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<p>Incredible India Content Hub</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On World Tourism Day (27th September 2024), the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India launched the Incredible India Content Hub on the revamped Incredible India digital portal (www.incredibleindia.gov.in). This initiative aims to offer a digital repository of high-quality tourism-related content, enhancing accessibility for a wide range of stakeholders. <p>Features of the Incredible India Content Hub:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Content Hub serves as a comprehensive digital repository featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-quality images Films Brochures Newsletters related to Indian tourism. Intended for use by tour operators, journalists, students, researchers, filmmakers, authors, influencers, content creators, government officials, and ambassadors. The platform contains around 5,000 content assets, developed through collaboration with multiple organizations such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Tourism Archaeological Survey of India Ministry of Culture, among others.
<p>PARAM Rudra Supercomputers</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated three PARAM Rudra Supercomputers to the nation via video conferencing. These supercomputers, developed under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), are deployed in Pune, Delhi, and Kolkata. <p>Applications of PARAM Rudra in Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Giant Metre Radio Telescope (GMRT) in Pune will use the supercomputers for studying Fast Radio Bursts (FRBs) and other astronomical phenomena. The Inter University Accelerator Centre (IUAC) in Delhi will boost research in material science and atomic physics, while the S.N. Bose Centre in Kolkata will drive advancements in physics, cosmology, and earth sciences.



	<p>High-Performance Computing (HPC) System for Climate Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alongside the supercomputers, PM Modi inaugurated a High-Performance Computing (HPC) system worth ₹850 crore, designed for weather and climate research. • The HPC system will operate from the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) in Pune and the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecast (NCMRWF) in Noida. • This system, named 'Arka' and 'Arunika', will enhance forecasting accuracy for extreme weather events like cyclones, thunderstorms, heatwaves, and droughts.
<p>SPICED Scheme</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry has approved the Spices Board's initiative titled 'Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development' (SPICED). <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This scheme will be implemented until 2025-26. <p>Objectives of SPICED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardamom Expansion and Productivity: Expand cultivation areas and increase the productivity of small and large cardamom crops. • Export Enhancement: Generate a surplus of high-quality cardamom for export. • Value-Added Spices: Increase the proportion of value-added spices in India's export portfolio. • Compliance and Standards: Ensure that exported spices meet international quality and safety standards. • Capacity Building and Skill Development: Empower farmers, exporters, and other stakeholders through skill development and capacity-building programs.
<p>ASOSAI</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On September 25, 2024, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, Girish Chandra Murmu, officially took over the chairmanship of the Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) for the term 2024-2027. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASOSAI(Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions) is one of the Regional Groups of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions(INTOSAI). Other Regional Groups are



	<p>AFROSAI, ARABOSAI, CAROSAI, EUROSAI, OLACEFS and PASAI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASOSAI was established in 1979 with 11 members.
<p>Best Tourism Villages</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, declared the winners of the Best Tourism Villages Competition 2024 on 27th September 2024, coinciding with World Tourism Day. <p>Categories and Winning Villages</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adventure Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dhudmaras, Chhattisgarh Aru, Jammu & Kashmir Kuthlur, Karnataka Jakhol, Uttarakhand Agri Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kumarakom, Kerala Karde, Maharashtra Hansali, Punjab Supi, Uttarakhand Baranagar, West Bengal Community-Based Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chitrakote, Chhattisgarh Minicoy Island, Lakshadweep Sialsuk, Mizoram Deomali, Rajasthan Alpana Gram, Tripura Craft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sualkuchi, Assam Pranpur, Madhya Pradesh Umden, Meghalaya Maniabandha, Odisha Nirmal, Telangana Heritage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hafeshwar, Gujarat Andro, Manipur Mawphlang, Meghalaya Keeladi, Tamil Nadu Pura Mahadev, Uttar Pradesh Responsible Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dudhani, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Kadalundi, Kerala Tar Village, Ladakh Sabarvani, Madhya Pradesh Ladpura Khas, Madhya Pradesh Spiritual and Wellness Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ahobilam, Andhra Pradesh Bandora, Goa Rikhiapeeth, Jharkhand



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