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#### History, Art and Culture

##### **Buddhist Relics Piprahwa Gems**

*Buddhist relics, which an Englishman took from their resting place in India, have been brought back to the country.*

- **Unearthed in** - 1898.
- **Located in** - Piprahwa, in UP, near the border of Nepal.
- **Illegal possessed by** - An Englishman William Claxton Peppé.
- Gemstones were taken out of India long before India's Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972 came into being.
- **Returned by** - Godrej through Public-private partnership.

##### **Chowkhang Vihara Monastery**

*Recently, 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama in Leh laid the foundation of the Chowkhang Vihara for reconstruction.*

- **Located in** - Ladakh.
- **Founded by** - Bakula Rinpoche in 1957.
- **Primary deity** - Chow Rinpoche of Lhasa(deity).
- It is the seat of the Buddha statue, in association to Tibetan Buddhism of Nalanda tradition.

##### **PM Ekta Mall (Unity Mall)**

- **Announced in** - Union Budget 2023-24.
- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- **Aim** - To promote and sale One District One Product, Geographical Indication products, and other handicrafts from across the country.
- **Funding** - Rs.5000 Cr.
- **Location** - State capital or a prominent tourism Centre of the State on basis of 'First-come First-served'.
- Unlike other states U.P, being a large state, to construct 3 Ekta Malls.
- **Recommended by** - Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Department of Expenditure has approved Detailed Project Reports' (DPRs) for 27 States.
- **Land allocation** - Made available by the State Government.

#### Geography

##### **Krasheninnikov Volcano**

*The eruption of the Krasheninnikov volcano was recorded for 1<sup>st</sup> time after 600 years.*

- **Type** - Complex stratovolcano system as part of "Pacific Ring of Fire".
- **Structure** - It is composed of two overlapping cones within a large caldera.
- **Location** - Kamchatka, in Russian.
- **Aviation hazard code** - "orange".

#### Polity & Governance

## **Right to Access Safe Motorable Roads**

Supreme Court has clarified that access to safe, motorable and well-maintained roads is an essential part of the fundamental right.

- **Under Fundamental rights** - Article 19(1)(g) & Article 20.
- **Article 19(1)(g)** - Right to access any part of the country.
- **Article 21** - Right to safe, well-maintained, and motorable roads.

## **Environment**

### **Red Panda**

Birth of red panda cubs after a gap of 7 years at a conservation programme at the Himalayan Zoological Park.

- **Scientific name** - *Ailurus fulgens*.
- **Taxonomic family** - Ailuridae.
- **Range countries** - Nepal, Bhutan, India, Burma, and China.
- **India's distribution** - Sikkim, Darjeeling Hills, and Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Conservation status**
  - IUCN - Endangered.
  - Wildlife Protection Act - Schedule I.
  - CITES - Appendix I.
- **Rare male activity** - Male was observed participating in nest-building, generally do not engage in cub-rearing.

### **Red Panda Conservation Programme**

- **Initiated in** - 1997.
- **Aim** - To increase the genetically healthy population.
- To donate stock to other zoos.
- **Need** - Habitat loss and fragmentation.
- **Mission** - To breed genetically and demographically viable to augment the in-situ and ex-situ population.

### **Matri Van Initiative**

- A theme based urban forest dedicated to nurturing generations through mother-nature-inspired green efforts.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- **Umbrella scheme** - 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Programme.
- **Aim** - To provide a unique ecological and cultural space thereby enhancing biodiversity, public well-being, and urban sustainability.
- **Coverage** - Aravalli Hill area, along the Gurugram-Faridabad Road.
- **Collaboration** - A multi-stakeholder collaboration involving school children and government organizations.
- **Van mitra** - To encourage citizens to imbibe the tradition of preventing deforestation and planting more trees to become part of this initiative.
- **Initiatives** - Green buildings, eco-tourism through wildlife safaris, theme-based biodiversity parks etc.

### **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**

- It is an effort that shows our respect and dedication towards our motherland and nature.
- **Aim** - To plant a tree in the name of a mother and create a lasting memory.
- It will protect the environment also contribute to building a greener and more prosperous future.

## **Science**

### **Canine Distemper**

- **Caused by** - *Virus*.
- **Impacts** - It affects the respiratory, gastrointestinal, and nervous systems of dogs and other carnivores.
- **Symptoms** - Fever, coughing, reduced appetite, vomiting, diarrhoea, nervous disorders and discharge from the eyes & nose.
- **Transmitted by** - Airborne exposure to the virus from an infected dog or wild animal.
- **Treatment** - No cure, and no antiviral drugs.

