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<b>National and International News</b>		

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Species in news: Golden Jackal	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>Environmentalists say that golden jackals appear to be adapting to their changing environment and are no longer avoiding humans.</li> <li>Key Points: <ul> <li>The golden jackal, also known as the common jackal, is a medium-sized wolf-like canid.</li> <li>It is strictly nocturnal in areas inhabited by humans, but may be partly diurnal elsewhere.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>













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Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA)	<ul> <li>globally to master space docking technology.</li> <li>Why in news? <ul> <li>Recently, the Ministry of Power successfully completed ten years of distributing and selling LED lights under its flagship UJALA programme.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Key Points: <ul> <li>It is a zero-subsidy scheme launched in 2015.</li> <li>It is also known as the LED-based Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELP) and is the world's largest domestic lighting project.</li> <li>Aim: <ul> <li>To promote the efficient usage of energy for all i.e., its consumption, savings and lighting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>











	<ul> <li>Eligibility:         <ul> <li>Every domestic household having a metered connection can get LED bulbs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Achievements:         <ul> <li>More than 36.78 crore LEDs have been distributed across the country.</li> <li>UJALA succeeded in bringing down the retail price of LED bulbs from INR 300-350 per bulb to INR 70-80 per bulb.</li> <li>It has made affordable energy accessible to all and the programme also resulted in massive energy savings.</li> <li>It has helped in reducing annual household electricity bills.</li> <li>It encourages Make in India as domestic manufacturing of LED bulbs has increased from 1 lakh per month to 40 million per month.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
PM-YASASVI Scheme	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>In Punjab, under the Prime Minister YASASVI Scheme, students from Other Backward Classes (OBC), Economically Backward Classes (EBC) and Denotified and Nomadic Tribes (DNT) can now apply for the Post-Matric Scholarship.</li> <li>Key Points: <ul> <li>It is a comprehensive umbrella scheme aimed at uplifting students from Other Backward Classes (OBC), Economically Backward Classes (CBC), and Denotified Tribes (DNT) by providing them with access to quality education during their formative years.</li> <li>It has consolidated and enhanced several earlier initiatives, including the Dr. Ambedkar Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for EBCs and the Dr. Ambedkar Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for DNTs, which were subsumed under this program starting from 2021-22.</li> <li>Objective: The overarching goal of the scheme is to promote educational empowerment among these vulnerable groups, helping them overcome financial barriers and complete their education.</li> <li>Under this Scheme students can avail Pre-Matric Scholarship from Class 9 to 10 and Post Matric Scholarship for their higher studies at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Eligibility: <ul> <li>The Pre-Matric Scholarship is designed for students in classes IX and X attending government schools,</li> <li>Family income below Rs. 2.5 lakh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Places in news: Banihal Bypass	<ul><li>Why in news?</li><li>The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways recently</li></ul>

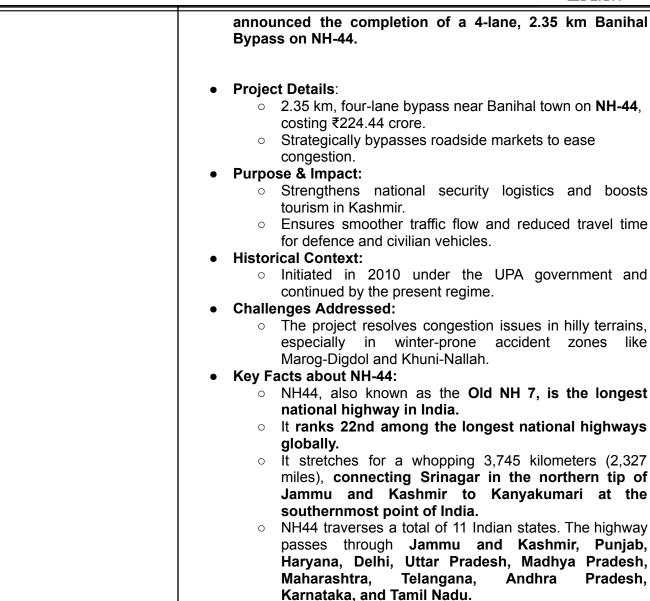


























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