lakh) will be given to well-known poet and critic Dr. Subhash Rastogi (Ambala Cantonment).
- Famous Hindi and Haryanvi writer Harikrishna Dwivedi (Kurukshetra) has been selected for Pandit Madhav Prasad Mishra Samman (Rs 2.50 lakh).
- Famous poet Amarjeet Amar (Chandigarh) will be awarded Babu Balmukund Gupta Samman (Rs 2 lakh) for his remarkable contribution to Hindi literature.
- Rajkumar Singh (Chandigarh), senior editor of Dainik Tribune, has been selected under Lala Deshbandhu Gupta Samman (Rs 2 lakh) given for Hindi journalism.
- Saroj Dahiya (Sonapat) has been selected for Janakavi Mehr Singh Samman (Rs 2 lakh) for his remarkable contribution in the field of Haryanvi language and literature.
- Haryana Gaurav Samman (Rs 2 lakh) has been given to Savita Chadha (Delhi) for making the state proud at the national level.
- Senior story writer Kamlesh Chaudhary (Kurukshetra) has been selected for the Academy's Best Female Creator Award (Rs 2 lakh).
- Ms. Nandini (Rewari) has been selected for the Swami Vivekananda Swarna Jayanti Yuva Writer Samman (Rs 50 thousand) started to encourage the young generation for creative writing.
- Pankaj Soni (Bhiwani) has been selected for Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Swarna Jayanti Young Writer Award (50 thousand).
- For the encouragement of young litterateurs, 15 new awards have been started by the Akademi from the year 2021 and doubling the number of awards given under the Young Writers Award, the amount has also been increased from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh.

22nd All India Fingerprint Bureau Directors Conference | Haryana | 01 Nov 2021

Why in News

Haryana Finger Print Bureau has secured the third position in the 22nd All India Fingerprint Bureau Directors Conference held recently at National Crime Records Bureau, New Delhi.

Key points

- The **theme** of this year's conference was '**Using the National Automated Fingerprint System for Crime Prevention**'.
- Haryana Fingerprint Bureau has excelled in this competition and secured the third position among all the states of India.
- In this conference, fingerprint bureaus of all the states of India demonstrated their respective methods about smart fingerprint science to be used in solving cases using fingerprint science. In this, Fingerprint Bureau of Haryana demonstrated smart fingerprint science technology in Nikita Tomar murder case.
- It is worth mentioning that the Automatic Fingerprint Recognition System will be implemented across the country so that the crime can be investigated and tried properly and the culprit can be punished.