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## Today's Topic Covered

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## **Topic: First butterfly park on the lines of metros in Himachal**

## ***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

*Importance for Prelims: Himachal Current Events (General issues on environmental ecology, bio-diversity and climate change that do not require subject specialization)*

*Importance for Mains Exam:*

- *PAPER-VI: GENERAL STUDIES-III: Unit III: Topic: Himalayan ecology, biosphere reserve, Science and economics of climate change.*
- *PAPER-VI: GENERAL STUDIES-III: Unit III: Topic: Concept of Eco-Tourism and green tourism and their role in sustainable development of the State.*

### ***What is the news?***

- Nagrota Surian, in Kangra in Himachal Pradesh is going to have the ***first butterfly park on the lines of metros.***



## ***Under which scheme it will be built?***

- Under the '***Nai Manzil Nai Rahein***' scheme, the forest department will make a butterfly park.

## ***Objective:***

- The main objective of this park is also to conserve butterflies. This park will also be a good center for research scholars to know about the life cycle of butterflies.
- The forest department is preparing a plan to lay the foundation stone of this butterfly park during the Wildlife Week. Wildlife Week is celebrated from October 2 to October 9.

## ***About 'Nai Manzil Nai Rahein' scheme:***

- There is many hidden gems lying undiscovered by the wandering tribe, the government of Himachal Pradesh has put the spotlight on '***Nai Raahein Nai Mazilein***', a new initiative to bring attention to new destinations in this Himalayan state.
- For a start, the destinations of Bir-Billing – a globally famous site on the paragliders circuit in Kangra, Janjehli – a hidden rural charm in Mandi district and Chanshal with its alpine meadows that turn into pristine ski slopes in the winter in Shimla hills, are being developed by putting in place adequate infrastructure for tourist comfort.
- The allure of a lake in a mountain valley does cast a spell on you. Certainly the back waters of Maharana Pratap Sagar Dam in Kangra and Largi Dam in Kullu do so. Under the new program, the activities of House Boat accommodation, Shikara rides, Camping and water sports are being added to these destinations for engaging the

visitor.

*(News Source: Divya Himachal)*

## ***Topic: 26th National Mushroom Fair held in Himachal Pradesh***

### ***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

*Importance for Prelims: Himachal Current Events (General issues on environmental ecology, bio-diversity and climate change that do not require subject specialization)*

*Importance for Mains Exam:*

- *PAPER-VI: GENERAL STUDIES-III: Unit III: Topic: Latest developments in science and technology for harnessing agriculture, horticulture, medicinal and herbal resources in the country.*

### ***What is the news?***

- *The 26th Annual Mushroom Fair was organized at the Indian Council of Agriculture Research's Directorate of Mushroom Research (DMR) here yesterday. Various premium varieties of mushroom were displayed during the fair.*
- *It is organized every year to celebrate the declaration of Solan as the Mushroom City of India, where new varieties and their technicalities are shared with the growers.*





## ***Mushroom Production:***

- Mushroom production and turnover in the country has tripled in the last three years. In 2018, 1.29 lakh metric tonnes of mushrooms are being prepared while now 2.86 lakh metric tonnes of mushrooms of different varieties are being prepared.

## ***Varieties in Mushroom Discussed:***

### ***1) Cordyceps Mushroom:***

- Priced at a lakh per kg, Cordyceps mushroom, particularly drew the attention of the visitors. The mushroom has anti-aging and anti-tumor properties, besides other health benefits.

### ***2) Dhingri mushrooms:***

- The Pleurotus mushroom is generally referred to as 'Oyster Mushroom' or 'Dhingri' in India. It is a

basidiomycete and belongs to the Genus 'Pleurotus'. The fruit bodies of this mushroom are distinctly shell, fan or spatula shaped with different shades of white, cream, grey, yellow, pink or light brown depending upon the species. The oyster mushroom is one of the most suitable fungal organism for producing protein rich food from various agrowastes without composting.

### **Temperature:**

- The temperature should not go below 30°C or above 40°C for more than 4-8 hours during growing period. In northern India it can be grown from April to September but the most suitable period is from the middle of June to middle of September.
- Dhingri (oyster mushroom) grows best between 22-28°C.



### **Which is called as Mushroom City of India?**

- Solan is best known as the 'mushroom city of India' because it is the largest producer of mushroom in the country and it houses the Directorate of Mushroom Research. The city gets its name from the Hindu Goddess Shoolini Devi, most revered in this area.

## ***About Directorate of Mushroom Research:***

- The Directorate of Mushroom Research was established under the aegis of Indian Council of Agricultural Research in the year 1983.
- It has grown up as a Centre of excellence for mushroom research and training in the country.
- Besides developing and improving the cultivation technology of mushrooms, including some new species, the Directorate has played a key role in creating awareness and popularization of mushroom cultivation throughout the country.
- During 2010, an international training on mushroom production technology is planned.

***Location: Chambaghat, Solan, Himachal.***

*(Source: Amar Ujala)*

***Topic: Himachal's fourth hotel management institute to come up at Naggar in Kullu***

***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

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*Institutional Changes.*

- *PAPER-IV: GENERAL STUDIES-I: Unit I:Topic: Cultural Heritage*

### ***What is the news?***

- *A national-level Institute of Hotel Management (IHH) is soon going to open in Naggar village.*
- *IHM to open at Naggar will be the fourth institute in Himachal Pradesh.*



### ***How many Institute at present?***

- *At present, institutes are running in Kufri, Hamirpur and Dharamshala in Himachal.*

### ***About Naggar Village:***

1) Naggar is an old town in the Kullu region of Himachal Pradesh, and has an undoubted mystical appeal. Its attraction

can be attributed to the majestic deodars that line the landscape, snowy mountains, slender waterfalls and peaceful surroundings. Glaciers surround the upper Beas area on three sides, with the highest summits up to 23,050 feet. The trek from Chanderkhani Pass to an altitude of 12,200 feet, leading to the Malana Valley is the most beautiful attraction in the region.

2) The town is spread like a leaf of a pipal tree; and takes place on the slope of the top of Han. Naggar was the capital of Kullu for about 1460 years; there is a lovely lineage that is now left behind. A classic example is that of the Naggar Castle, which was built in the 16th century, but has now been converted into a hotel with a spectacular view and a superb location. You can simply visit the property and admire its intricate wood carvings and the breathtaking views of the Kullu Valley and the surrounding forests.

### ***About Tripura Sundari Temple of Naggar:***

- Then there's the Tripura Sundari Temple, constructed by Raja Yashodhapal. ***The temple is one of the simplest examples of pagoda style of architecture in Himachal. Situated only 400m from Naggar Castle, this temple is sacred to the local mother Tripura Devi.*** The temple has the shape of a canvas, is constructed with desolate wood, and has a three-storey tower structure with multiple eaves.

Another prominent attraction here is the Roerich Museum, which was the residency of the Russian artist, Nicholas Roerich, when he came to India in 1929. The house is nowadays an art gallery that houses many rare paintings. The house is a delightful mixture of Himalayan and Russian architecture. The rooms have a breathtaking view of the Himalayas, and it is easy to understand why he chose to breath his last here.

Last but not the least, you can walk down to the Urusvati Himalayan Folk Art Museum, which is historic in the sense it showcases the rich history of Kullu and Naggar. It displays an excellent collection of local folk art, weapons, costumes from the Kullu heritage, a number of paintings by Roerich's Russian followers, his family photographs and a ton of other stuff.

*(News Source: Amar Ujala)*

## ***Topic: Stringent measures to check illegal mining yield little fruit in Palampur***

### ***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

*Importance for Prelims: Himachal Current Events (General issues on environmental ecology, bio-diversity and Climate Change – that do not require subject specialization and General science.)*

*Importance for Mains Exam:*

- *PAPER-VI: GENERAL STUDIES-III: Unit III: Topic: Issues, concerns, policies, programmes, conventions, treaties and missions aimed at environment protection, and dealing with the problem of climate change.*

### ***What is the news?***

- Despite serious observations made by the National Green

Tribunal (NGT) against large-scale illegal mining in the Beas and its tributaries in Kangra district, the menace is going on unchecked.

- A major crackdown was launched by the state police and the Mining Department against illegal mining in Dheera and Jaisinghpur subdivisions after recent flash floods that damaged property worth crores of rupees. However, there seems to have been little impact, particularly in Mol and Neugal khuds near Panapper village, where the practice is rampant.



### ***The initiative has taken:***

#### ***Kangra Deputy Commissioner Nipun Jindal shared:***

- He had initiated stringent measures to check the menace. He had directed the police to book illegal miners under Section 379 of the IPC for stealing public property.
- Section 379 of the IPC for stealing public property, which is a non-bailable offense.

- The state government has already authorized all SDMs to confiscate the property of illegal miners and allowed them to auction the same to recover the fines. Despite this, the mining mafia is still active.

*(News Source: The Tribune)*



## ***Topic: TB-free Himachal campaign from today, health department teams to conduct door-to-door testing***

*Importance for Prelims: Himachal Current Events*

*Importance for Mains Exam:*

- *PAPER-V: GENERAL STUDIES-II: Unit II: Topic: Issues relating to the quality of life: livelihood, poverty, hunger, disease and social inclusiveness.*

### ***What is the news?***

- Under the National Health Mission in Himachal Pradesh, ***TB-free Himachal campaign will be launched in the state*** from Monday. Under this campaign, from September 12 to October 2, health department teams will conduct door-to-



door health checkups of people.



### ***Target set by Government of India?***

- The Government of India has set a target of making the country TB free by the year 2025.

### ***Target set by the Government of Himachal Pradesh?***

- At the same time, the Himachal government wants to eliminate TB from the state first before the target of the Government of India. The Himachal government has launched a campaign to make the state TB-free by December 2023.

*(News Source: Danik Bhaskar)*

## Some More HP News:

1) Nine-year-old Avantika of Billapad village of Gram Panchayat Darkata of Development Block Dehra **won gold in the traditional and artistic yoga asana sports competition in the sub-junior girls category and got admission in the state-level competition.**

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