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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 15/05/2026

1. Lion Species Spotlight Programme:

Recent - Union Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the 'Lion' Species Spotlight Programme at Sasan Gir, Gujarat, as a pre-event to the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit 2026.

IBCA Summit 2026: India will host the first-ever IBCA Summit in New Delhi in June 2026.

IBCA is a global coalition dedicated to the conservation of seven major big cat species: the tiger, Lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar, and Puma.

2. Project Saksham:

Recent - National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) encourages women focused skill development through 'Project Saksham'.

Project Saksham is an initiative focused on empowering rural women through structured skill development for sustainable livelihood opportunities.

It operates through a network of 12 training centres across the country, providing access to underserved communities to industry-relevant skills and pathways into the formal workforce.

3. CAR-T Cell Therapy:

Recent - Researchers presented findings suggesting that CAR-T cell therapy may offer a new approach to suppressing HIV without conventional medicines.

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CAR-T (Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell) therapy is a form of immunotherapy that genetically engineers a patient's own immune cells into living drugs to fight disease.

It involves taking immune soldiers called T cells out of a person's blood, genetically engineering them into "living drugs" and infusing them back into the patient.

They're widely used to cure certain types of cancer and are being studied for other diseases.

4. Kalam & Kavach 3.0:

Recent - 3rd edition of the Kalam & Kavach defence conference was held in New Delhi.

Organised by Ministry of Defence, Kalam & Kavach 3.0 serves as a high-level platform for discussions on India's defence transformation and future military preparedness.

Theme: "Taking JAI Forward With I²"

JAI: Jointness, Aatmanirbharta and Innovation

I²: Indigenisation and International Collaboration.

Aims to strengthen integrated military capability, defence innovation and strategic partnerships under the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

5. Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary:

Recent - Invasive *Prosopis juliflora* has colonised 63.48% of Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary.

Prosopis juliflora is a thorny shrub and small tree species in the legume (Fabaceae) family, native to Mexico, Central and South America. Its hyper-deep taproot makes this invasive species highly resilient.

Asola Bhatti is Delhi's only wildlife sanctuary, located on the Southern Delhi Ridge of the Aravalli range along the Delhi-Haryana border.

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It forms the northernmost section of the Sariska-Delhi Wildlife Corridor, allowing wildlife to migrate between Delhi and Rajasthan.

Vegetation Type: Northern Tropical Thorn Forest ecosystem, dominated by Dhau, Palash, and Khai trees.

Faunal Diversity: Indian leopards, golden jackals, striped hyenas, jungle cats, blackbucks, nilgai, etc.

Avifauna: Painted stork, northern shoveller, gadwall, and cotton teal.

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