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PAKAL DUL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (PDHEP)

Why in News?

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the Pakal Dul Hydroelectric Project in Jammu & Kashmir to harness the potential of the Chenab River and support clean energy transition.



Key Points

- 1,000 MW run-of-the-river hydroelectric project.
- To be developed by NHPC.
- Estimated cost: ₹4,850 crore (approx.).
- Will help in meeting peak power demand and provide energy storage.
- Supports India's long-term energy security.



Prelims Facts

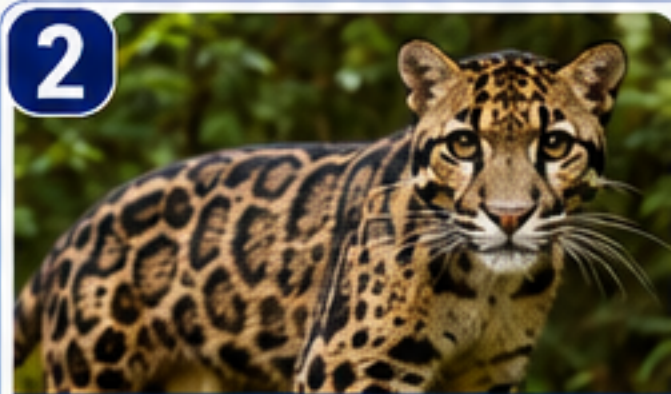
- Location: Kishtwar district, J&K.
- River: Chenab (Indus basin).
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Power.
- Executing Agency: NHPC Limited.



GS Mains Link

- GS III – Energy Security
- Infrastructure
- River Valley Projects
- Sustainable Development

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CLOUDED LEOPARD CONSERVATION ACTION PLAN

Why in News?

India released the National Conservation Action Plan for the Clouded Leopard to conserve its habitat, improve protection measures and reduce human-wildlife conflict.



Key Points

- Valid for 2026–2036.
- Focus on habitat conservation and landscape connectivity.
- Strengthens anti-poaching and monitoring mechanisms.
- Promotes community participation and awareness.
- Aligns with Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) targets.



Prelims Facts

- Scientific Name: Neofelis nebulosa.
- IUCN Status: Vulnerable.
- Found in: Northeast India, Himalayan foothills.
- Schedule I species under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.



GS Mains Link

- GS III – Biodiversity
- Conservation
- Environment
- Wildlife Protection

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ANTARIKSH VENTURE CAPITAL FUND (AVCF)

Why in News?

The government announced the Antariksh Venture Capital Fund (AVCF) to promote start-ups and innovation in the Indian space sector and strengthen the commercial space ecosystem.



Key Points

- Fund size: ₹1,000 crore.
- To support start-ups, MSMEs and private players in space sector.
- Managed by a professional fund management team.
- Will accelerate innovation and commercialization.
- Supports Atmanirbhar Bharat in space.



Prelims Facts

- Nodal Ministry: Department of Space (DOS).
- Part of broader reforms to attract private investment in space.
- Linked with IN-SPACE initiatives.



GS Mains Link

- GS III – Space
- Science & Technology
- Start-ups & Innovation
- Economic Development

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IRULA TRIBAL COMMUNITY

Why in News?

The Irula community was recognised as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) to ensure targeted interventions for their protection, livelihood and development.



Key Points

- Irulas are one of the oldest tribal communities in India.
- Traditional knowledge: snake catching, healing and forest skills.
- Often live in forest fringes and face socio-economic challenges.
- Inclusion as PVTG ensures focused welfare and development.



Prelims Facts

- Found in: Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka.
- Recognised as PVTG by Govt. of India.
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Total PVTGs in India: 75.



GS Mains Link

- GS II – Social Justice
- Tribal Welfare
- Inclusive Growth
- Vulnerable Sections

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SVAMITVA SCHEME

Why in News?

The SVAMITVA Scheme continues to progress, providing record of rights to rural household owners and strengthening land ownership security in villages.



Key Points

- Drone survey and mapping of inhabited village areas.
- Provides Property Cards to rural households.
- Empowers villagers with legal ownership records.
- Helps in reducing property disputes and improves access to credit.



Prelims Facts

- Full Form: Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas.
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Panchayati Raj.



GS Mains Link

- GS II – Governance
- Land Reforms
- Rural Development
- Ease of Doing Business



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