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## Today's Topics Covered

- 1) Stunning Tulip Garden in the Heart of Himachal Pradesh's Cultural Capital, Palampur.....Read in detail
- 2) The "rubber doll" of Hamirpur earns a Rs 4 lakh yoga scholarship.....Read in detail



***Topic: Stunning Tulip Garden in the Heart of Himachal Pradesh's Cultural Capital, Palampur***

***Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains are essential.***

*Importance for Prelims: General issues on environmental*

ecology, bio-diversity and Climate Change – that do not require subject specialization and General science

Significance for the Mains Exam:

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

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

- After seeing such a positive response from tourists at the **first Tulip Garden in Palampur**, officials in Himachal Pradesh are considering building additional gardens across the state.



### **When it was opened?**

- The CSIR-IHBT campus in Palampur, the Hill District's first Tulip Garden, opened in February 2022, officially

naming the hill city Tulip City.

### ***Essential information:***

- Tulip Garden Palampur is the second tulip garden in the country, and it was created by the CSIR IHBT.

### ***What is its name?***

- Hill city Tulip City

### ***Astounding Advances in Tulip Agrotechnology:***

- The CSIR-IHBT Palampur has been researching tulip agrotechnology since 2018, during which time it found that the cold dessert locations (>2400 metre altitude) in Lahaul (HP) and Ladakh (Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory) were ideal for its bulb production; the institute's tulip garden was established using locally produced bulbs, and this year, 45,000 tulip plants of 12 varieties were grown.
- The institute was making concerted efforts to promote sustainable farming practises, empower local farmers, and reduce the country's import burden by adopting innovative agrotechnological approaches to crops like tulips.

### ***The Tulip Plants:***

#### ***History:***

- The tulip is a bulbous herb that blooms in the spring and is related to the lily family.
- There are around eighty different tulip species. After being introduced to western Europe in the sixteenth

century, the tulip quickly became a popular flower. The Netherlands continue to be a major exporter of tulip bulbs.

- Commercial tulip cultivation in the United States is concentrated primarily in the states of Michigan and Washington.

### ***Characteristics:***

- Tulips are upright flowers with a cup-shaped, single or double flower at the very tip of the stem and long, broad, leaves with parallel veins. Flowers can be any colour from red to yellow to white.
- The aphids that transmit the virus also cause the tulips to change colours.

### ***Environmental Factors Favoring Growth:***

- Bulb tulips are typically planted in the northern hemisphere between September and December, just before the ground freezes.
- They're considered annuals in temperate regions. Climate zones 2-7 are suitable for growing tulips.
- Plant tulips about three to four inches apart and at a depth equal to two times their eventual height. Bulbs of tulips can be planted in any type of soil as long as the soil drains well.
- The tulip bulb should be watered well and protected from frost by covering it with mulch or leaves if the weather turns cold.

***In addition to being a beautiful and simple addition to any garden or flowerbed, tulips are also very low maintenance.***



(Source: timesofindia)



***Topic: The “rubber doll” of Hamirpur earns a Rs 4 lakh yoga scholarship.***

***Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains are essential.***

*Importance for Prelims: Current Events of Himachal*

*Significance for the Mains Exam:*

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

***What is the news?***

- Nidhi Dogra, a 13-year-old ‘rubber doll’ whose yoga skills earned her the ‘Born to Shine’ scholarship, has brought honour to the district.



### *Coming from some outlying village:*

- “Rubber doll” of a girl, 13 years old Nidhi Dogra, a seventh grader from the outlying village of Khiyund, is located near Chauri in the district.
- Her father, Shashi Kumar, works as a PE teacher. This year, she also took first place in the “Himachal Got Talent” competition.

*(Source: The Tribune)*



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