



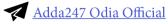


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| Pygmy hog | Why in the news? Nine captive-bred pygmy hogs released in Assam national park. It was the fifth such exercise by the Pygmy Hog Conservation |
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| | Programme (PHCP) since 2020. About Pygmy hog: Species: Smallest and rarest wild pig in the world. Unique Behavior: One of the few mammals that build its own nest with a 'roof'. Indicator Species: Reflects the health of its primary habitat, tall and wet grasslands. Habitat: Prefers undisturbed patches of grassland. Dominated by early succession riverine communities. Comprises dense tall grass, herbs, shrubs, and young trees. Current Population: Viable population in the wild is in Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam. Conservation Status: IUCN: Critically Endangered. The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Schedule I. |
| PM Internship Scheme | Why in the news? The Prime Minister's Internship Scheme, announced by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during her Budget speech on July 23, was launched on October 3. |
| | About PM Internship Scheme: It will enhance youth employability in India by offering them hands-on exposure to real-world business environments. The scheme represents a transformative opportunity to bridge the skills gap and drive sustainable growth in India. Aim: The scheme aims to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth over five years, in the top 500 companies. The pilot project will be implemented through an online portal managed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA). A monthly stipend of ₹4,500 will be provided to the interns from the central government via DBT (Direct Benefit transfer), with an additional ₹500 offset provided by the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). |











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| | They will also be provided a one-time grant of Rs 6,000 upon joining and insurance coverage under PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and PM Suraksha Bima Yojana. | | | |
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| European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) | Why in the news? European Union proposes extension of deadline to implement deforestation regulation. | | | |
| | About European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR): | | | |
| International Medical Device Regulators Forum | Why in the news? India becomes affiliate member of International Medical Device Regulators Forum. About International Medical Device Regulators Forum: Establishment: Founded in 2011. Purpose: Speed up the adoption of international medical device regulatory harmonization and convergence. Members: National regulatory authorities of the U.S., Australia, Canada, the European Union, Japan, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Russia, China, South Korea, Singapore. World Health Organization (WHO). | | | |









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Odisha Specific News

| Bridgestone Social Impact Award 2024 | Context: Anchalik Jana Seva Anusthan (AJSA) India, a non-governmental organization based in Odisha, has been awarded the Bridgestone Mobility Social Impact Award 2024 in the "Increase Access to Resources" category. The award comes with a cash prize of Rs 1.5 million. |
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| | About: The Bridgestone Social Impact Award is a prestigious recognition given to individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to improving the lives of people through innovative mobility solutions. This award aligns with Bridgestone's commitment to advancing safe and sustainable mobility for all |
| Rare Melanistic in Similipal Tiger Reserve | Context: A breathtaking video of a rare melanistic tiger, captured in Similipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha. Melanistic tigers are a testament to the diversity of life and the importance of preserving their habitats. |
| | About: • Melanistic tigers, often referred to as "black tigers," |







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| | are a unique and extremely rare variant of the Bengal tiger. Their distinctive appearance is due to an excess of melanin, a pigment that determines skin, hair, and eye color. This excess melanin causes the tiger's stripes to become darker and more prominent, often appearing almost black. Refer to Addapedia notes for detailed info on Similipal Tiger Reserve. | |
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| 10% Quota To Retired Agniveers In Uniform Services | Context: The Odisha government has introduced rules to provide a 10% quota to retired Agniveers in uniform services. In these regulations, "Retired Agniveers" means a person who has completed four years of service in the armed forces under the Agniveers Recruitment Scheme of the Government of India. A "Retired Soldier" means a person as defined in the Retired Soldiers (Employment in State Civil Service and Posts) Regulations, 1985. "Uniform Service" means the police, Forest, Forestry, Fire Services or any other service as may be declared by the government from time to time. A 10% Horizontal reservation shall be reserved for retired Agniveers in uniform service of all 'C' and 'D' category posts of the state filled by direct recruitment. Yhis reservation shall be subject to an additional 10% reservation in addition to the reservation applicable to retired servicemen. | |
| | About: The Agniveer scheme is a new recruitment plan for the Indian Armed Forces. The primary goal of this scheme is to introduce a new model of recruitment, offering short-term service contracts to a large number of young people. | |
| | Key features of the Agniveer scheme: Short-term service: Agniveers serve for a period of four years. Retention: 25% of Agniveers will be retained for an additional 15 years, forming the permanent cadre of the Armed Forces. Skill development: During their service, Agniveers will acquire various skills and training that can be beneficial for their future careers. Severance package: After completing their four-year | |









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| | | tenure, Agniveers will receive a severand including a lump sum amount and a skill certificate | |
| DOPE in Odisha drops to 37.1 pc from 71.5 pc in less than a decade | decade | Odisha has cut down out-of-pocket ex (OOPE) on health by almost half in les decade. It has achieved a notable decrease from 2015-16 to 37.1% in 2021-22. The OOPE in the state is now among the country, as per the National Health Ac estimate released by the central governm The drop is attributed to the universal he scheme for more than one crore families increase in the government expenditure Key Points: OOPE refers to the direct costs incurr individual for healthcare services that covered by insurance. | n 71.5% in N 71.5% in Ne lowest in the counts (NHA) nent. alth assurance and a four-fold on healthcare |
| | | These expenses can include: Co-payments: Fixed amounts paid at th Deductibles: A minimum amount paid b coverage kicks in. Co-insurance: A percentage of the cost individual pays. Prescription drugs: Costs not covered l covered only partially. Over-the-counter medications: Medical without a prescription. Medical supplies and equipment: Item crutches, or hearing aids. | efore insurance that the by insurance or itions purchased |
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