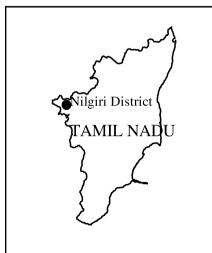




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National and International News

Mukurthi National Park (MNP)



Why in news?

- Increase in tiger deaths and combing operations were started by Forest dept. to ensure that there is no illegal movement of people and poachers.

About Mukhurthi national park

- The park is a **part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.**
- Its **vegetation** consists mostly of **grassland, Montane Evergreen Forest (shola).**
- The park **drains by the Bhavani River.**
- It consists of **peaks inside the National Park, the highest being Kolaribetta (2,630m), Mukurthi Peak (2,556m) and Nilgiri Peak (2,477m).**
- It is sandwiched between the **Mudumalai National Park and the Silent Valley National Park.**
- The area was **declared as a wildlife sanctuary in 1982 and upgraded to a National Park in 1990.**
- It was established conserving its keystone to species – **the Nilgiri Tahr..**

Did you know?

Mukurthi National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and was **formerly known as Nilgiri Tahr National Park.**

India Smart Cities Award Contest (ISAC) 2022

About award

- The ISAC recognizes and rewards the cities, projects and innovative ideas that are promoting sustainable development across the 100 smart cities.

Winners:-

- Indore - Best smart city award
- Madhya Pradesh - Best State Award
- Chandigarh - Best UT award

Urban-20 (U20): Investment in urban development

Context

President of India informed that overall investment in urban development has increased by more than 10 times over the last decade.



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Key points

- Under the G20, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs had organized the Urban 20 event.
- U20 is an important city diplomacy initiative, which reinforces the role of cities in taking the sustainable agenda forward.
- U20 is a subgroup of the G-20, which is working to establish a practice of collaboration between cities.
- It was launched on December 12, 2017, at the One Planet Summit in Paris.

Did you know?

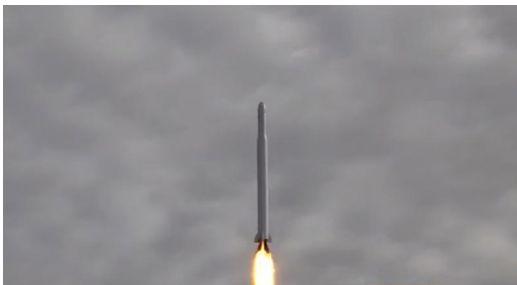
- U20 2023 Cycle was chaired by the City of Ahmedabad.

KX to help harness potential of GenAI**About Generative AI****Context**

U.K. and New York-based KX, has entered the Indian market with software offerings to help enterprises and developers harness the full potential of generative AI (GenAI).

Generative AI

- Generative Artificial Intelligence is a type of AI system that can create new content or data that resembles human-made content, such as text, images, music, code, etc.
- It works by using neural networks to learn from large amounts of data and then generate outputs based on the patterns and rules it has learned.
- ChatGPT, DALL-E, and Bard are examples of generative AI applications that produce text or images based on user-given prompts or dialogue.

Iran military's new imaging satellite**Context**

- Iran's Revolutionary Guards successfully launches a new military imaging satellite.
- The Nour-3 imaging satellite was placed in orbit 450 kilometers above earth.

Five Eyes Alliance**Context**

- The recent allegations by Canadian PM on the



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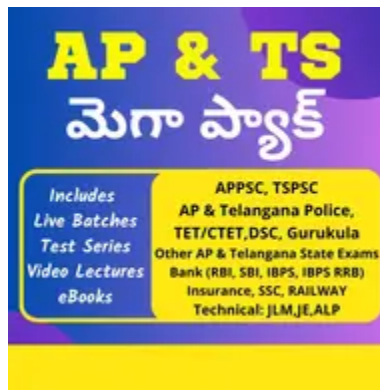
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Indian government for the killing of Khalistani leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar is based on the **information given by the Five Eyes Alliance**

Key points

- The Five Eyes intelligence alliance, consists of the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.
- They share intelligence through a secret collective database known as 'Stone Ghost.'
- Its objectives include exchanging views on mutual interests, sharing best practices, exploring cooperation, and engaging with non-Five Eyes countries.
- It is both surveillance-based and tracks signals intelligence (SIGINT).
- Intelligence documents shared between the member countries are classified as 'Secret—AUS/CAN/NZ/UK/US Eyes Only,' which gave the group its title 'Five Eyes.'



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