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<p>National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Supreme Court Registry has refused to accept a petition to end the Collegium system of judicial appointments and revive the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC). • The NJAC, which gave an equal role to the government in judicial appointments, had been struck down by a Constitution Bench in October 2015. <p>About NJAC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NJAC was introduced through the 99th Constitutional Amendment Act in 2014, along with the National Judicial Appointments Commission Act, 2014. • The purpose of the NJAC was to replace the existing Collegium system of appointing judges, which was criticized for lacking transparency and accountability. • In October 2015, the Supreme Court declared the 99th Constitutional Amendment and the NJAC Act unconstitutional. • The judgment reinstated the Collegium system, stating that the NJAC infringed upon the independence of the judiciary and violated the basic structure of the Constitution.
<p>INCOIS study on Ocean floor</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the Maldives Islands significantly influence the currents in the Indian Ocean, altering their direction and speed. • Scientists at the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) found that deep-swirling patterns in the ocean depths are opposite to the surface currents. <p>About the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INCOIS was established in 1999 as an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). • Mandate: It serves as a repository of ocean data and information, providing operational oceanographic services, modeling, and advisory services. • Location: INCOIS is located in Hyderabad, Telangana. • Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To provide ocean information and advisory services to various stakeholders. ○ To develop and implement operational oceanography systems for the Indian Ocean region. ○ To conduct research in various aspects of oceanography and related fields.



<p>Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Supreme Court recently issued a stay on the construction of four proposed dams were to be constructed inside the Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary. <p>About Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: The sanctuary is situated in the Shivalik foothills of the Himalayas in Haryana, with the Yamuna River running to its east.• Topography: The landscape varies from plains to hills, interspersed with narrow valleys locally called 'khol'. These valleys house seasonal rivulets, known as 'soats', which remain dry for most of the year.
<p>Tiger Conservation Coalition</p>	<p>Why in news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Sustainable Finance for Tiger Landscapes Conference was recently held.• Bhutan and the Tiger Conservation Coalition made a significant commitment of US\$1 billion for the conservation of tigers. <p>About Tiger Conservation Coalition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Tiger Conservation Coalition is a group of NGOs that has worked for many years to conserve tigers.• The eight NGOs in the coalition include<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA),○ Fauna & Flora,○ The International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN),○ Panthera,○ TRAFFIC,○ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),○ Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), and○ World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).• The members co-developed Tiger Conservation Landscapes 3.0, an integrated habitat modeling system to measure and monitor changes in tiger habitat at range-wide, national, biome, and landscape scales in near real-time.
<p>Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)</p>	<p>Why in news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Prime Minister of India recently addressed the 6th edition of the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI).• The conference was organized by the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).



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About Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI):

- CDRI is a **multi-stakeholder global partnership** that includes **national governments, UN agencies and programmes, multilateral development banks and financing mechanisms, the private sector, and academic and knowledge institutions.**
- It was launched during the **United Nations Climate Action Summit in 2019** in New York.
- The objective of CDRI is to **promote the resilience of infrastructure systems to climate and disaster risks**, thereby ensuring sustainable development.
- **The international organizations include**
 - The Asian Development Bank (ADB),
 - World Bank Group,
 - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),
 - United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR),
 - European Union,
 - European Investment Bank, and
 - The Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies (ARISE).

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