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<p><b>Pygmy hog</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nine captive-bred pygmy hogs released in Assam national park.</li> <li>• It was the fifth such exercise by the <b>Pygmy Hog Conservation Programme (PHCP)</b> since <b>2020</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Pygmy hog:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Species:</b> Smallest and rarest wild pig in the world.</li> <li>• <b>Unique Behavior:</b> One of the few mammals that build its own nest with a 'roof'.</li> <li>• <b>Indicator Species:</b> Reflects the health of its primary habitat, tall and wet grasslands.</li> <li>• <b>Habitat:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prefers undisturbed patches of <b>grassland</b>.</li> <li>○ Dominated by early succession riverine communities.</li> <li>○ Comprises dense tall grass, herbs, shrubs, and young trees.</li> <li>○ <b>Current Population:</b> Viable population in the wild is in <b>Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Conservation Status:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>IUCN:</b> Critically Endangered.</li> <li>○ The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Schedule I.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>PM Internship Scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Prime Minister's Internship Scheme</b>, announced by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during her Budget speech on July 23, <b>was launched on October 3</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About PM Internship Scheme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It will <b>enhance youth employability in India</b> by offering them <b>hands-on exposure to real-world business environments</b>.</li> <li>• The scheme represents a <b>transformative opportunity to bridge the skills gap and drive sustainable growth in India</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Aim:</b> The scheme aims to provide <b>internship opportunities to one crore youth over five years</b>, in the top 500 companies.</li> <li>• The <b>pilot project</b> will be implemented through an online portal <b>managed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)</b>.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A monthly stipend of ₹4,500 will be provided to the interns from the central government via DBT (Direct Benefit transfer), with an <b>additional ₹500 offset provided by the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)</b>.</li> <li>• They will also be provided a one-time grant of Rs 6,000 upon joining and insurance coverage under <b>PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana</b> and <b>PM Suraksha Bima Yojana</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>European Union</b> proposes extension of deadline to implement deforestation regulation.</li> </ul> <p><b>About European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Purpose:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Limit the EU market's impact on global deforestation, forest degradation, and biodiversity loss.</li> <li>○ Promote <b>deforestation-free supply chains</b>.</li> <li>○ <b>Reduce</b> the EU's contribution to <b>greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions</b>.</li> <li>○ <b>Protect human rights</b> and the <b>rights of indigenous people</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Targeted Commodities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cattle (including beef)</li> <li>○ Cocoa</li> <li>○ Wood</li> <li>○ Coffee</li> <li>○ Oil Palm</li> <li>○ Rubber</li> <li>○ Soya</li> <li>○ Relevant products derived from these commodities (e.g., leather, chocolate, paper).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>International Medical Device Regulators Forum</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>India</b> becomes <b>affiliate member of International Medical Device Regulators Forum</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About International Medical Device Regulators Forum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Establishment:</b> Founded in 2011.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose:</b> <b>Speed up the adoption</b> of international medical device regulatory harmonization and convergence.</li> <li>• <b>Members:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ National regulatory authorities of the U.S., Australia, Canada, the European Union, Japan, the United</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<p>Kingdom, Brazil, Russia, China, South Korea, Singapore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Health Organization (WHO).</li> </ul>
<p><b>International Energy Efficiency Hub</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Cabinet approves India to Join International Energy Efficiency Hub</b> by signing the Letter of Intent.</li> </ul> <p><b>About International Energy Efficiency Hub:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Global Platform:</b> Dedicated to fostering collaboration and promoting energy efficiency worldwide.</li> <li><b>Establishment:</b> Founded in <b>2020</b> as the <b>successor to the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC)</b>, with <b>India as a member</b>.</li> <li><b>Purpose:</b> Brings together governments, international organizations, and private sector entities to share knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions.</li> <li><b>Implementing Agency:</b> The <b>Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)</b> is the designated implementing agency for India.</li> <li><b>Role of BEE:</b> <b>Facilitates India's participation in the Hub's activities and ensures alignment with national energy efficiency goals.</b></li> </ul>

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