

21 May 2022: PIB Summary for UPSC

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1. Deaflympics

Syllabus: GS II

Prelims: About Deaflympics

Context

The Prime Minister interacted with the Indian contingent of the recently held Deaflympics.

Deaflympics

- The Deaflympics, also known as Deaflympiad, is a multi-sport event sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- The Deaflympics was first started in 1924 in Paris.
- The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) is the governing body responsible for the organization of the Deaflympics and other World Deaf Championships.
- The Deaflympics are held every four years.
- **Mission**: To cherish the value of the spirit of Deaflympics where Deaf athletes strive to reach the pinnacle of competition by embracing the motto of "Equality through sports".
- Recently Deaflympics were held in Caxias do Sul, Brazil between 1 May to 15 May 2022.
- The Indian Deaflympics team finished amongst the top 10 nations in the event with 16 medals including 8 Gold medals in the latest edition.

2. Clean Air For All Mission

Syllabus: GS III, Environment; Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation

Prelims: Clean Air For All Mission

Mains: Government initiatives to counter the challenges of Air pollution



Context

The Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change urged for making the 'Clean Air For All' a participative mission.

Details

- The new Mission called "Clean Air for All" will be started in 2022 with a focus on enhancing the target of reducing levels of pollutants.
- The Minister urged the youths to participate actively in the mission to improve air quality by adopting sustainable lifestyles, appropriate behaviour and attitude.
- The Minister further said that the efforts to improve air quality have had positive outcomes in terms of achieving better air in cities across the country.
- He added that under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), 132 non-attainment cities have been identified across the country based on the Air Quality data from 2014 to 2018.
 - o The list is a heterogeneous mix of cities of all sizes and types.
- With an aim to increase efforts to address the problem of air pollution, the Centre is planning to increase its target of reducing levels of particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10) from 20-30% by 2024 over 2017 levels to 35-50% by 2025-26.

Know more about the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).

3. Portal BioRRAP

Syllabus: GS III, Science and Technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology

Prelims: Portal BioRRAP

Context

The Union Minister launched BioRRAP Portal.

BioRRAP Portal

- BioRRAP Portal is a single national portal for Biotech researchers and Start-Ups.
- The Portal "BioRRAP" will facilitate the regulatory approval for biological research & development activity in the country and thereby extend "Ease of Science" as well as "Ease of Doing Business".
- To provide more credibility and recognition to biological research, the government has developed a web system under which each research, requiring regulatory oversight, will be identified by a unique ID called "BioRRAP ID".
- The portal will act as a gateway and will help researchers to see the stage of approval of their applications for regulatory clearances.
- The portal is designed to cater to the needs of the Biotechnology sector in India with about 2,700 start-ups and over 2,500 companies working in the country.



4. Raja Ram Mohan Roy

Syllabus: GS I, Indian History; Significant personalities

Prelims: Facts about Raja Ram Mohan Roy

Mains: Contributions of Raja Ram Mohan Roy

Context

The Ministry of Culture is commemorating the 250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy.

Raja Ram Mohan Roy

- Raja Ram Mohan Roy was an Indian religious, social, and educational reformer.
- He was born on May 22, 1772, in Radhanagar in Bengal.
- He is famously known as the "Father of Modern India" or "Father of the Bengal Renaissance".
- He is also the founder of the Brahmo Samaj.

Know more about Raja Ram Mohan Roy from the video below:

Video link: https://youtu.be/QaByisLKQY0

5. Anang Tal

Syllabus: GS I, Indian Heritage and Culture

Prelims: About AnangTal

Context

The National Monument Authority (NMA) has started a mission to resurrect Anang Tal.

Anang Tal

- Anang Tal was built by Maharaja Anang Pal Tomar in 1052 CE.
- It is located behind the famous 27 Hindu- Jain temples in Mehrauli in Delhi.

To know more about **Anang Tal**, check PIB dated April 19, 2022.



