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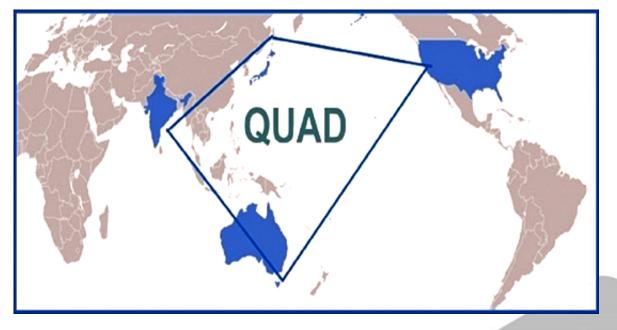## National Ayush Mission

- Recently, the Regional Review meeting of the **National Ayush Mission (NAM)** was ceremonially inaugurated.
    - At the meeting, following **robust programmes of AYUSH were highlighted:**
        - **Ayurvidya:** Promotion of healthy lifestyle through Ayush **for school children**
        - **Supraja:** Ayush for **Maternal & Neonatal intervention**
        - **Vayomitra:** Ayush based **geriatric programme**; prevention and management of Osteoarthritis and other Musculoskeletal disorders
    - NAM is being implemented with the vision and objectives to provide Ayush health care services throughout the country by strengthening and improving facilities, to provide informed choice to the needy public.
        - Under NAM, the Ministry of Ayush is working on operationalisation of 12,500 **Ayush Health and Wellness Centres (AHWCs)** through support of State/UT Governments by **2023-24.**

Read More: [National Ayush Mission](#)

Quad Leaders Invited on India's Republic Day

India is discussing the possibility of inviting leaders of the Quad grouping to the **[Republic Day](#)** **parade on January 26, 2024.**

- January 26 is also observed as **Australia Day** - the anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet of 11 convict ships from Great Britain, and the raising of the Union Jack at Sydney Cove by its commander Captain Arthur Phillip, in 1788.
- Quad is the grouping of four democracies – **India, Australia, the US,** and **Japan** which aims to ensure and support a "free, open and prosperous" Indo-Pacific region.
- The idea of Quad was **first mooted by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in 2007.** However, it came into being in 2017.

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Sandes App

- **Delhi Police's official communication** on **G20** security arrangements will now take place on an **Indian** instant messaging platform, **Sandes**.
- On this **app Sandes**, users can **only access information** and **cannot forward** it to anyone whose number is **not registered on the app.**
- **Sandes** is a **secure** and **user-friendly messaging platform.** It has been designed to provide a **reliable** and **efficient** means of communication among various **government organizations.**
- The **first version** of the **app** was released by the **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** in **2020**.
- The **launch of the app** is also a part of the **government's strategy** to **push** for the use of **India-made software** so as to **build an ecosystem** of indigenously developed products.

Read More: [Sandes: Government Instant Messaging System](#)

White Sambar in Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary

- The first time a **leucistic sambar** has been observed in the **Sangama range** of **Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary.**
- A **White Sambar Deer** was previously recorded in **Bandipur Tiger Reserve** in **2014**.
- **Leucism is a condition in which the pigmentation of an animal's skin is missing, causing white or pale skin.**

    - This condition can occur **naturally** from **birth** due to a **phenotype** (a trait of any living being) that may have formed from a **defect** in the **animal's development.**

- It is different from **albinism** which is a condition that arises due to a **lack of melatonin** in the **animal's skin** and the animal will have **pink** or **reddish eyes in albinism.**

    - The animal **lacks the pink eyes in leucism.**

- **IUCN Status: Vulnerable**

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