

5 IMPORTANT NEWS | AUTHENTIC SOURCES | RELEVANT FOR UPSC



1 NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (NTCA) – 29th MEETING

Why in News?

The Union Environment Minister chaired the 29th meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) at Coimbatore.

- Reviewed India's tiger conservation programme.
- Discussed strengthening tiger habitats and wildlife corridors.
- Focus on reducing human-wildlife conflict.
- Emphasis on scientific monitoring and habitat protection.

UPSC PRELIMS FACTS

- NTCA was established under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- It implements Project Tiger.

MAINS LINK

Conservation of biodiversity, protected areas, and wildlife governance.



2 WILDLIFE INSTITUTE OF INDIA (WII) SOCIETY MEETING

Why in News?

The Union Environment Minister presided over the 28th Meeting of the Wildlife Institute of India Society.

- Reviewed wildlife research and conservation initiatives.
- Strengthening scientific capacity for biodiversity conservation.
- Focus on wildlife monitoring and ecological research.

UPSC PRELIMS FACTS

- WII is located in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- It functions under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

MAINS LINK

Role of scientific institutions in environmental conservation.



3 BRICS TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP MEETING

Why in News?

The 3rd BRICS Transport Working Group Meeting commenced in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

- Discussions on sustainable transport.
- Enhancing transport connectivity among BRICS countries.
- Cooperation in logistics and digital transport systems.

UPSC PRELIMS FACTS

- BRICS members: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, along with the recently expanded members.

MAINS LINK

International cooperation, infrastructure, and connectivity.



4 MSME MINISTRY REVIEWS FLAGSHIP SCHEMES

Why in News?

The Union MSME Minister reviewed the implementation of flagship MSME schemes in Puducherry.

- Focus on improving institutional credit for MSMEs.
- Strengthening entrepreneurship and employment generation.
- Review of government support for small enterprises.

UPSC PRELIMS FACTS

- MSMEs are governed under the MSME Development Act, 2006.

MAINS LINK

Inclusive growth, employment, and ease of doing business.



5 PRS PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Why in News?

PRS India has published the latest schedule of Parliamentary Committee meetings, including briefings on Urban Transformation, Solid Waste Management, Water Management, and Smart Cities.

- Committee discussions with the Ministries of Housing & Urban Affairs, Environment, and Jal Shakti.
- Focus on urban infrastructure, sanitation, and sustainable development.

UPSC PRELIMS FACTS

- Department-related Standing Committees examine Bills, Demands for Grants, and policy implementation.

MAINS LINK

Parliamentary oversight, urban governance, and environmental management.

PRELIMS RAPID REVISION

 **NTCA**
Statutory body under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

 **WII**
Dehradun; premier wildlife research institute.

 **BRICS**
Platform for economic and strategic cooperation.

 **MSME DEVELOPMENT ACT**
Governs Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises. (2006)

 **DEPARTMENT-RELATED
STANDING COMMITTEES**
Examine policies, Bills, and budgetary demands.