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New Delhi International Arbitration Centre

- New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Ordinance 2019 was promulgated recently.
- It proposes to establish an international arbitration centre at New Delhi.
- It will replace the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution set-up in the year 1995, which is a society registered under the Societies Registration Act.
- One of the objectives of the Centre is to bring targeted reforms to develop itself as a flagship institution for conducting international and domestic arbitration;
- The proposed Centre will be a statutory body.
- It will consist

1. a Chairperson
2. 2 eminent persons having substantial knowledge in international and domestic arbitration
3. 1 representative of a recognized body of commerce
4. Secretary to the Ministry of Law & Justice
5. Finance Advisor
6. a Chief Executive Officer.

- The Chairperson should have been a judge of the Supreme Court or High Court, or an eminent person having special knowledge and experience in the conduct or administration of arbitration.
- The chairman will be appointed by the Central Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of India.

World Wildlife day

- The day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is celebrated as UN World Wildlife Day.
- It aims to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants.
- The theme for 2019 is "Life below water: for people and planet".
- The theme aligns with goal 14 of UN Sustainable Development Goals.

- This is the first World Wildlife Day to focus on life below water.
- The oceans have an estimated market value of $3 trillion, which makes up nearly 5% of world's gross domestic product.
- Nearly 40% of global livelihoods depend on the oceans for sustenance and craftwork as well as for their cultural and spiritual value.

National anti doping Agency (NADA)

- It was set up as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act of 1890 on 2005.
- It was set up with a mandate for Dope free sports in India.
- The primary objectives are

1. to implement anti-doping rules as per WADA code
2. regulate dope control program
3. to promote education and research and creating awareness about doping and its ill effects

Kole wetlands

- It is spread over 13,632 hectares in Thrissur and Malappuram districts of Kerala.
- It is a Ramsar site and IBA (Important Bird and Biodiversity Area)
- The Kole fields account for more than 40% of the rice production in the State.
- It is situated in the Central Asian Flyway of migratory birds.
- The area contains subterranean habitats that are important habitats for some fresh water fish species which are endemic to southern Western Ghats.
- Mining & quarrying of sand and clay mining, granite quarry and Fishing & harvesting aquatic resources are some of the threats to the Kole wetlands.

Tornadoes

- Tornadoes are vertical funnels of rapidly spinning air.
- It may speed of up to around 300 kmph.
- Twister is the colloquial term for tornado in the United States.

Global Electric Vehicle Outlook

- It is published annually by International Energy Agency.
- It provides a comprehensive look at the state of Electric Vehicles, charging infrastructure and policies around the globe.
- China remains the engine of growth for passenger EVs.

- It includes policy recommendations, learning from frontrunner markets to inform policymakers and stakeholders who aim to encourage electric vehicle adoption.

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