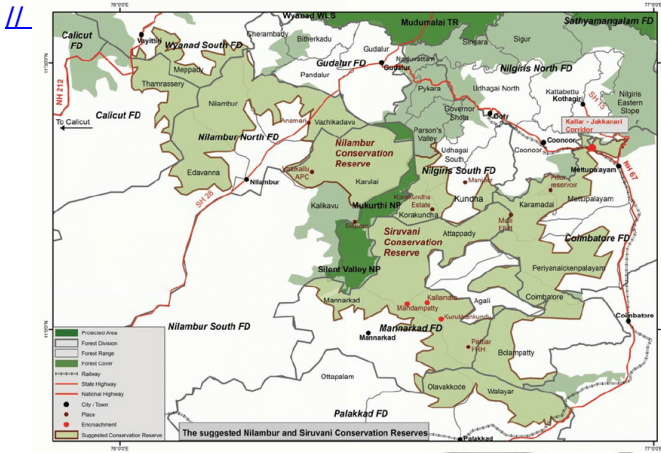




Rapid Fire Current Affairs

Combing Operations held in Mukurthi National Park



In recent times, the Forest Department has been conducting combing operations in the [Mukurthi National Park in Tamil Nadu](#) and adjoining forest areas to ensure that there was no illegal movement of people and poachers.

- Mukurthi National Park is located in the northwest corner of Tamil Nadu in the [Western Ghats](#).
- It is a part of [Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve \(UNESCO World Heritage Site\)](#) along with [Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary](#), Bandipur National Park, Nagarhole National Park, Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary and Silent Valley.
- **Keystone Species** : The park was created to protect its [keystone species](#), the [Nilgiri Tahr](#).
- **Forest Type**: The park is characterized by **montane grasslands and shrublands** interspersed with sholas in a high altitude area of high rainfall, near-freezing temperatures and high winds.
- **Peaks**: The Park is also home to **Mukurthi Peak**, one of the highest peaks in the Nilgiri Hills.
- **Tribes Living Inside: Todas** (a pastoral tribe of the Nilgiri Hills).

Read More:- [National Parks](#), [Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary](#)

Tracking Newborn Immunization in U.P

Recently, **an immunization wheel**, a job aid that helps frontline health workers calculate dates for childhood vaccinations (for children under five), has been launched in Uttar Pradesh.

- The [immunization wheel](#), called a **teekakaran chakra** in Hindi, is a simple plastic laminated cardboard construction developed and funded by the **Clinton Foundation, under the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)**.
- It consists of two discs, placed one on top of the other, one bigger than the other, and attached with a rivet. The smaller one has details of the vaccines and arrows; the larger one has a calendar with days and months.
- Health workers register a child's birth in what they call the **ASHA diary**. They use the wheel to

match a birth date to the first vaccine and other dates get aligned accordingly.

Read More: [Accredited Social Health Activist](#), [National Health Mission](#)

Maiden India, Indonesia, and Australia Trilateral Maritime Exercise

- The **Indian Navy's warship, INS Sahyadri**, participated in the **first trilateral Maritime Partnership Exercise** with the **Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and Indonesian Navy** from September 20-21, 2023.
 - The exercise allowed the three nations to **strengthen their partnership** and improve their collective capability to support a stable, peaceful, and **secure Indo-Pacific region**.
- INS Sahyadri, the **third ship of the indigenously designed and built Project-17 class multirole stealth frigates** was built at Mazagon Dock Ltd, Mumbai.
 - The Project 17 class, also known as the **Shivalik class**. These frigates were the **first stealth warships built in India**.
 - Shivalik is fitted with a mix of indigenous **Russian, Indian, and Western weaponry and sensor systems**.

Read more: [Indo-Pacific region](#)

Kaobal Gali-Mushkoh Valley

- **Kaobal Gali-Mushkoh Valley**, once a battleground during the **Kargil war**, is now welcoming tourists. This transformation is attributed to the **enduring ceasefire between India and Pakistan** sparking hope that **tourism-driven commerce** will thrive in the region.
- The **Gurez valley in north Kashmir**, which was once prone to frequent shelling from Pakistan, is now all set to connect with the **Mushkoh valley in Kargil's Drass Sector, Ladakh**.
 - The 130-km road has been opened up for tourists and **Kaobal Gali, the highest pass at a height of 4,166.9 meters in Gurez**, connects the two valleys.
 - The Gurez Valley is close to the **Line of Control (LoC)** with the **Kishanganga River** demarcating the line in several parts.
 - The Gurez valley is one of few habitations in Kashmir where villages with only log houses exist, with no intervention of urban concrete materials.

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