



Rapid Fire Current Affairs

Aadi Mahotsav

Recently, the **Prime Minister of India inaugurated the tribal festival "Aadi Mahotsav"**, a two-week-long exhibition in New Delhi.

The Mahotsav **celebrates the spirit of tribal culture, crafts, cuisine, commerce and traditional art is an annual initiative of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation Limited (TRIFED)** under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

TRIFED **was established in 1987 under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984** by the Government of India as a **National level Cooperative body** under the administrative control of the then Ministry of Welfare of India, with the **basic mandate of bringing about socio-economic development of tribals of the country** by institutionalizing the trade of **Minor Forest Produce (MFP) & Surplus Agricultural Produce (SAP)** collected/ cultivated by them.

Read More: [TRIFED, Initiatives & Constitutional Provisions Related to Tribes in India](#)

Snow Leopard

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A snow leopard has been **sighted for the first time at a height of about 11,120 feet in the Darma valley in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district.**

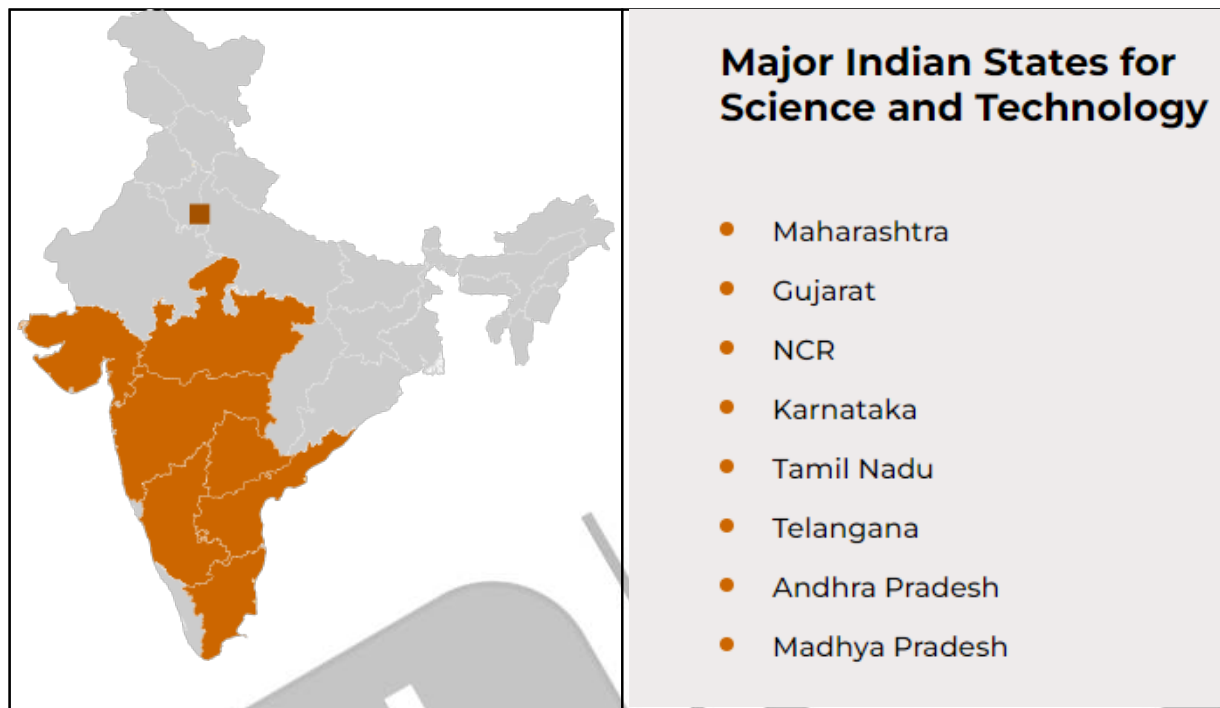
Snow leopards are **also known as "Ghost of Mountains"**. They act as an indicator of the health of the mountain ecosystem in which they live, due to their position as the **top predator in the food web**. They are **listed as vulnerable on the [International Union for Conservation of Nature's \(IUCN\) Red List](#)**. They

are **listed in appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and Schedule-I of the [Indian Wildlife Protection Act, 1972](#).**

They have a vast but fragmented distribution across the mountainous landscape of central Asia, which covers **different parts of the Himalayas such as Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Sikkim.**

Read More: [Indian Initiatives to Protect Snow Leopard](#)

International Engineering and Technology Fair (IETF) 2023



The President of India **inaugurated the International Engineering and Technology Fair (IETF) 2023** in New Delhi.

IETF **is a platform for buyer-seller meets**, international conferences and seminars, business networking, technology assessments, strategic partnerships, vendor development and is **attended by visitors from around the globe**. The event is not just a celebration of India's growth story in the engineering and manufacturing sector, **but also a testimony to the nation's collaboration with the best in the world in advanced technologies.**

IETF-2023 **covers 11 areas of emerging technologies that would have a profound impact on our economy and society.**

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Exercise Dharma Guardian

The **4th edition of the joint military exercise, Exercise Dharma Guardian, between India and Japan is being conducted in Japan from 17th February to 2nd March 2023.**

The exercise is an annual training event with Japan and **is crucial and significant in terms of security challenges faced by both nations** in the backdrop of the current global situation.

The exercise will **further enhance the level of defence co-operation between The Indian Army and Japanese Ground Self Defence Forces**, furthering the bilateral relations between the two nations.

Other Military Exercises between India and Japan are [JIMEX \(naval\)](#), [SHINYUU Maitri \(Air Force\)](#) and

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