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Short film 'Patal-Ti'

Why in News

- Recently, the short film 'Patal-Ti' focussed on the Bhotia tribe of Uttarakhand has been selected for screening at the 39th International Short Film Festival to be held in Busan city of South Korea.

Key Points

- To be screened at the Busan Film Festival, the film is produced-directed by Santosh Rawat of Rudraprayag district.
- The film has been ranked 14th out of a total of 40 films selected for the festival. Four of the best of these films to be screened at the Busan Film Festival will be sent for various world-class awards, including an Oscar.
- The film is based on the story of a teenager from the Bhotia tribe, who measures the distance between the ghost and the physical in order to fulfill the last wish of his dying grandfather.

Keeda Jadi (Cordyceps sinensis)

Why in News

- Recently, Dr. Ranjit Singh, scientist of Bio-Energy Defense Research Institute (Diber), Haldwani said that after the success in research related to the production of Keeda Jadi (Cordyceps sinensis) in Diber lab, its commercial production will be done now in three labs located in Uttarakhand, Gujarat and Kerala.

Key Points

- This herb is obtained from the mold released in the death of a particular type of insect. Nutrients like protein amino acids, vitamins B-1, B-2 and B-12 are found in it.
- It is used in the treatment of following diseases-
 - Kidney treatment
 - High blood pressure control
 - Blood formation
 - Treatment of asthma, impotence, bone joint pain etc.
- Keeda Jadi grows naturally in Chamoli of Uttarakhand and Dharchula and Munsiyari region of Pithoragarh in places above 3,500 meters.

Statue from the Indus Valley Civilization period

why in the news

- Recently, on the initiative of Doon Library and Research Center of Uttarakhand, researchers of archeology and history have discovered a stone-made Mahish (Buffalo) face quadrangular human statue from Deval village located in Yamuna valley in Uttarkashi district.

key points

- On March 4, 2022, researcher and historian of Doon Library and Research Center Prof. Maheshwar Prasad Joshi gave this information to the journalists.
- Researchers are looking at connecting this statue with the statue of 'Adi Shiva' obtained from the Indus Valley Civilization. He says the statue underlines the traditional relationship between the Indus Valley Civilization and Uttarakhand.
- This rare statue has been published in the latest issue of the prestigious research journal 'East and West' published from Rome, which shows its archaeological importance.
- Pro. Maheshwar Prasad Joshi said that in the Yamuna Valley of Uttarakhand, the remains related to the Indus Valley Civilization have already been found. Here the inscriptions of Ashoka at Kalsi, the altars of Ashwamedha Yagya made of bricks at Jagatgram and Purola and the Devalaya group of Lakhamandal are famous.
- He said that on the initiative of Doon Library and Research Center, researchers associated with archeology have recently discovered many other important remains of archaeological importance from this area.

Ghasyari Utsav

Why in News

- On March 6, 2022, 'Ghasyari Utsav' was organized in Matholi, a small village located in the Gangotri valley of Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand.

Key Points

- The program was organized by Bakri Chhap fame Pradeep Panwar. The purpose of organizing this festival was to promote rural tourism and preserve the tradition.

Note:

- A total of 50 women participated in the programme. The organizers had formed five women's teams and the winners of the competition will be felicitated on International Women's Day on March 8.
- The women also performed the traditional 'Tandi dance' on the occasion.
- In the local language, the word 'Ghasyari' is used for women who bring fodder for cattle from pastures and forests.

30% Increase In Voters In Uttarakhand In The Last 10 Years

Why in News

- According to the report 'Decade Electoral Growth and Demographic Challenge, 2012-22' on Assembly Elections recently released by the Social Development for Communities (SDC) Foundation, the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand registered a 30 percent increase in the number of voters in the last ten years.

Key Points

- Communities for Social Development (SDC) Foundation has prepared this report by doing a comparative analysis of five states – Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Goa – from 2012 to 2022 elections.
- According to the report, a 30 percent increase was registered in Uttarakhand, 21 percent in Punjab, 18-19 percent in Uttar Pradesh, 14 percent in Manipur and 13 percent in Goa.
- In the year 2012, there were 63,77,330 voters in Uttarakhand, which has increased to 82,66,644 in the 2022 assembly elections.
- Anoop Nautiyal, founder of SDC Foundation, said that the number of voters in urban areas has increased very rapidly.

Uttarakhand Assembly Election 2022

Why in News

- On March 10, 2022, the Election Commission declared the results of the Legislative Assembly elections held

for 70 seats in the state, in which the Bharatiya Janata Party won 47 seats and got an absolute majority.

Key Points

- In this election, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won the maximum 47 seats and got 44.33 percent votes.
- With this, BJP has created history by being the first party to form government in Uttarakhand for two consecutive terms.
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- The two-time winner and Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami lost from the Khatima seat by 6951 votes.
- The Indian National Congress stood at second by winning 19 seats, getting 37.91 percent of the votes.
- Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and independents could win 2 seats each.

Criminal Cases Against 27 Percent of 70 Candidates Who Won Elections

Why in News

- A recent report by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), an electoral reform advocacy group, states that 19 (27 per cent) of all 70 candidates who won the 2022 Uttarakhand assembly elections have criminal cases against them.

Key Points

- The ADR in its report said that with Uttarakhand Election Watch, self-declared affidavits by all 70 candidates who won the Uttarakhand assembly elections in 2022 have been analyzed. Out of the 70 winning candidates, 19 (27 per cent) have given information about criminal cases registered against them in their affidavits.
- In the 2017 Uttarakhand assembly elections, 22 out of 70 MLAs (31 per cent) had declared criminal cases against them.
- Out of 47 winning candidates of the BJP in the 2022 Uttarakhand assembly elections, 8 (17 per cent) candidates have criminal background.

Note:

- Of the 19 winning Congress candidates, 8 (42) per cent have given information about criminal cases against them in their affidavits.
- Of the two winning BSP candidates (50 per cent) and two independents, both have declared criminal cases.
- The ADR in its analysis found that five out of 47 BJP candidates (11 per cent), Congress four out of 19 winning candidates (21 per cent) and one out of two independents have declared serious criminal cases against them.
- According to the ADR report, out of 70 winning candidates, 58 (83 per cent) candidates are millionaires. In the 2017 assembly elections, 51 (73 per cent) candidates were millionaires.

Embankment on Kali river

Why in News

- Recently, District Magistrate of Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand, Dr. Ashish Chauhan said that the work of embankment construction has started to save Indian land from the havoc of Kali river.

Key Points

- The embankment with a length of 936 meters and a width of three meters will be built from Ghatkhola to Khokhila in Dharchula.
- It is noteworthy that the Kali river, which determines the Indo-Nepal border, causes heavy erosion in this area.
- Due to the embankment on the Nepal side and the absence of embankment in India, the Kali river causes large-scale erosion every year, as a result of which the river is flowing and eroding towards India.
- The Kali River (also known as Mahakali, Kaliganga or Sharda) flows through Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.
- This river originates from a place called Kalapani in Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand. On its upper course, this river forms the continuous eastern border of India with Nepal.

Typhonium Inopinatum

Why in News

- Recently, in the Biodiversity Report of Flora and Fauna released by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun,

it has been said that a plant of Typhonium inopinatum has been found in the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee campus.

Key Points

- This Biodiversity Report released by the Wildlife Institute of India is the first such document on the biodiversity of the IIT Roorkee campus.
- According to Professor Ajit Kumar Chaturvedi, Director, EIT, the botanical survey conducted for five months has revealed the presence of trees, shrubs and herbs as well as plants related to wood and vines of herbs.
- Typhonium inopinatum is a medicinal plant belonging to the Araceae (Arum) family. Its root is used to make medicine. It is used for cold, sore throat, congestion and other conditions.

MoU between Uttarakhand Health Department and Meditrina of Kerala

Why in News

- On March 16, 2022, Uttarakhand state government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Meditrina Hospitals of Kerala for the treatment of heart diseases in the state. Meditrina will offer its services at Deen Dayal Upadhyay (Coronation) Hospital in Dehradun.

Key Points

- Director General (DG) of State Health Services Dr. Tripti Bahuguna and Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Meditrina Hospitals Dr. N. Pratap Kumar signed the MoU in the State Health Directorate.
- The contract has been signed for a period of seven years. Under this, serving and retired employees of the state government, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, BPL, ESIC, ECSI and CGHS card holders will get free treatment and general category patients will get treatment at concessional rates. Treatment and surgery related to heart disease in children will also be done.
- Currently, the Meditrina group treats heart patients in collaboration with the Department of Health in four states and two locations outside the country.

Note:

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- In addition, Meditrina Hospital makes accessible advanced procedures at a fraction of the international cost, while achieving clinical results in line with international standards.

Six Private Hospitals Out of the List of Ayushman Yojana

Why in News

- On March 17, 2022, Uttarakhand State Health Authority delisted six private hospitals for not providing all the specialty facilities available in the hospital to the patients on the **Golden Card of Ayushman Yojana**.

Key Points

- The State Health Authority has delisted six private hospitals of Dehradun, Udham Singh Nagar, Nainital and Tehri districts. These include Combined Medical Institute, Dehradun (CMI), Sundar Mohan Dental Care and Root Canal Center Dehradun, Usha Bahuguna Alpha Health Institute Nainital, Gahtori Hospital and Research Centre, Kishore Hospital Udham Singh Nagar and Christian Hospital Chamba.
- One month's time was given by the authority to the empaneled hospitals to provide facilities of all the specialties. Except Wellmade Hospital, no other private hospital was ready to provide all the services. On this the authority has taken action to cancel the listing.
- According to the guidelines of the Ayushman scheme of the National Health Authority, all the facilities available in the empaneled hospitals will have to be provided to the patients.
- There are many such private hospitals in the state, which have listed treatment of one or two diseases on the Golden Card. Due to this, problems are being faced in getting treatment for patients holding Golden Cards.

- Golden Card is a card with the help of which any person of the country can get free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh in selected government and private hospitals under Ayushman Bharat scheme. This card is given to the poor people who are the beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat scheme.

Padma Vibhushan Award to Late Bipin Rawat

Why in News?

- On March 21, 2022, President Ram Nath Kovind posthumously presented the Padma Vibhushan to the country's first Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat at a civilian decoration ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. General Rawat's daughters Kirtika and Tarini received the award.

Key Points

- The President honored 54 personalities including the country's first Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat, former Gita Press chairman Radheshyam Khemka and senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad for the year 2022 at the Civil Endowment Ceremony-I held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- Civil Endowment Ceremony-II will be organized on March 28, in which the remaining personalities will be awarded.
- It is noteworthy that General Rawat died in a helicopter crash in December last year.
- A total of 128 Padma Awards are being given this year, including two Yogya Awards (Yoga Awards are counted as single awards). The list of awardees includes four Padma Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan and 107 Padma Shri. Among the awardees, 34 are women. The list includes 10 people from the foreign/NRI/PIO/OCI category.
- These awards are given in three categories – Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri. Awards are given for various subjects/fields, such as art, social work, public work, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service etc.

Note:

- 'Padma Vibhushan' is given for outstanding and distinguished service; 'Padma Bhushan' is given for distinguished service of high level and 'Padma Shri' is given for distinguished service in any field. The awards are announced every year on the occasion of Republic Day.

Jhanda Fair

Why in News?

- With the ascent of the new holy Shri Jhande ji on March 22, 2022, the Jhanda Mela formally started in Dehradun.

Key Points

- It is worth noting that the Jhanda Mela, which lasts for about a month, starts five days after Holi, on Chaitra Krishna Panchami, with the ascension of Shri Jhande ji to the Darbar Sahib.
- The Shree Jhande ji fair held in Dehradun has its own history. For this, thousands of devotees from different places of the country including Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan reach Shri Darbar Sahib.
- There are three types of cover on Shree Jhande ji. The starting 41 layers of Gilaaf is the simple plain cloth called 'Jhanda Ji' then followed by 21 layers of velvet cloth called 'Shaneel' and the final outer covering of 'Darshani cloth'.

Formation of New Government in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

- On 23 March 2022, Pushkar Singh Dhama took the oath of office and secrecy as the 12th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.

Key Points

- Along with the Chief Minister, 8 cabinet ministers were administered the oath of office and secrecy by Uttarakhand Governor Gurmeet Singh.
- The eight cabinet ministers who took oath include Satpal Maharaj, Dhan Singh Rawat, Subodh Uniyal,

Ganesh Joshi, Saurabh Bahuguna, Chandan Ramdas, Rekha Arya and Premchand Agarwal.

- It is noteworthy that since the formation of Uttarakhand on November 9, 2000, this is the first time in the state that a political party has again formed the government in Uttarakhand.
- Significantly, in the 2022 assembly elections, the BJP has won 47 out of 70 assembly seats.

Changes in Old Age Pension Scheme

Why in News?

- According to the mandate issued by the state government on March 29, 2022, the amount of old age pension has been increased from Rs 1200 to Rs 1400.

Key Points

- According to the new changes, in the old age pension scheme, the elderly couple of the eligible family will get an amount of Rs 33600 instead of Rs 14400 in the year.
- It is noteworthy that earlier old age pension was available to only one of the old couple, but now this pension can be received by both husband and wife.
- Along with announcing the changes in the pension scheme in December last year, the cabinet approval was also given.
- The implementation of this scheme is being done by the Social Welfare Department, whose charge is currently with Cabinet Minister Chandan Ramdas.

Chief Minister Dhama Allocated the Ministries, Kept 24 Departments with Him

Why in News?

- On March 29, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama divided the ministries. Dhama has 21 ministries and 24 departments with him. He had 12 ministries in the last term.

Note:



Key Points

- According to the list, the Chief Minister has 21 ministries with him including Excise, Energy, Drinking Water, Labour, Home, Revenue, Personnel, State Property, Planning, Information, Justice, Disaster Management, Civil Aviation. He will look after a total of 24 departments.
- Keeping the Public Works Department, Irrigation, Tourism, Endowment, Culture, Watershed Management intact, new ministries of Panchayati Raj and Rural Works have been given to senior cabinet minister Satpal Maharaj.
- Cabinet Minister Dr. Dhansingh Rawat has got the charge of the Ministry of Primary, Secondary and Higher Education, Medical Health and Medical Education, Cooperation and Sanskrit Education.
- Premchand Agrawal, who was included in the cabinet, has got the charge of Finance, Urban Development and Housing, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs, Reorganization and Census Ministry.
- Subodh Uniyal will no longer have the Agriculture and Horticulture Ministry, this time he has got the charge of Forest, Language, Election and Technical Education.
- Cabinet Minister Ganesh Joshi has been given the charge of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Sainik Welfare and Rural Development Ministry.
- Cabinet Minister Rekha Arya will look after the Ministry of Sports and Youth Welfare and Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs besides women empowerment and child development.
- Cabinet Minister Chandan Ramdas, who joined the cabinet for the first time, has been given the Ministries of Social Welfare, Transport and Small and Micro Medium Enterprises.
- New and young cabinet minister Saurabh Bahuguna has been given the departments of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries, Sugarcane Development and Sugar Industry, Protocol and Skill Development and Employment.

Why in News?

- On March 27, 2022, in the presence of Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Uttar

Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the first direct Gorakhpur-Varanasi flight of SpiceJet under RCS-UDAN 4.1 was inaugurated through video conferencing.

Key Points

- SpiceJet airline will operate daily flights. SpiceJet is India's largest regional aircraft carrier. It operates 63 daily flights connecting 14 UDAN destinations in different parts of the country under the UDAN scheme.
- Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia informed that at present a total of 9 airports have been established in Uttar Pradesh. In future, 7 new airports will be established at Saharanpur, Moradabad, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Shravasti, Chitrakoot and Sonbhadra and 2 new international airports at Noida and Ayodhya. With this, Uttar Pradesh will have 18 domestic and 5 international airports.
- Varanasi is a cultural center of North India and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, which is famous for the bathing ghats on the banks of the river Ganges. The most notable temples in Varanasi are Kashi Vishwanath, Sankat Mochan Temple and Durga Temple.
- Varanasi has long been a center of education and music. Many prominent Indian philosophers, poets, writers and musicians lived or lived in this city. Apart from this, India's first residential university, 'Banaras Hindu University' is also located here.
- Gorakhpur is located near the Nepal border on the banks of the Rapti River and is also a famous landmark for being the center of the Gorakhnath Math and Gorakhnath Temple, the Nath sect and other Hindu, Jain, Buddhist and Sikh saints.
- It may be mentioned that Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) was launched in the year 2016 as a Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation under which formerly UDAN 1.0, UDAN 2.0, UDAN 3.0, UDAN 3.1 and UDAN 1.0. UDAN 4.0 schemes were launched.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation is planning to build 34 new airports taking the total airports in India to 100 new airports with 1,000 new routes under UDAN RCS scheme by the year 2025.

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Comet Leonard

Why in News?

- Recently, a very bright comet (C2021A1) broke apart. Its fragmented remains have been seen in the skies of the Southern Hemisphere.

Key Points

- Dr. Shashibhushan Pandey, senior astronomer of Aryabhata Observational Science Research Institute (ARIES), Nainital said that this comet was discovered by GJ Leonard on January 3, 2021, due to which it is also known as Comet Leonard.
- This comet passed close to Earth on December 12, 2021, whose photo was taken by astrophotographer Rajiv Dubey of Nainital.
- It reached close to the sun on January 3, 2022. On reaching near the sun, it had lost its direction and began to break apart.
- This comet was very bright, which was seen even with the naked eye. Astronomers from many parts of the world captured it on camera when it came close to Earth.

Ritu Khanduri: Speaker of Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly

Why in News?

- On March 26, 2022, Ritu Khanduri Bhushan, the Bharatiya Janata Party's MLA from Kotdwar, was elected unopposed as the Speaker of the fifth Legislative Assembly of Uttarakhand.

Key Points

- Ritu Khanduri is the first woman speaker of Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly. She has become an MLA for the second time. In the last assembly elections, she became an MLA from Yamkeshwar.
- Born on January 29, 1965 in Nainital, Khanduri is the daughter of former Chief Minister and former Union Minister Major General (Retd) Bhuvan Chandra Khanduri.
- She has graduated from Raghunath Girls College, Meerut (UP) and is a Postgraduate (PG) in History from Rajasthan University.
- Khanduri has worked as a faculty member at Amity University in Noida from the year 2006 to 2017 and has authored three books on Indian history.

Note:

