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Neutral Machine Translation Technology

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Google Translate will use a new 'neural machine translation technology' to translate between English and nine widely-used Indian languages, including Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, Telugu, Hindi, Punjabi, Bengali, Marathi and Gujarati.

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Tiger Dance or Bagha Nacha

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- The biennial Thakurani Jatra festival of Berhampur, **Odisha** showcases the famous tiger dance or 'Bagha Nacha'.
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- During **the 21-day-long** Thakurani Jatra festival, several people, including children, get their whole body painted like a tiger as homage to Goddess Budhi Thakurani.
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Skill University

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- It is India's first vocational and education training centre **based on the Swiss Dual System.**
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- The Rajasthan-ILD Skills University (RISU) was established through a Bill passed in the State Assembly.
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- The Rajasthan government appointed Commissioner (Skills, Employment & Entrepreneurship) Krishna Kunal as Registrar of the country's first skill university at Jamdoli.
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- RISU will foster skill training and employability of youth under the National Skills Qualification Framework.
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Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD)

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- Kyasanur Forest disease (KFD) or Monkey Fever is a **tick-borne viral hemorrhagic fever endemic to South Asia.**
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- The disease is caused by a virus belonging to the family **Flaviviridae,** which also includes yellow fever and dengue fever.
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- The virus has been detected in monkeys in parts of **Bandipur National Park**, Karnataka.
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- Goa’s Directorate of Health Services has intensified their fever surveillance and precautionary measures for the Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), after a woman died of this illness.
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- The symptoms of the disease include a high fever with frontal headaches, followed by haemorrhagic symptoms, such as bleeding from the nasal cavity, throat, and gums, as well as gastrointestinal bleeding.
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