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Folk Arts

- The Vice President witnessed folk and classical dances presented by Tableaux Artists in Republic Day Parade.

| State | Dance | Description |
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| Arunachal Pradesh | By Monpa Tribes | Yak Dance commemorating discovery of Yak & Aji Lhamu Dance depicting Tibetan version of the Hindu Epic Ramayana |
| Assam | Sattriya Nritya | Classical dance centered in Vaishnavism |
| Sikkim | Tamang Selo | Danced to the tune of Damphu instrument |
| Tripura | Mamita | Performed on the occasion of Mamita, the harvest festival |
| Tamil Nadu | Karakkatam | Water pot is balanced on the heads during performance |
| Maharashtra | Koli | Koli fisher folk incorporates elements of sea and fishing by holding oars |
| Jammu & Kashmir | Mentoq Stanmo from Ladakh | Flower dance originated in Kargil |
| | Rouf from Kashmir | Performed by women and known for the artistic footwork |
| | Kud from Jammu | Performed by young as well as old people and known for its spontaneity |

National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP)

- ICAR has recently launched Rs.1100 crore worth NAHEP.
- It is to attract talent and strengthen higher agricultural education in the country.
- This project will be funded by the World Bank and the Indian Government on 50:50 basis.
- Student Rural Entrepreneurship Awareness Development Yojana (READY) scheme is being run in order to promote the participation of students in agricultural business.
- Under the scheme practical experience of agriculture and entrepreneurship

is provided to undergraduate students.

Sarus Crane

- According to 2018 Census, the population of Sarus Crane in UP has steadily grown since 2013.
- The habitat is outside protected areas, in natural wetlands with low water depth, marshy and fallow areas and agricultural fields.
- So the population was threatened by habitat degradation and human callousness.
- The main reason attributed for their revival was the awareness created among the public.
- As a result farmers and fisherfolk involved in the protection of Sarus nests in wetlands as well as rice paddies.
- Sarus Crane is the world's tallest flying bird.
- As per the Wildlife Trust of India it is also India's only resident breeding crane.
- It is omnivorous, feeding on fish and insects, as well as roots and plants.
- They play a vital role in ecological balance by controlling the population of harmful insects and have significant cultural importance, while also being sociable.
- It is also the official State bird of Uttar Pradesh.
- It has marked been marked as 'vulnerable' by IUCN.



Global Syndemic

- A syndemic is defined as “the presence of two or more disease states that adversely interact with each other”.

- A Lancet Report states that the pandemics of obesity, under nutrition, and climate change are interlinked.
- It terms it as “global syndemic”.
- They represent as the paramount challenge for humans, the environment and our planet that presses the need for urgent action.
- Until now, undernutrition and obesity have been seen as polar opposites.
- But the report states that they are both driven by the same unhealthy, inequitable food systems, underpinned by the same political economy that is focused on economic growth.
- Few instances are-
 - i. Climate change > extreme weather events > increased food insecurity > under nutrition
 - ii. Climate change > increased prices of fruit and vegetables > increasing consumption of processed foods > obesity
 - iii. Foetal and infant under nutrition > risk of adult obesity.
- Not a single country has reversed the obesity epidemic across the world.

Consultative Committee

- The Union Minister of Consumer Affairs chaired an Inter-Session Consultative Committee Meeting.
- The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs constitutes Consultative Committees of Members of both the Houses of Parliament for different ministries.
- The Minister in-charge of the Ministry concerned acts as the chairman of the Committee.
- The main purpose of these Committees is to provide a forum for informal discussions between the Government and Members of Parliament on policies and programs of the Government and the manner of their implementation.
- Meetings of these Committees are held both during the session and inter-session period of Parliament.

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