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National and International News

<p>Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve (BRT)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A 35-year-old female elephant was found dead at Mavathuru, Bailuru wildlife range of Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve (BRT) recently. <p>About BRT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: Chamarajanagar district, Karnataka• Bio-geographical Habitat: Situated between the Western and Eastern Ghats• Name Origin: Derived from 'BILIGIRI', the white rocky cliff with a temple of Lord 'VISHNU', locally known as 'Rangaswamy'• Tiger Reserve Status: Declared in 2011• Vegetation:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Primarily dry deciduous forest○ Interspersed with moist deciduous, semi-evergreen, evergreen, and shola patches at varying altitudes.
<p>Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister of India, has recently approved the signing of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement by India. <p>About BBNJ Agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treaty Under UNCLOS:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ An international treaty under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).○ Aims to protect marine biodiversity in the high seas.• Objectives:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Addresses long-term protection of marine biodiversity.○ Ensures sustainable use of marine biological diversity.○ Promotes international cooperation and coordination.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prohibits sovereign claims over marine resources from the high seas. ○ Ensures fair and equitable sharing of benefits. ○ Minimizes impacts on the marine environment using area-based management tools. ○ Establishes rules for conducting environmental impact assessments. ○ Contribution to SDGs: Contributes to several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG14 (Life Below Water).
<p>Integrated Tribal Development Programme</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) recently launched an integrated tribal development programme in the Kulathupuzha grama panchayat, Kerala. <p>About Integrated Tribal Development Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Based on the 'Wadi' Model: Evolved with the support of national and international development agencies. ● Funding: Projects funded through the Tribal Development Fund. ● Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Integrated Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Create replicable models of integrated development of tribal families on a participatory basis. ■ Focus on sustainable income-generating activities based on the area's potential and tribal needs. ● Strengthen Tribal Institutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Build and strengthen tribal institutions. ○ Enable communities to participate in policy formulation and program execution. ○ Improve social and economic status. ● Build and strengthen producers' organizations.



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Project PARI (Public Art of India)

Why in the news?

- The **Ministry of Culture**, Government of India, has initiated **Project PARI (Public Art of India)** on the occasion of the **46th Session of the World Heritage Committee Meeting**.

About Project PARI:

- The Project PARI (Public Art of India) **aims to stimulate dialogue, reflection, and inspiration, contributing to the dynamic cultural fabric of the nation**.
- It provides a **platform to uplift the aesthetic and cultural outlook of Delhi** while adding grandeur to the rich historical legacy of our national capital.
- The **representation of Art in public spaces** is particularly significant as it showcases the nation's rich and diverse cultural heritage.
- The proposed sculptures being created for **Project PARI include wide-ranging ideas such as**
 - Paying tributes to nature,
 - Ideas inspired by the Natyashastra, Gandhi ji,
 - Toys of India,
 - Hospitality,
 - Ancient knowledge,
 - Naad or Primeval Soun,
 - Harmony of life,
 - Kalpataru – the divine tree, etc.
- **Women artists have been an integral part of Project PARI** and their participation in large numbers is a testimony of Bharat's **NARI SHAKTI**.
- This initiative is being **executed by the Lalit Kala Akademi**, an **autonomous institution** under the **Ministry of Culture**.



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Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN)

Why in the news?

- The **Department of Telecommunications (DoT)** has recently released draft rules for the **Digital Bharat Nidhi**, aiming to **enhance telecom connectivity in rural areas**, in a fresh attempt by the central government.

About Digital Bharat Nidhi:

- **Replacement of USOF:**
 - The Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) **replaces the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)**.
 - USOF was **funded by a 5% Universal Service Levy on the Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR)** of all telecom operators.
- **Purpose of Funds:** The funds are used for the **expansion of telecom networks in remote and rural areas**.
- **Contribution Process:**
 - Telecom companies contribute to the DBN as per the Telecom Act.
 - Contributions are first credited to the **Consolidated Fund of India (CFI)**.
 - The Central government periodically deposits collected funds into the DBN.
- **Usage of DBN Funds:**
 - Support **universal service by promoting telecommunication access and delivery in underserved areas**.
 - Fund research and development of telecommunication services, technologies, and products.
 - Introduce **new telecommunication services, technologies, and products**.
 - **Provide targeted access to telecommunication services for underserved groups** such as women, persons with disabilities, and economically and socially weaker sections.

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