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Guru Gobind Singh

- Prime Minister will release a commemorative coin to mark the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh.
- He is the 10th and the last Sikh Guru.
- He was a spiritual master, warrior, philosopher and poet.
- Due to his huge contribution to Sikhism, he is considered as the eternal guru by many of his followers.
- His father Guru Tegh Bahadur was the ninth guru of the Sikhs.
- Guru Gobind Singh and his Khalsa army inspired Sikh devotees to fight the Mughal rulers for their religious freedom and political liberty.
- The Var Sri Bhagauti Ji Ki, popularly called Chandi di Var, written in 1684, was his first composition and his only major work in the Punjabi language.

Kyasanur forest disease (Monkey fever)

- Six people have died in Karnataka due to Kyasanur forest disease (KFD).
- It is a re-emerging zoonotic disease endemic in Karnataka caused by KFD Virus.
- It was first identified in 1957 from Kyasanur forest area in Shivamogga district of Karnataka.
- It causes viral hemorrhagic fever i.e the overall vascular system is damaged, and the body's ability to regulate itself is impaired.
- Hard ticks (*Hemaphysalis spinigera*) are the carriers of KFD virus.
- Rodents, shrews, and monkeys are common hosts for KFDV after being bitten by an infected tick.
- KFDV has high fatality in primates.
- The disease is also referred to as 'monkey fever' by local people due to its association with monkey deaths.

National Youth Parliament Festival 2019

- Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports launched the National Youth Parliament Festival 2019.

- It is to provide a chance to the youth to brainstorm about new India and to find ways and chalk out plans to realize our resolves before 2022.
- Organizing District Youth Parliaments and taking the festival to the doorsteps of the youth would provide an opportunity to large number of youth of this country to participate.
- It is organized on the theme of “Be the Voice of New India” and “Find solutions and contribute to policy”.
- The National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 will be conducted at three levels :
 1. District Youth Parliament (DYP) at the district level.
 2. State Youth Parliament (SYP) at the State Level.
 3. National Youth Parliament (NYP) at the National Level.

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