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## Guru Gobind Singh

- Prime Minister will release a commemorative coin to mark the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh.
- He is the 10th and the last Sikh Guru.
- He was a spiritual master, warrior, philosopher and poet.
- Due to his huge contribution to Sikhism, he is considered as the eternal guru by many of his followers.
- His father Guru Tegh Bahadur was the ninth guru of the Sikhs.
- Guru Gobind Singh and his Khalsa army inspired Sikh devotees to fight the Mughal rulers for their religious freedom and political liberty.
- The Var Sri Bhagauti Ji Ki, popularly called Chandi di Var, written in 1684, was his first composition and his only major work in the Punjabi language.

## Kyasanur forest disease (Monkey fever)

- Six people have died in Karnakata due to Kyasanur forest disease (KFD).
- It is a re-emerging zoonotic disease endemic in Karnataka caused by KFD Virus.
- It was first identified in 1957 from Kyasanur forest area in Shivamogga district of Karnakata.
- It causes viral hemorrhagic fever i.e the overall vascular system is damaged, and the body's ability to regulate itself is impaired.
- Hard ticks (Hemaphysalis spinigera) are the carriers of KFD virus.
- Rodents, shrews, and monkeys are common hosts for KFDV after being bitten by an infected tick.
- KFDV has high fatality in primates.
- The disease is also referred to as 'monkey fever' by local people due to its association with monkey deaths.

## National Youth Parliament Festival 2019

- Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports launched the National Youth Parliament Festival 2019.
- It is to provide a chance to the youth to brainstorm about new India and to find ways and chalk out plans to realize our resolves before 2022.
- Organizing District Youth Parliaments and taking the festival to the

doorsteps of the youth would provide an opportunity to large number of youth of this country to participate.

- It is organized on the theme of “Be the Voice of New India” and “Find solutions and contribute to policy”.
- The National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 will be conducted at three levels :

    1. District Youth Parliament (DYP) at the district level.
    2. State Youth Parliament (SYP) at the State Level.
    3. National Youth Parliament (NYP) at the National Level.

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