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SC upholds repeal of J&K's special status	 Context A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the power of the President to abrogate the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. This was done under Article 370 of the Constitution, leading to the reorganization of the full fledged State to two Union Territories and the removal of its privileges. About special status of J&K On 5th August 2019, the President of India in the exercise of the powers conferred by Article 370(1) of the Constitution issued the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 2019. Through this, the Government of India has made modifications to Article 370 itself (not revoked it). The Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 2019 has replaced the Presidential Order of 1954. Subsequently, the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, 2019, passed by Parliament divides the state of Jammu and Kashmir into two new Union Territories (UTs): Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh. This was further challenged in the supreme court. Important articles:- Article 370 under Part XXI empowers Jammu & Kashmir to have its own constitution. It grants autonomous status to J&K. Article 35A, incorporated into the Constitution in 1954, provides special rights and privileges to the citizens of the state. Article 35A gives the Jammu & Kashmir Legislature full discretionary power to decide who the 'permanent residents' of the state are.
Pakadwa vivah practice of Bihar	 Context Recently,the Patna High Court has nullified a forced marriage, commonly referred to as "pakadwa vivah," which occurred a decade ago. About It is a traditional practice in the state of Bihar. In 'Pakadwa Vivah', neither the consent of the boy nor the girl is taken for marriage. Boys are taken hostage by kidnapping or coaxing and then married to a girl as per customs and traditions. In this, the wishes of the boy and girl, who become bride and groom, have no importance
Documentary on 'Naatu Naatu' lyricist wins award	Context • A documentary on Oscar award winning lyricist Subhash

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	 Chandrabose has won an award at 12th Mumbai Shorts International Film Festival. He is famous for the 'Naatu Naatu' song from the Telugu movie RRR Key points The documentary, produced and directed by senior journalist Chilkuri Sushil Rao was given a special mention award at the festival Mr. Chandrabose won the Oscar for Best Original Song at the 95th Academy Awards.
Web browsers	 Web browsers is an application that people use to send and receive messages via the internet. In other words, the browser is a program that runs on your device, with its purpose being to fetch information in different formats from the internet and show it on the device. It also does the reverse, receiving your input (say, a click), translating it to code, and transmitting it to some other machine across the internet.
Tata Power EV, IOCL to jointly set up over 500 charging points	 Context Tata Power EV Charging Solutions Ltd. and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) have signed a memorandum of understanding(MoU) It is to roll out fast and ultrafast electric vehicle(EV) charging points across the country.
	 Key points Tata Power would install more than 500 EV charging points across multiple IOCL retail outlets to help alleviate range anxiety for EV owners travelling betwen cities. This will contribute to accessibility and inclusivity for a sustainable electric mobility future
Loss of green cover in Cauvery basin	 Context A paper published by scientists and researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru highlighted that natural vegetation on nearly 12,850 sq. km of land in the Cauvery basin was lost in the 50 years from 1965 to 2016.
	 Key points Karnataka has lost much more than any other State in the basin. It accounts for three fourths of the lost cover, while Tamil Nadu's share is around one fifth. The natural vegetation cover went down by around 46% The quantum of reduction of dense vegetation was 35% and that of degraded vegetation, 63% Areas that suffered adverse changes in the extent of forest cover





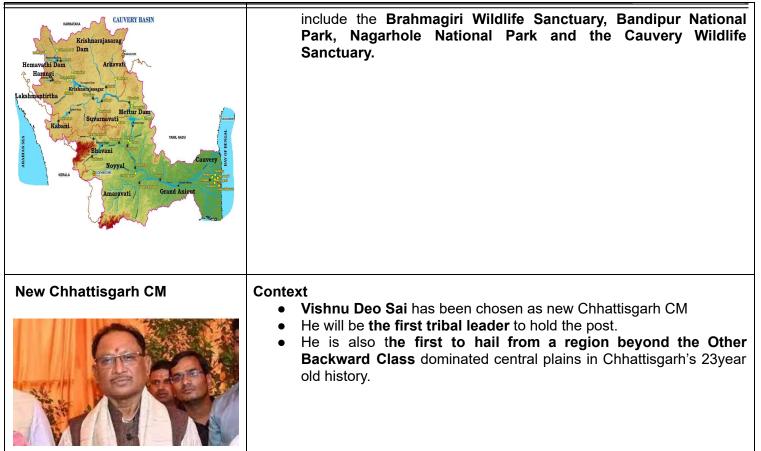


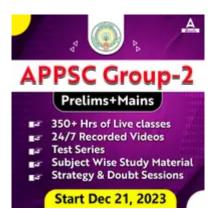






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