

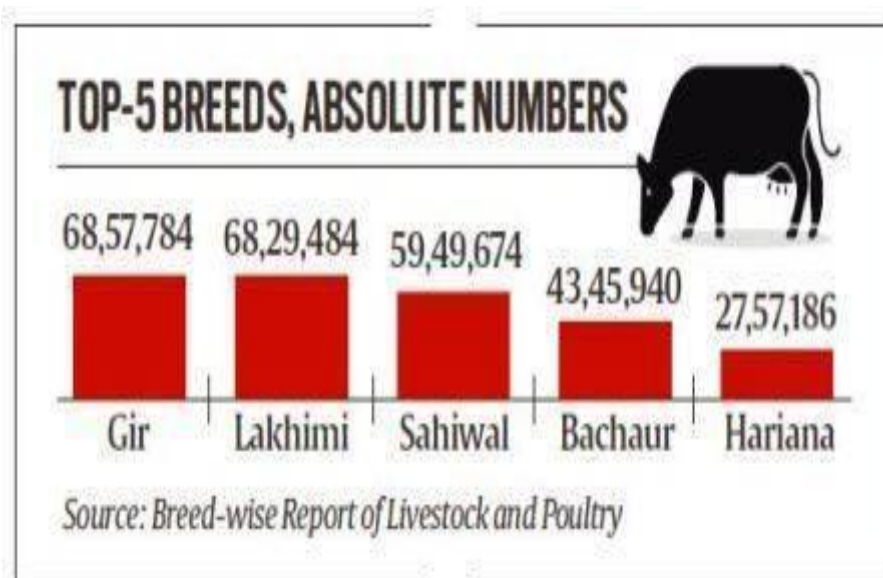
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Prime Minister addressed the Utkarsh Samaroh in Bharuch, Gujarat.
 - The event commemorates the district's 100 percent saturation of four main state government initiatives that will help give prompt financial support to individuals in need.
- ❖ Chairman of Bajaj Finserv Limited, Sanjiv Bajaj has assumed the office of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) President for the year 2022-23.

NATIONAL

Breed-Wise Report of Livestock and Poultry



- ❖ Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying Parshottam Rupala released the Breed-Wise Report of Livestock and Poultry.
- ❖ The breed-wise data collection was done during 20th Livestock Census (2018-19).
- ❖ It is the first time in India that breed-wise data is collected digitally instead of on paper mode.
- ❖ Gir cattle breed had the highest population of 68.57 lakh.
- ❖ It is followed by Lakhimi and Sahiwal cattle breeds.

- ❖ Khariar, Kherigarh, Kenkatha, Motu and Haryana cattle breeds have seen a maximum decline in their numbers.
- ❖ As per the 20th Livestock Census, 36.04% of the total livestock population belongs to cattle.
- ❖ Indigenous cattle declined by 6%.
- ❖ Their share in the total cattle population fell to 73% in 2019 from 79% in 2012.

Country's first sensory park

- ❖ India's first sensory park for differently-abled persons of all age groups was inaugurated in Bhubaneswar's Sahidnagar.
- ❖ The park offers facilities like insulated pathways, playing equipment for children, an open-air gym, and other child-friendly services that comply with the universal access guideline.



INTERNATIONAL

7th highest recipient of foreign remittance

- ❖ The World Bank published a report on migration and development this week.
- ❖ As per the report, Bangladesh was the 7th highest recipient of remittance from abroad in 2021.
- ❖ India topped the list in the world receiving USD 89 billion in remittance

- ❖ It is followed by Mexico at USD 54 billion, and China at USD 53 billion last year.

Macolin Convention



- ❖ The 12th meeting of Interpol's Match-Fixing Task Force (IMFTF) held at Abh Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- ❖ It is concluded with a call for harmonised global efforts to curb competition manipulation.
- ❖ Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was one of the participants in it.
- ❖ The participants discussed the emerging uses of technology, big data and social media given that criminal syndicates were increasingly operating across betting and sports markets.
- ❖ The Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions, is known as the Macolin Convention.
- ❖ It is a multilateral treaty aimed at checking match-fixing.
- ❖ It came into force on September 1, 2019.

Promotion of Hindi Language At UN

- ❖ The government of India has contributed USD 800,000 to the UN as part of the initiative which aims to enhance public outreach of the organisation in Hindi.
- ❖ 'Hindi @ UN' project was launched by India in 2018.

- ❖ It was launched in collaboration with the UN Department of Public Information to disseminate information about the UN to the Hindi-speaking population across the world.

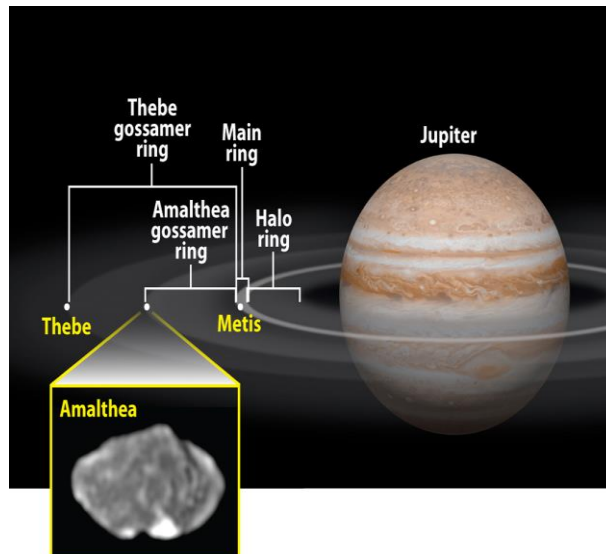
ECONOMY

Export of wheat, onion seeds

- ❖ Citing threat to food security, the Government has “prohibited” export of wheat.
- ❖ The Ministry of Commerce and Industry also placed export of onion seeds under the “prohibited” category.
- ❖ India is a crucial supplier of wheat to its neighbours.
- ❖ Apart from Afghanistan which recently received large consignments of wheat from India on humanitarian grounds, Bangladesh is another big importer of Indian wheat.
- ❖ India produced around 7 million tonnes of wheat during 2021-22.
- ❖ And out of that nearly 50% was imported by Bangladesh.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Amalthea



- ❖ The moon Amalthea is one of Jupiter’s 53 named satellites.
- ❖ It was the first to be discovered after the four Galilean moons.
- ❖ And it is the fifth-largest overall.

- ❖ In terms of proximity to Jupiter, Amalthea is the planet's third moon.
- ❖ It takes just 12 hours to make a full orbit.
- ❖ It has only been observed by three spacecraft: Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 in 1979, and the Galileo spacecraft in 2002.
- ❖ Only two missions have visited Amalthea: Voyager and Galileo.

ENVIRONMENT

Albino striped narrow snake

- ❖ A specimen of an albino Striped Narrow Headed Snake (*Xylophis perroteti*) was collected from the Nilgiris forest division.
- ❖ The snake is endemic to the Southern Western Ghats.
- ❖ It usually occupies Shola-grassland mosaic ecosystems above 1,000 meters above sea level.
- ❖ For the first time albinism has now been recorded in the species collected from the Nilgiris forest.



STATES

Buddhavanam Project

- ❖ Buddhavanam is a Buddhist heritage theme park developed by the Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation at Nagarjunasagar in Nalgonda district.
- ❖ It is the largest Buddhist tourism centre in Asia spread across 274 acres

- ❖ The park is divided into 8 segments.



Reinstate an old pension scheme

- ❖ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the government's plan to revert to the old pension scheme for state employees.
- ❖ He also announced the quadruple the monthly MLA local area development money.
- ❖ It will not, however, apply to members of the All-India Services, such as IAS and IPS.

SPORTS

ISSF Junior World Cup



- ❖ Indian pistol pairs Esha Singh and Saurabh Chaudhary clinched the mixed team pistol gold at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany.
- ❖ The team of Palak and Sarabjot Singh has settled for the silver medal in the same event.
- ❖ Ramita and Paarth Makhija also won silver in the 10m air rifle mixed team competition.
- ❖ In all, India has so far won 10 medals, including four gold.

MISCELLANEOUS

35 million years old rare snake fossil

- ❖ Scientists have discovered a 35 million years old Madtsoiidae snake fossil from the molasse deposits of Ladakh.
- ❖ This reveals their prevalence in the subcontinent for much longer time than previously thought.
- ❖ Madtsoiidae is an extinct group of medium-sized to gigantic snakes.
- ❖ They first appeared during the late Cretaceous.
- ❖ And it is mostly distributed in the Gondwanan landmasses.
- ❖ Their Cenozoic record is extremely scarce.
- ❖ From the fossil record, we infer that the whole group disappeared in the mid-Paleogene across most Gondwanan continents.
- ❖ However, in Australia the species survived with its last known taxon Wonambi till late Pleistocene.

