# Prelim Bits 25-11-2018

## Kartarpur corridor

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- Union Cabinet approved the building and development of the Kartarpur corridor.
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- The corridor extends from Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur district to the international border.
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- It is built in order to facilitate pilgrims from India to visit GurdwaraDarbar Sahib Kartarpur on the banks of the Ravi Riverin Pakistan, where first Sikh Guru Nanak Dev spent eighteen years.
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- Pilgrims would then be able to visit the holy shrine throughout the year.
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## Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill

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- Union Cabinet has approved the Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018 for regulation and standardization of education and services by allied and healthcare professionals.
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- It provides for the establishment of a central and corresponding State allied and healthcare councils.
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- Which contains 15 major professional categories including 53 professions in Allied and Healthcare streams.
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- The Bill thus seeks to establish a robust regulatory framework which will play the role of a standard-setter and regulator for Allied and Healthcare professions.
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## Transgenic Rice

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- CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute have developed transgenic rice by inserting a novel fungal gene.
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- The new innovation will results in reduced arsenic accumulation in rice grain.
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- In India large number of people are affected by arsenic toxicity, it is imperative to develop rice with lesser arsenic content and high yield.
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## Ken-Betwa Link Project

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- Ken River is one of the major rivers of the Bundelkhand region of central India, it originates from Kaimur Range in Jabalpur district.
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- Betwa River or Betravati is a tributary of the Yamuna, It rises in the Vindhya Range, north of Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh
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- The Ken-Betwa Link Project (KBLP) is India’s first river linking project started in 2017.
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- It aims to transfer surplus water from the Ken River in MP to Betwa in UP to irrigate the drought-prone Bundelkhand region spread across the two states.
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## Sangai Festival

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- Sangai Festival is an annual cultural extravaganza in Manipur, the festival helps to promote Manipur as a world class tourism destination.
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- Every edition of the festival showcases the tourism potential of the state in the field of Arts & Culture, Handloom, Handicrafts, Indigenous Sports, Cuisine, Music and Adventure sports of the state etc.
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- The ‘Festival’ is named after the State animal, Sangai, the brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur.
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- The State’s classical dance form, ‘RasLeela’ is quite famous all over the world for its distinctiveness from any other dance forms in India.
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## Sangai Deer

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- The Sangai is an endemic and endangered subspecies of brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur, India.
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- It is found in its natural habitat only at KeibulLamjao National Park over the floating biomass in the south eastern part of Loktak Lake.
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