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1. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB)

Context:

Wildlife Crime Control Bureau busts wildlife trafficking syndicates in Jammu & Kashmir.

About the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau:

- It is a statutory multi-disciplinary body established by the Government of India under the Ministry of Environment and Forests, to combat organized wildlife crime in the country.
- It is headquartered in New Delhi with regional, sub-regional offices and border units.
- Under Section 38 (Z) of the [Wild Life \(Protection\) Act, 1972](#), it is mandated to:
 - Collect and collate intelligence related to organized wildlife crime activities
 - Disseminate the same to State and other enforcement agencies for immediate action so as to apprehend the criminals
 - Establish a centralized wildlife crime data bank
 - Coordinate actions by various agencies in connection with the enforcement of the provisions of the Act
 - Assist foreign authorities and international organization concerned to facilitate coordination and universal action for wildlife crime control
 - Capacity building of the wildlife crime enforcement agencies for a scientific and professional investigation into wildlife crimes and assist State Governments to ensure success in prosecutions related to wildlife crimes
 - Advise the Government of India on issues relating to wildlife crimes having national and international ramifications, relevant policy and laws
- It also assists and advises the Customs authorities in inspection of the consignments of flora & fauna as per the provisions of Wild Life Protection Act, [CITES](#) and EXIM Policy governing such an item.

- The GOI notified the Board's formation in 2007 and it became operational in 2008.
 - It was created based on the recommendations of the Committee on "Prevention of Illegal Trade in Wildlife and Wildlife Products" (1994) headed by Dr. S. Subramaniam.
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2. Pulse Polio Programme

Context:

President of India launches countrywide Pulse Polio Programme for 2021.

Details:

- Polio National Immunization Day, observed on 31st January 2021 (Sunday), is also popularly known as Polio Ravivar.
- Around 17 crore children of less than 5 years of age will be given polio drops as part of the drive of the Government of India to sustain the polio-free status of the country.
- The countrywide drive will be supported by about 24 lakh volunteers, 1.5 lakh supervisors and many Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), [WHO](#), [UNICEF](#), Rotary, etc.
- Healthcare workers will be visiting as many as 2 crore households to ensure that no child is left without the protection of the polio vaccine.
- Before the start of the program, India had 60% caseload of Polio worldwide. With the last case of Polio reported in Howrah on 13th January, 2011, the country has been free of Polio for a decade now.

Read more about the Pulse Polio Programme in [PIB dated Oct 22, 2019](#).
