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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, 14th 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 1st 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.

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