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Swachh Shakti

- It is a nationwide annual convention of women sarpanches which aims to bring in to focus the leadership role played by rural women in Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Women Swachha grahis and women champions from other walks of life from across the country were recognized for their outstanding contribution towards making a Swachh Bharat during the event.
- Swachh Shakti event was first held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, the second event was held at Lucknow, UP and the third event has been recently held at Kurushetra, Haryana.

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan

- It is centrally sponsored scheme which being implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- The scheme aims to construct block level sports complexes and conduct annual rural sports competitions.
- Following sports competitions at block, district, state and national levels are conducted under Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan:
 1. Rural Sports Competitions
 2. Sports Competitions exclusively for Women
 3. North East Games
 4. Sports Competitions for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Affected Areas
- For the development of sports infrastructure in the country the Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme is being implemented under the scheme.
- National Sports Development Fund has been setup by union sports ministry with the objective of development and maintenance of sports infrastructure.

HELINA Missile

- India recently test-fired its helicopter-launched version of NAG anti-tank guided missile, HELINA.
- It is indigenously designed and built by DRDO.
- Helina has a hit range of 7-8 km can be launched from army chopper.
- It is guided by an infrared imaging seeker (IIR) operating in the lock-on

before-launch mode and helps in further strengthening the defense capabilities of the country.

National Data Repository

- NDR has been created to provide explorers' data on the country's repositories, allowing them to choose fields according to their capabilities.
- Data received through the National Seismic Program (an in-depth study of 26 sedimentary basins) are continuously being updated to the NDR.

Golden Langur

- The golden langur is found only in western Assam and along the adjoining Indo-Bhutan border.
- The coat of the adult golden langur ranges from cream to golden, on its flanks and chest the hairs are darker and often rust colored.
- It is one of the most endangered primate species of India
- The 'Golden Langur Habitat Conservation' has been taken up in Manas National Park in Assam.



e-Cocoon App

- Ministry of Textiles has launched a mobile application for quality certification in silkworm seed sector.
- The app will be used by the Seed Analysts and Seed Officers nominated under Central Seed Act for system and product certification through real time reporting.

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