



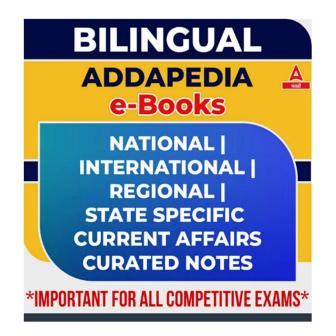


Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia



03 May 2024 Maharashtra State Specific News

New species of jumping spiders discovered	 Why in news? Researchers recently discovered a new species of jumping spiders in Solapur and Dharashiv districts of Maharashtra. The species named Stenaelurillus solapur and Stenaelurillus naldurg were found only in the habitat they were discovered in.
	 Key points: The spiders were found in a compact and fragmented semi-arid grassland patch. The species of spiders lived secluded in colonies and were rare to find. Researchers conducted the exploration of the species in the Western Ghats, Deccan Plateau and the eastern coastal region. The other two species of jumping spiders found in Tamil Nadu were named Stenaelurillus feral (from Villupuram) and Stenaelurillus judithblesternae (from Coimbatore). Jumping spiders play a crucial role in maintaining the ecological balance. Acting as predators, they help control the population of insects and other arthropods, thus reducing the spread of diseases and damage to crops.









Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

Enforcement Directorate (ED)	 Why in news? A Bombay court has recently emphasized the constitutional obligation of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to ensure speedy trials. The court made this observation while granting bail to two accused in the Cox and Kings case.
	 About ED: The Enforcement Directorate is a law enforcement agency and economic intelligence agency responsible for enforcing economic laws and fighting economic crime in India. It was established in 1956. The ED operates under the Department of Revenue of the Ministry of Finance. Primary Functions: Enforcement of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA), which replaced the earlier Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 (FERA). Enforcement of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA).
Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP)	 Why in news? The Borivali Residents Association complained to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) about the large-scale dumping of debris at the border of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP). About Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP): Situated in Mumbai, Maharashtra, it is one of the major national parks existing within a metropolis limit and is one of the most visited parks in the world. The park was established in 1969, Originally named Krishnagiri Park, it was later renamed in the 1980s after Sanjay Gandhi. The 2,000-year-old Kanheri caves, sculpted by monks out of the rocky basaltic cliffs, lie within the park. The park is also known as the lungs of the city. The governing body of the national park is the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.





Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

Rajiv Gandhi Award for Excellence in Information Technology (IT)	 Why in news? The Maharashtra government has announced the creation of a new award named the "Rajiv Gandhi Award for Excellence in Information Technology (IT)". The award will be presented to institutions and companies for their outstanding performance in the IT sector. The presentation will coincide with the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The state government will collaborate with several organizations, including NASSCOM, to finalize the modalities of the award.
Maharashtra Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy	 Why in news? The Maharashtra government has unveiled the "Maharashtra Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy". The policy was unveiled by the State Environment Minister and was approved by the cabinet. The aim of the policy is to promote the adoption of electric vehicles, their production, and the strengthening of necessary infrastructure. The policy seeks to ensure that EVs comprise at least 10% of new vehicles registered by 2025 and 25% electrification of public transport by 2025 in six urban centres: Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune, Amravati, Aurangabad, and Nashik. The policy also plans to set up 2,500 charging stations in urban areas and highways.

Copyright © by Adda247

All rights are reserved. No part of this document may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise, without prior permission of Adda247.