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National and International News

<p>Silk production in India</p> <p>Central Silk Board(CSB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">CSB is a statutory body established under the Central Silk Board Act, 1948.It functions under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Textile.It is a national organization for the overall development of the silk sector in India.	<p>Context</p> <p>India is constantly maintaining its second position in the production of silk with 18% of global production.</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">According to India trade portal, the total silk production in India during 2021-2022 was 34,903 MT, an increase of 3.4% YoY over the previous year (33,770 MT).Countries sericulture employs nearly 10 mn peopleThe share of mulberry is the largest among other varieties.Karnataka is the largest producer of stateAndhra, Maharashtra, Assam, J and K, Gujrat, Bihar, are other states. <p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">India produces all the five known commercial silks, namely, Mulberry, Tropical Tasar, Oak Tasar, Eri and Muga.
<p>World Bank forecast</p>	<p>Context</p> <p>According to World Bank forecast, Indian economy's growth forecast for this fiscal year is 6.3%</p>

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Gangetic Dolphin

Save Dolphin to save Ganga

The Centre has declared the dolphin a national aquatic animal to save the rare freshwater species from disappearing from the country's aqua map



Know about **Platanista gangetica**

1.67 m



Males grow up to **2.12m**



Females grow up to **2.67m**

Females give birth to only one calf, once in **2-3 yrs**

Generally blind, they catch their prey by emitting ultrasonic sound to gauge distance, mass etc

Assam, UP, MP, Rajasthan, Bihar, Jharkhand & W Bengal in the rivers Chambal, Sone, Kosi, Brahmaputra



Prefer deep waters, in & around Indian river confluences

GANGETIC DOLPHIN: A rare specie almost extinct

Grim Future

Once counted in 10's of 1000's, the amount has reduced in last century to **1,500**

Lost cousin: The Yangtze dolphin, Baiji, of China

Dwindling number due to killing, habitat fragmentation

"Endangered" & placed in **Schedule-I of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**

About gangetic Dolphin

- It is a **freshwater species**.
- It inhabits the **Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna and Karnaphuli-Sangu** river systems of Nepal, India, and Bangladesh.
- It is India's **National Aquatic Animal**.
- A long thin snout, rounded belly, stocky body and large flippers are characteristics of the Ganges River dolphin.
- **IUCN: Endangered**
- **Wildlife (Protection) Act: Schedule-I**
- **CITES: Appendix I**

Did you know?

Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary is situated in **Bhagalpur of Bihar**

Nobel Prize in physics

Context

France's **Pierre Agostini**, Hungarian-Austrian **Ferenc Krausz** and French-Swedish **Anne L'Huillier** won the **Nobel Prize in physics**.

Key facts

- The prize awarded for the research, using ultra-quick light flashes **that enable the study of electrons inside atoms and molecules**.
- Their technique employs **pulses measured in attoseconds**
- The research has made it possible to **examine moves or changes so rapid that they were previously impossible to follow**
- potential **applications in both electronics and medical diagnostics**.



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<p>International Criminal Court</p>	<p>Context Recently Armenia’s Parliament voted to join the International Criminal Court.</p> <p>International Criminal Court (ICC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the only permanent international criminal tribunal. • It was created by the 1998 Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court • It started functioning on 1 July 2002 when the Statute came into force. • Its HQ is in Hague, Netherlands. • India is not the member • It investigates and tries individuals charged with the gravest crimes of concern to the international community: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and the crime of aggression. <p>Did you know? 123 States Parties recognize the ICC’s authority except the US, China, Russia, India and among others.</p>
<p>Manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI)</p>	<p>Context India’s manufacturing activity eased to a five-month low in September</p> <p>Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is an economic indicator, which is derived after monthly surveys of different companies. • It measures activity at the purchasing or input stage. • It is very different from industrial production which is indicative of actual production. E.g., the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) measures output. • There are two types of PMI — Manufacturing PMI and Services PMI. • The index shows trends in both the manufacturing and services sector. • PMI does not capture informal sector activity.



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