

Rudrastra

- India's latest homegrown battlefield tech marvel Rudrastra was successfully tested by the Indian Army.
- It is a hybrid Vertical Take-Off and Landing (VTOL) drone developed by Solar Aerospace and Defence Limited (SDAL).
- It can take off like a helicopter and cruise like an aircraft, making it versatile and hard to spot.
- Equipped with smart warheads meant for anti-personnel roles, capable of targeting with high accuracy.
- Can hit targets more than 50 km away.

DIGIPIN

- DIGIPIN is a new digital address system launched by the Indian government.
- It is a unique ten-character alphanumeric code for 4x4 meter plots of land.
- Applicable across urban, rural, and maritime zones.
- Developed by the Department of Posts with IIT Hyderabad and NRSC (ISRO).

Wildlife Protection Act and Vermin

- The Union government rejected Kerala's demand to declare wild boars as vermin.
- Also rejected request to downgrade bonnet macaque from Schedule I to II.
- Section 11 of the 1972 Act allows hunting in extreme cases by state CWLW.
- Section 62 allows Union government to declare Schedule II animals as vermin temporarily.

Eurasian Otter

- • Thought extinct in Kashmir, the Eurasian otter has been sighted again.
- • Locally known as Vuder, it was an integral part of Kashmir's aquatic ecosystem.

Lidder River

- • Tributary of Jhelum River, originating from Kolahoi Glacier in Jammu & Kashmir.
- • Jhelum flows from Verinag, through Wular Lake, and into Pakistan.

Restricting AC Temperature

- • Union Ministry of Power proposed restricting AC temperature to 20°C–28°C.
- • Aim: Save energy and safeguard public health.

New Species of Jumping Spider

- • *Spartaeus karigiri* discovered in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.
- • First Indian record of genera *Spartaeus* and *Sonoita*.
- • Previously known from Southeast Asia and Africa.

SPArc Proton Arc Therapy

- • A 46-year-old woman became first to be treated for skull-base parotid cancer using SPArc.
- • SPArc is a cutting-edge radiotherapy minimizing damage to healthy tissues.

Operation True Promise 3

- • Iran launched Operation True Promise 3.
- • It escalated military strikes on Israel for the third consecutive day.

Nice Ocean Action Plan

- • Third UN Ocean Conference held in Nice, France.
- • Over 800 commitments by 170+ countries.
- • United Nations Ocean Conference 2025 is co-hosted by France and Costa Rica under SDG14 (Life Below Water).

Cyprus

- • Indian Prime Minister visited Cyprus after over two decades.
- • Cyprus is located in the eastern Mediterranean Sea, 65 km south of Turkey, 100 km west of Syria.

Goan Feni

- • Goan Feni, also known as Ozzo Feni, received GI tag.
- • Traditional Indian spirit from Goa made by fermentation of cashew apples or coconut sap.
- • Strong, clear liquor with unique flavor.

SCORES Portal

- • SEBI resolved 4,493 complaints via SCORES last month.
- • SCORES (SEBI Complaints Redress System) launched in 2011.
- • Allows filing and tracking complaints against listed entities and intermediaries.
- • Under SCORES 2.0, complaints are auto-directed and require Action Taken Report (ATR) within 21 days.