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Pench Tiger Reserve

Context:

- The **Pench Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra**, is planning to **relocate spotted deer and sambars from the reserve's eastern sector to the western side.**
- This initiative aims to **increase the prey base for carnivores within the reserve, promoting a healthier ecosystem.**
- The **deer will be captured from Bor Tiger Reserve, East Pench, and Chorbahuli areas.**
- This project highlights ongoing **efforts in India to conserve wildlife populations through habitat management.**

About:

- Maharashtra, the **third largest state in India**, is a **key protector of biodiversity and boasts six tiger reserves**, tying with Madhya Pradesh for the most in the country.
- One of these reserves is the **Pench Tiger Reserve, located in the northern part of eastern Vidarbha**, spanning the Ramtek, Parseoni, and Saoner tehsils of Nagpur district.
- It is India's **25th tiger reserve** and covers an area of 741.41 sq.km.
- The Pench Tiger Reserve, named after the **Pench River**, is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna, including tigers, leopards, sloth bears, Indian gaurs, wild dogs, and wolves, typical of central India.
- It is well-connected to other reserves such as Kanha, Pench (M.P), Tadoba Andhari, Navegao-Nagjhira, and Bor Tiger Reserves.
- The Pench River, which **splits the reserve in half, and the Totladoh reservoir, built on the river, are crucial for the wildlife in the reserve.**



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ASI to conserve Goddess Mahalaxmi idol on Apr 14-15



Context:

- Devotees visiting Mahalaxmi Temple in Kolhapur will not be able to see the original idol of the goddess on **April 14 and 15** as the **Archeological Survey of India (ASI), New Delhi** will inspect and conserve the idol .
- The recent **ASI's** research finds that the idol is damaged.

About:

- The temple is named after **Ambabai/Mahalaxmi**, where it is believed the divine couple resides.
- It is an **architectural relic of the Chalukya empire**, likely constructed around **700 AD**.
- The image of the **four-armed and crowned goddess**, mounted on a stone platform, is crafted from sandstone and stands at a height of 2 feet 8.5 inches.
- A stone lion, representing the **goddess's vahana**, stands behind the statue.
- The temple also features a **carving of the Shri Yantra on one of its corners**, opposite to the mahakali idol.
- Unlike most **Hindu sacred images, which face north or east, this deity faces west (Pashchim)**, allowing the setting sun's rays to directly illuminate the idol's face on specific days (31 January, 01-02 February, 09-11 November) through the mahadwar (main entrance).

Over 5k in 14 border villages with 2 EPICs to vote in state

Context:

- **Citizens of 14 villages in Jiwati taluka in Chandrapur district** bordering Maharashtra and Telangana have **two voter cards**.
- Besides **availing govt benefits, they have been voting in both states**
- Just as another poll looms, close to **5,600 voters from these border villages will vote in Maharashtra in the first phase on April 19**.
- Many had voted in the Telangana assembly six months ago.
- The **villages include Maharajguda, Mukadamguda, Paramdoli, Paramdoli Tanda, Kotha, Lendijala, Shankarlodhi, Padmavati, Antapur, Indiranagar, Yesapur, Palasguda, Bholapathar and Lendiguda**.



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International Turban Day

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Context:

- **International Turban Day** is observed annually on **April 13th**
- It is a day to **celebrate Sikh heritage** and raise awareness about the significance of the turban in their culture.

Key Points:

Symbol of Faith:

- The **turban, also known as a dastar**, is more than just headwear for Sikhs.
- It's a mandatory part of their faith, **representing commitment, self-respect, and spiritual purity**.

Raising Awareness:

- This day aims to **educate the public about the Sikh religion** and combat prejudice against those who wear turbans.

Promoting Understanding:

- International Turban Day encourages interfaith dialogue and cultural exchange, fostering a more inclusive and harmonious society.

About:

- The day has been celebrated **since 2004**.
- This is to bring awareness of the **strict requirement on Sikhs to put the turban as a mandatory part of their religion**.
- The 2024 Turban Day marks the **555th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev and the festival of Baisakhi**.

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