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19th, May, 2022

Topic: Women Security

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What is the news?

Crimes against women have gone down in Shimla.

Reason:

- The installation of CCTC cameras and increased presence of women police has led to a drop in crime against women, say senior police officers.
- The installation of CCTC cameras and the increased presence of women in the police have resulted in a reduction in crime against women, according to senior police officers.

What does that report say?

- A comparative review (of September 2021 to March 2022 with the same period in the previous year) revealed that rape cases have declined from 34 to 18, molestation cases from 37 to 19, cases of cruelty to women from 15 to nine (40 per cent) and eve-teasing cases from eight to three (62.5 per cent).
- The installation of around 6,450 CCTV cameras at strategic locations like on inter-state and interdistrict borders, temples, important offices, police stations, educational institutions, illegal mining areas, markets, railway stand, taxi stand, bus stop and main squares has acted as a deterrent, said SP Shimla Monika Bhutungru.
- In Shimla district, the percentage of women in all ranks is 15 and that of constables is 19.3 of the total and an increase in the number has helped in creating awareness on women's rights, making them feel safe besides overcoming the apprehensions about approaching the police. As many as 20 Scooties have been provided to women personnel in 20 police stations, thus increasing their mobility, she added.

The initiative has taken:

- The other initiatives like introducing register no. 26 for sexual offenders, coming up of women police stations, introducing a 24X7 Gudiya helpline and shakti button app for women in distress and imparting unarmed combat training to girls studying in schools and colleges through Samarth Yojna has started yielding results besides awareness in society.
- Moreover, a coffee table book, 'Veerangana' capturing the journey of women in HP Police, recognizing their stellar role in policing and contribution towards women empowerment - was also launched on the International

Women's Day, last year.

(Source: The Tribune)

Topic: Art and Culture

Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains

What is the news?

■ The painting workshop marks the Museum Day.

When is Museum Day observed?

• International Museum Day, May 18, 2022, was celebrated at the Archaeological Site Museum, Fort Kangra.

What was the theme?

• 'The Power of Museum' was the theme of this year's celebration.

Who conducted this?

• Under the sub-theme of 'The power of community building through education'. Archaeological Site Museum, Kangra Archaeological Survey of India, Shimla Circle, conducted a one-day workshop on Kangra miniature paintings for students and visitors.

Performances:

- A renowned Kangra painting artist, Dhani Ram, and his team conducted the workshop, wherein participants were made aware of the traditional methods of making Kangra miniature paintings.
- An exhibition of such paintings was also organized. Besides, a photo exhibition of the select centrally protected monuments was also organised in the museum.
- Traditional Pahadi dance forms such as jamakada, gaddi tribal dance and pahari natti were performed by students.

(Source: The Tribune)

Topic: Disceases in Crops

Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains

What is the news?

 Himachal: 30% mushroom spoiled due to wet Bulabula disease, advisory issued.

About Bulabula Disease:

- This disease has been caused due to excessive heat and lack of proper sanitation. Due to this disease, the crops of many growers have been completely destroyed.
- The shape of the mushroom has also deteriorated.

Production Data:

- Mushroom growers from many states of the country are contacting Directorate of Mushrooms, Solan every day.
- Experts are also given information about prevention, including prevention. According to the information, 2.70 lakh metric tonnes of mushroom are produced in the country. Maharashtra ranks first in mushroom production. Himachal is in fifth place.
- Mushroom is also being produced in other states, including Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar. To deal with this disease daily from many states, SMS including phone, email of farmers are reaching the experts of DMR Solan.

Prevention:

- This disease also occurs due to excessive heat, temperature or due to lack of proper sanitation in mushroom farm, proper ventilation inside the farm and casing done after seeding in mushroom compost.
- If the casing is not properly cured. Cleanliness needs special attention to deal with this disease. Mushrooms infected with wet bubble disease should be uprooted and replaced with a pinch of salt.

(Source: Amar Ujala)

Some More HP News:

1) In the Shooting World Cup Championship in Germany, Jeena Khitta of Rohru, Himachal Pradesh has once again won the gold

medal representing India.

Jeena Khitta won the gold medal in the 10m Air Rifle event. They defeated Denmark in the quarterfinals, Poland in the semifinals and Korea in the finals.

2) The city of Dharamsala has been included among the 33 cities identified across the country for the meeting. Regarding the proposed meeting of the G20 summit, a team led by G20 Logistics Adviser Ashok Kumar reviewed and evaluated the arrangements available for the summit in Dharamsala.

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