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- CMS India organises the International Film Festival and Forum on Environment and Wildlife with support from the Union Ministry of Forest, Climate Change and Environment.
- CMS is a multi-disciplinary research think tank in India. The first CMS Vatavaran was organised in 2002 and is held every two years.

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- The Abhiyan will cover around 63,000 villages in 549 districts and 2,740 blocks across 30 States and Union Territories.
- It is expected to benefit more than 5 crore tribal people in the targeted areas.

BPCL and Mumbai Port Authority to launch India's first green fuel ecosystem

- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has an MoU with the Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA) and the Mumbai Port Sustainability Foundation (MPSF) to create a state-of-the-art green fuel ecosystem at Mumbai Port.
- This MoU represents a crucial advancement in India's shift toward cleaner energy alternatives. With a focus on innovations in green fuel, the initiative seeks to significantly cut greenhouse gas emissions, thereby supporting the nation's climate objectives.
- BPCL, MbPA, and MPSF are dedicated to pioneering sustainable practices that align with India's commitment to environmental stewardship.

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- Some of the areas of interest for collaboration include raw material selection for various parachutes and safety equipment.

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Govt Approves ₹10,103 Crore National Mission on Edible Oils to Boost Self-Reliance in Oilseed Production by 2030

- **The government** has approved **the National Mission on Edible Oils and Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds)** for **2024-25** to 2030-31 with an outlay of 10 thousand 103 crore rupees.
- This has been done with an aim to make India self-reliant in oilseed production in the next seven years.
- The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare will implement the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds).
- The newly approved NMEO-Oilseeds will focus on enhancing the production of key primary oilseed crops such as rapeseed mustard, groundnut, soybean, sunflower, and sesamum.
- It will also focus on increasing collection and extraction efficiency from secondary sources like cottonseed, rice bran, and tree-butter oils.
- The mission aims to increase primary oilseed production from 39 million metric tonnes in 2022–23 to 69.7 million metric tonnes by 2030–31. He said that together with NMEO-OP (Oil Palm), the mission targets to increase domestic edible oil production to 25.45 million metric tonnes by 2030–31, meeting around 72% of the projected domestic requirement.
- India is the world's largest importer of edible oils and meets around 60-65 per cent of its requirements through imports. India sources most of its palm oil from Indonesia and Malaysia, while Argentina, Brazil, Russia, and Ukraine are the major sources of soy oil and sunflower oil.

Central Govt approves PM-RKVY and KY Schemes for Agriculture sector

- **The Union Cabinet** has decided to **merge all Central schemes in the agriculture sector into two new schemes, Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) and Krishonnati Yojana (KY).**
- With a projected expenditure of ₹ 1,01,321.61 crore, the schemes will have a Central share of ₹ 69,088.98 crore and the States will have to add the remaining ₹32,232.63 crore.

- PM-RKVY, with an allocation of ₹57,074.72 crore, is aimed at promoting sustainable agriculture and KY will address food security and agricultural self-sufficiency, with a fund of ₹44,246.89 crore. Both the schemes will be implemented through State governments.
- The rationalisation of various schemes is to avoid duplication, ensure convergence and provide flexibility to States. Focusing on emergent challenges of agriculture such as nutrition security, sustainability, climate resilience, value chain development and private sector participation is also envisaged under two schemes.
- State governments will be able to draw a comprehensive strategic plan suiting their requirements for agriculture sector. Annual Action Plan (AAP) of States can be approved in one go rather approving individual scheme-wise AAPs.
- Schemes such as Soil Health Management, Rainfed Area Development, Agro Forestry, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana will be merged in the two new schemes.

About Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY)

- The Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was launched by the central government in 2007-08.
- The scheme provides incentives to the state government to draw up comprehensive agriculture development plans to ensure more inclusive and integrated development of agriculture and allied sectors.
- In the 2017 -18 fiscal year, the RKVY was converted into Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) with a major focus on pre and post-harvest infrastructure, besides promoting agri - entrepreneurship, innovations and value addition.
- Now, it has been replaced by Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY).
- The PM-RKVY scheme comprises the following central government schemes-
 - Accelerator Fund for Agri Startups
 - Agroforestry
 - Agricultural Mechanization, including Crop Residue Management
 - Crop Diversification Programme
 - Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana
 - Per Drop More Crop
 - Rainfed Area Development
 - RKVY DPR component
 - Soil Health Management

About Krishonnati Yojana

- Krishonnati Yojana was launched in 2005, during the 10th five-year plan.
- It is an umbrella scheme of 12 schemes/missions of the central government and centrally sponsored schemes related to the agriculture sector.
- These schemes aim to develop the agriculture and allied sectors holistically and scientifically.

- It aims to increase farmers' income by enhancing production, productivity and better returns on produce.

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- Antiquity: Language's early texts/recorded history must be 1500- 2000 years old.

- Language shall have ancient literature/texts considered a heritage by generations of speakers.
- Language must include knowledge texts, especially prose texts, poetry, and epigraphical and inscriptional evidence.
- Classical Languages and literature could be distinct from their current form or discontinuous with later forms of their offshoots.

Science

Bharat Electronics, Israel Aerospace Industries form joint venture firm

- **Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)**, Israel's leading aerospace and defence company, have established a joint venture company (JVC), which has been incorporated in the name of BEL IAI AeroSystems Private Ltd.
- The JVC with its registered office in Delhi shall be the single point of contact (SPOC) for extending long-term product support to the Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) systems of India's defence forces.
- MRSAM is an advanced, path-breaking air and missile defence system that provides protection against a variety of aerial threats, according to the company.
- It was jointly developed by IAI and DRDO for India's defence forces and is currently used by the Indian Air Force, Indian Army, Indian Navy and also Israeli defence forces, it was noted. The system includes an Advanced Phased Array Radar, Command and Control shelter, mobile launchers and interceptors with an advanced RF seeker.

Defence

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- This initiative includes the development of 105mm and 155mm next-generation artillery platforms featuring disruptive technology that enhances responsiveness, survivability, and transportability.
- This strategic collaboration aims to co-develop and co-produce the most versatile and innovative weapon systems.

Important day

4 October - Animal Welfare Day

- Animal Welfare Day is observed annually on October 4.
- The day aims to inform people about the essential protection and care of animals while striving to inculcate empathy toward them.

- Theme 2024 - **The World Is Their Home Too**
- World Animal Day was first celebrated in 1925 by Heinrich Zimmermann, a German writer and animal welfare activist.
- Zimmermann initially held the event on March 24, 1925, in Berlin, attracting more than 5,000 attendees. By 1929, the date was moved to October 4 to align with the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, who is known for his love and respect for animals.

4 - 10 October - World Space Week

- **World Space Week** is an annual event **celebrated from October 4 to 10**, highlighting the benefits of space exploration and promoting international cooperation in space activities.
- Theme 2024 - **Space & Climate Change**
- In 1999, the UN General Assembly proclaimed World Space Week by resolution 54/68.
- The main aim is to celebrate the contributions of space science and technology to the betterment of the human condition.

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