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## Thar Mahotsav | Rajasthan | 31 Mar 2022

### Why in News?

With the aim of promoting folk art, culture, history, tourism and handicrafts, 'Thar Mahotsav' was organized in Barmer district of western Rajasthan from March 28 to 30, 2022.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that the 'Thar Mahotsav', a symbol of art and folk culture of Barmer district of western Rajasthan, was resumed after 10 years.
  - Earlier, Thar Mahotsav was organized in 2012 in Barmer. It was organized continuously from 1986 to 2012.
  - The district administration started the Thar Festival in the year 1986 with the aim of introducing the world to the folk art, culture, tradition, folk music, folk life, lifestyle, history of Western Rajasthan.
  - Tilwara cattle fair in Barmer district, Mahabar's sand dunes, Nakoda's religious tourism, Munabao's border, Kiradu's temple, Bisu's temple, Pachparda's salt pyramid, Siwana fort, Haldeshwar hills, Gair dance and animal prosperity along with desert gardens are also the center of tourist attraction.
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## The Economic Bulletin | Rajasthan | 31 Mar 2022

### Why in News?

On March 29, 2022, Chairman of State Finance Commission Pradyuman Singh released the quarterly magazine 'The Economic Bulletin' of Rajasthan University.

### Key Points

- The first edition of the Bulletin 'State Finances of Rajasthan' presents an analysis of the state's revenue and capital receipts, expenditure budget allocation, debt and deficit position.
  - In this, the impact of Covid-19 on the financial condition of the state and the GST compensation to the state has been highlighted.
  - 'The Economic Bulletin' magazine will be useful for researchers, academicians and policy-makers.
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# Sariska Tiger Reserve | Rajasthan | 31 Mar 2022

## Why in News?

Recently, about 10 sq km of forest area has been severely destroyed due to forest fires in Sariska Tiger Reserve of Rajasthan.

## Key Points

- There was a fire in the forests of Sariska on 27 March which was extinguished. The fire broke out again on March 28 and spread in an area of about 10 sq.km.
- Although the cause of the fire is not clear, it is a matter of concern that despite the 'fire alert', about 10 sq. km of forest area has been destroyed.
- It is noteworthy that the alert regarding the fire was sent by the Forest Survey of India (FSI), the credit of this goes to the collaboration of NASA-ISRO-FSI on satellite data.
- Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in Alwar district of Rajasthan, where wildlife like tiger, Indian leopard, chital, sambar etc. are found.
- It is an important biodiversity area belonging to the North Aravalli Leopard and Wildlife Corridor.

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