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INTERNATIONAL

1) Pantanal Wetland

- Brazilian scientists warn that Pantanal, freshwater wetland, is at risk of collapse. Pantanal in South America, is one of the world's largest tropical wetland.
- In 2000, it was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

NATIONAL

1) India's first Regional Rapid Transit System

- Recently, the first trainset of India's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) was handed over to National Capital Region Transport Corporation.
- The trainset was designed at Alstom's Hyderabad engineering center and manufactured in Alstom's factory in Savli. These trains are 100% indigenous.

2) PM MITRA Scheme

- A National Conference on PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Park (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme was held.
- It was organised by Ministry of Textiles.
- PM MITRA Parks will offer an opportunity to create an integrated textiles value chain right from spinning, weaving, processing/dyeing and printing to garment manufacturing at one location.

3) Cyclone Asani

- As per Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Cyclone Asani, which developed over southeast regions of Bay of Bengal, will intensify into a 'severe cyclone' storm.
- Asani was named by Sri Lanka. Asani means "wrath" in Sinhalese.
- Cyclone that will form after Asani will be Severe Cyclonic Storm called "Sitrang", name given by Thailand.
- Ghurni, Probaho, Jhar and Murasu are upcoming cyclone names from India.

4) REWARD Project

- Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development.



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- REWARD Project is initiated by the Department of Land Revenues in Feb 2022, aided by World Bank to Promote resource efficient growth in selected watersheds.
- It is proposed as a 6 year project, implemented in 3-4 states.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Merging of Larsen & Toubro Infotech and Mindtree

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) announced the merger of its two software companies, Larsen & Toubro Infotech (LTI) and Mindtree.
- Mindtree CEO Debashis Chatterjee will lead the combined entity of "LTIMindtree".

SPORTS

1) Fourth Khelo India Youth Games

- Recently, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Thakur launched the mascot, official logo, theme song, and the official jersey of the Fourth Khelo India Youth Games at Panchkula, Haryana.
- The name of the mascot is 'Dhakad.'
- Haryana will be hosting the fourth edition of the youth games from 4th June to 13th June 2022.
- Previous editions of Khelo India- 2018- Delhi, 2019- Pune, Maharashtra, 2020- Guwahati, Assam.

2) 1st Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2022 chess tournament

- D Gukesh, Indian Grandmaster has emerged as champion in the 1st Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2022 chess tournament held in Punta Prima.
- The 15-year old Gukesh (Elo 2637) settled for a draw with Armenian GM Haik M Martirosyan in the final round to win the title with eight points.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) "Victory Day" in Russia

- In Russia, "Victory Day" is celebrated on May 9th. It is celebrated to commemorate the Soviet Union's role in defeating Nazi Germany in World War II.
- It was first celebrated in 1965.