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New Delhi International Arbitration Centre

- New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Ordinance 2019 was promulgated recently.
- It proposes to establish an international arbitration centre at New Delhi.
- It will replace the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution set-up in the year 1995, which is a society registered under the Societies Registration Act.
- One of the objectives of the Centre is to bring targeted reforms to develop itself as a flagship institution for conducting international and domestic arbitration;
- The proposed Centre will be a statutory body.
- It will consist
 1. a Chairperson
 2. 2 eminent persons having substantial knowledge in international and domestic arbitration
 3. 1 representative of a recognized body of commerce
 4. Secretary to the Ministry of Law & Justice
 5. Finance Advisor
 6. a Chief Executive Officer.
- The Chairperson should have been a judge of the Supreme Court or High Court, or an eminent person having special knowledge and experience in the conduct or administration of arbitration.
- The chairman will be appointed by the Central Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of India.

World Wildlife day

- The day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is celebrated as UN World Wildlife Day.
- It aims to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants.
- The theme for 2019 is "Life below water: for people and planet".
- The theme aligns with goal 14 of UN Sustainable Development Goals.

- This is the first World Wildlife Day to focus on life below water.
- The oceans have an estimated market value of \$3 trillion, which makes up nearly 5% of world's gross domestic product.
- Nearly 40% of global livelihoods depend on the oceans for sustenance and craftwork as well as for their cultural and spiritual value.

National anti doping Agency (NADA)

- It was set up as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act of 1890 on 2005.
- It was set up with a mandate for Dope free sports in India.
- The primary objectives are
 1. to implement anti-doping rules as per WADA code
 2. regulate dope control program
 3. to promote education and research and creating awareness about doping and its ill effects

Kole wetlands

- It is spread over 13,632 hectares in Thrissur and Malappuram districts of Kerala.
- It is a Ramsar site and IBA (Important Bird and Biodiversity Area)
- The Kole fields account for more than 40% of the rice production in the State.
- It is situated in the Central Asian Flyway of migratory birds.
- The area contains subterranean habitats that are important habitats for some fresh water fish species which are endemic to southern Western Ghats.
- Mining & quarrying of sand and clay mining, granite quarry and Fishing & harvesting aquatic resources are some of the threats to the Kole wetlands.

Tornadoes

- Tornadoes are vertical funnels of rapidly spinning air.
- It may speed of up to around 300 kmph.
- Twister is the colloquial term for tornado in the United States.

CYCLONE VERSUS TORNADO

Cyclone is a large-scale air mass that circulates around a center of low atmospheric pressure	Tornado is a rotating column of air accompanied by a funnel-shaped cloud that progresses in a narrow path over the land
Purely oceanic phenomena	Primarily over-land phenomena
Measured by Beaufort scale and Saffir-Simpson scale	Measured by Fujita, Enhanced Fujita and TORRO scale
Can stretch over several hundred miles	Relatively small when compared to cyclones, but the damage may be extensive

Global Electric Vehicle Outlook

- It is published annually by International Energy Agency.
- It provides a comprehensive look at the state of Electric Vehicles, charging infrastructure and policies around the globe.
- China remains the engine of growth for passenger EVs.
- It includes policy recommendations, learning from frontrunner markets to inform policymakers and stakeholders who aim to encourage electric vehicle adoption.

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