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1. Agrovision

About:

- It is a four-day agricultural exhibition, which started today will continue till 27th December in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- It will have 350 pavilions including 6 pavilions for agricultural exhibitions and 2 pavilions for agricultural workshops.
- The exhibition will feature seminars and conferences on various topics such as development of the dairy industry in Vidarbha, freshwater fishery in East Vidarbha.
- Workshops for farmers, Dairy Development Council as well as Agricultural Exhibition will also be held in this exhibition.

2. CoE on Water Reuse

About:

- National Mission for Clean Ganga, NMCG and The Energy

and Resources Institute, TERI launched Centre of Excellence, CoE on Water Reuse in New Delhi.

- The CoE on Water Reuse is the first of its kind to be established in the country through a collaboration between NMCG and TERI.
- The Center of Excellence will be setup to design and foster research and innovation including identification of knowledge gaps for research and need for new ideas, supporting targeted research and spurring and nurturing needed innovation.
- Waste water after treatment should be used to the extent possible.
- The idea behind cleaning the Ganga or a river or a city is to make them sustainable in the long run.

3. National Consumer Day

Why in news?

- It is observed on 24 December

annually to highlight the importance of the consumer movement and spread awareness about the rights and responsibilities of every consumer.

- On this day the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 was enacted.
- The Act aims to provide consumers with effective safeguards against different types of exploitation, such as defective goods, deficiency in services and unfair trade practices.

4. Good Governance Day

About:

- The Nation pays homage to former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his 97th birth anniversary today on 25th december.
- 25th december is also celebrated as Good Governance Day.
- The aim of good governance is minimum government and maximum governance.
- Vajpayee was elected ten times to the Lok Sabha and twice to the Rajya Sabha.
- He was a parliamentarian par

excellence, who had the trust, affection and belief of the people in his leadership.

- As a parliamentarian and particularly as Prime Minister, he made innumerable important contributions which paved the way for a stronger economy through bold reforms and rapid development of infrastructure.

5. Olive Ridley turtles

Why In news?

- The tagging process of the Olive Ridley begins on Odisha's Ganjam Coast, to track their movements and enhance the protection of endangered turtles.
- Tagging is most often conducted to obtain information on reproductive biology, movements and growth rates.
- The tags of inconel metal are uniquely numbered and have details such as name of organization, email. This will help in finding the extent of travel and location of the turtles after congregation, nesting in the beach for further research on turtle behavior.

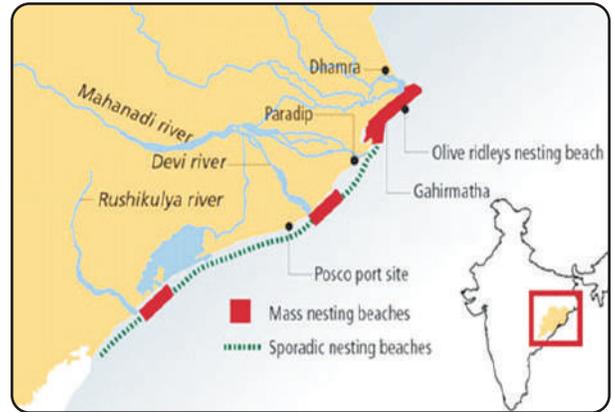
About:

- The Olive ridley turtles are the smallest and most abundant of all sea turtles found in the world.
- These turtles are carnivores and get their name from their olive colored carapace.
- They are found in warm waters of the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian oceans.
- The Odisha's Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary is known as the world's largest rookery (colony of breeding animals) of sea turtles.
- They are best known for their unique mass nesting called Arribada, where thousands of females come together on the same beach to lay eggs.



Conservation status:

- IUCN Red List: Vulnerable
- CITES: Appendix I
- Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:



6. Karnataka Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021

Why In news?

The Karnataka legislative Assembly passed this bill, commonly referred to as the anti-conversion Bill.

The Bill will now go to the Karnataka Legislative Council.

About:

- It prohibits conversion from one religion to another by misrepresentation, force, fraud, allurement or marriage.
- It, however, provides an exemption in the case of a person who “reconverts to his immediate previous religion” as “the same shall not be deemed to be a conversion under this Act”.
- Complaints regarding conversions can be filed by family members or

any other person who is related to the individual who is getting converted.

- A jail term of three to five years and a fine of Rs 25,000 has been proposed for those violating the law in the case of people from general categories.
- And a jail term of three to 10 years and a fine of Rs 50,000 has been mooted for those converting minors, women or persons from SC/ST communities.

7. Tokenization by RBI

Why in news?

- In September 2021, the RBI prohibited merchants from storing customer card details on their servers with effect from January 01, 2022, and mandated the adoption of card-on-file (CoF) tokenisation as an alternative to card storage.
- It applies to domestic, online purchases.

About:

- Tokenisation refers to replacement of actual credit and debit card details with an alternate code called the “token”, which will be unique for a combination of card,

token requestor and device.

- A tokenised card transaction is considered safer as the actual card details are not shared with the merchant during transaction processing.
- Customers who do not have the tokenisation facility will have to key in their name, 16-digit card number, expiry date and CVV each time they order something online.
- This could be cumbersome exercise and may impact transaction value, especially when done through stored cards.
- In case of multiple cards, each will have to be tokenised.

Significance:

The value of the Indian digital payments industry in 2020-21, as per RBI's annual report, was Rs 14,14,85,173 crore.

The RBI has extended the deadline by 6 months.

8. Call records timeline

News:

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has amended the Unified License

Agreement asking telecom and Internet service providers as well as all other telecom licensees to maintain commercial and call detail records for at least two years, instead of the current one-year practice.

- The additional time, was based on requests from multiple security agencies.

□ Globally, the norm is to keep this data between six months to up to two years depending on the jurisdiction.

□ Most countries, allow this data to be kept for extended periods with an option for the user to get their data deleted in case they exercise their right to be forgotten.

