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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Asia's largest 12 Km Wildlife Protection Corridor

- The upcoming 210 kilometres long Delhi-Dehradun Expressway is all set to become India's first highway with 12 km long elevated corridor for the protection of wildlife as it will pass through pristine forest areas.
- It will also be Asia's largest wildlife corridor.

STATE AFFAIRS

International Conference on Gender Equality

- The 2nd edition of International Conference on Gender Equality was held at the Gender Park Campus in Kozhikode, Kerala.
- Theme "Gender in Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Social Business: The Mediating Role of Empowerment".

Kanchoth festival

- The 3 day Kanchoth festival, a symbol of ancient Nag culture is observed annually across Chenab valley region of Jammu and Kashmir during the 'Shukla Paksha of Magh month' in January or February.
- It is believed that on this day, Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati got married.

Aaple Sarkar MahaDBT Portal

- The Government of Maharashtra launched an online application, for the first time, through the Aaple Sarkar MahaDBT Portal (Direct Benefit Transfer).
- The Portal provides the benefits of various schemes of the Department of Agriculture on a single application by the Farmers.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

"Global virtual Ceremony"

- Union Agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar virtually addressed the International conference "Global virtual Ceremony" in Rome.
- He stated that India has contributed to around 24% of the global pulses production.

Corruption Perception Index

- India's rank has slipped six places to 86th among 180 countries in Corruption Perception Index (CPI) released by Transparency International.
- India was ranked 80th out of 180 countries in 2019.



BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Kotak Remit

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd** launched its outward **forex remittance service, Kotak Remit**.
- With this the Kotak Mahindra Bank's customers for the 1st time can **transfer the money internationally** to their beneficiaries from their mobile.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Digital Intelligence Unit

- The **Ministry of Communications** has decided to set up a **Digital Intelligence Unit (DIU)** as a nodal agency to deal with complaints of **unsolicited commercial communication (UCC)** and cases of **financial fraud**, especially in the **digital payments space**.

GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENT

Haemorrhagic Septicaemia

- Six elephants died of **Haemorrhagic Septicaemia (HS)** in **Karlapat Wildlife Sanctuary** located in **Odisha's Kalahandi district**.
- It is a disease which infects animals that come in contact with **contaminated water or soil** by a **contagious bacteria** (*Pasteurella multocida*).

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

International Cricket Council Player of the Month for January 2021

- Indian cricketer **Rishabh Pant** won the **ICC Men's Player of the Month** award for **January 2021** and South African cricketer **Shabnim Ismail** won the **ICC Women's Player of the Month** award for **January 2021**.
- This is the first edition of the ICC Player of the Month Awards.

Sanctuary Lifetime Service Award, 2020

- **Theodore Baskaran** who is a **writer, a naturalist and an activist** has won the **Sanctuary Lifetime Service Award, 2020**.
- The award was instituted by the **Sanctuary Nature Foundation**. He was chosen for the award in the light of his **dedication to the wildlife conservation**.

OBITUARY

Carlos Menem

- **Former president of Argentina Carlos Menem**, passed away at the age of 90 in **Buenos Aires, Argentina**.
- Carlos Menem was elected governor of **La Rioja** in 1973.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

'Tipane Kashmirchi, Untold Stories'

- **Manoj Sinha**, Lieutenant Governor of **Jammu and Kashmir** released the book titled **'Tipane Kashmirchi (Notes on Kashmir), untold stories'** authored by **Arun Karmarkar**.
- The book features the **researched facts about Jammu and Kashmir**.