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	• India is "seriously considering" starting talks for a free trade agreement with the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).
	<ul> <li>About EAEU:</li> <li>Formation: Established on January 1, 2015.</li> <li>Members: Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia.</li> <li>Objective: To create a single market for goods, services, capital, and labor.</li> <li>Headquarters: Located in Moscow, Russia.</li> <li>Languages: Russian is the official working language.</li> <li>Customs Union: EAEU operates as a customs union, eliminating customs duties and controls at internal borders.</li> <li>Single Market: Aims to allow free movement of goods, services, capital, and labor among member states.</li> </ul>
National Endangered Species Day	<ul><li>Why in news?</li><li>National Endangered Species Day celebrated on May 17.</li></ul>
Attonal Endangered Species Day   Third Friday in May	<ul> <li>About National Endangered Species Day:</li> <li>Purpose: To create awareness about the consequences of human activities and actions to save endangered species.</li> <li>Date: Observed annually on the third Friday of May.</li> <li>History: <ul> <li>Established in 2006 by David Robinson and the Endangered Species Coalition.</li> <li>Aim: To urge people to contribute to the safety and protection of endangered species.</li> </ul> </li> <li>According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), 40% of animals, insects, and plants are at risk of extinction.</li> <li>Theme for 2024: "Celebrate Saving Species"</li> </ul>
Iberian lynx	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>Endangered Iberian lynx population doubles in 3 years.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>About Iberian lynx:</li> <li>Endemic Carnivore Species:         <ul> <li>One of two carnivore species endemic to Europe (the other being European mink, Mustela lutreola).</li> <li>The world's most endangered carnivore.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>









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