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National Internet Exchange of India

- National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) will offer free Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) in any of the 22 official Indian languages along with every IN domain booked by the registrant.
- [.IN is India's Country Code Top Level domain (ccTLD).]
- NIXI is a not for profit Organization under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 and was registered in 2003.
- It was set up for peering of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) among themselves to route the domestic traffic within the country, instead of taking it all the way to US/Abroad.
- NIXI is working for spreading the internet technology to Indian citizens through the following activities: -

1. **Internet Exchanges** through which the internet data is exchanged amongst ISPs and between ISPs and the Content Delivery Networks (CDNs).
2. **IN Registry**, managing and operation of IN country code domain and IDN domain for India.
3. Indian Registry for Internet Names and Numbers (**IRINN**), managing and operating Internet protocol (IPv4/IPv6).

Indian Registry for Internet Names and Numbers

- IRINN, a non-profit organization, is a division functioning under NIXI.
- It was previously known as National Internet Registry (NIR).
- It provides allocation and registration services of IP addresses and Autonomous System (AS) numbers, and internet-related information to its Affiliates at national level.
- NIR is an entity under the Regional Internet Registry (RIR) which is Asia Pacific Network Information centre (APNIC).
- NIXI was recognized by APNIC in 2012 to become the NIR for India.

Advisory on Human-Wildlife Conflict

- The Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) has

approved the advisory for management of Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC) in the country.
- The advisory makes prescriptions for the States/Union Territories for dealing with HWC situations.
- It seeks expedited inter-departmental coordinated and effective actions.
- It envisages empowering gram panchayats in dealing with the problematic wild animals as per the WildLife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- It suggested that utilizing add-on coverage under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna for crop compensation against crop damage due to HWC would, in turn, reduce HWC.
- To know more about the National Board for Wildlife, click here.

Caracal

- It is a medium size wild cat found in parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat.
- It has been included into the list of critically endangered species by the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife (NBWL).
- Now, it will be conserved with financial support under the centrally sponsored Scheme - Development of Wildlife Habitat.
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) status - Least Concern.
- Their survival in India is endangered due to the rapid loss of scrub and thorn habitat and unchecked human activates in the caracals habitat.

Ladakh Committee

- The Centre has decided to form a committee to protect the language, culture and land of Union Territory of Ladakh.
- This will ensure citizen's participation in the development of Ladakh.
- The Committee will be headed by the Minister of State for Home.
- It will include elected representatives from Ladakh, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, central government, and the Ladakh administration.

Industrial Development Scheme for J&K

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a scheme for the industrial development of Jammu & Kashmir.
- This is a Central Sector scheme with a proposed outlay of ₹28,400 crore up to 2037.
- It would generate employment leading to the socio -economic development of the area.

- Companies will get capital intensive incentives, capital interest subvention, working capital incentive and GST-linked incentives.
- The scheme is made attractive for both smaller and larger units.
- Smaller units with an investment in plant & machinery up to ₹50 crore will get a capital incentive of up to ₹7.5 crore and get capital interest subvention at the rate of 6% for maximum 7 years.
- All existing units will be able to avail working capital interest incentive at the annual rate of 5% for 5 years and the maximum limit of incentive has been set at ₹1 crore.

India to Chair 3 UNSC Committees

- India began its eighth term as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period of 2021-22 on January 1, 2021.
- India's stated objectives are to raise its voice against terrorism, to speak for the developing world and to bring human-centric inclusive solutions to matters of global peace and security.
- India would chair the following three committees of the UNSC.
- India will chair the **Counterterrorism Committee** in 2022, which coincides with the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence.
- This Committee was formed in 2001 after the 9/11 attack in New York.
- India had chaired this committee in the UNSC in 2011-12.
- Chairing the **Taliban Sanctions Committee** (1988 Sanctions Committee) will help keep the focus on the presence of terrorists and their sponsors, threatening the peace process in Afghanistan.
- **Libya Sanctions Committee** implements the sanctions regime, including a two-way arms embargo on Libya, an assets freeze, a travel ban, measures on illicit export of petroleum.

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