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Kartarpur corridor

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 - Union Cabinet approved the building and development of the Kartarpur corridor.
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 - The corridor extends from Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur district to the international border.
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 - It is built in order to facilitate pilgrims from India to visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur on the banks of the Ravi River in Pakistan, where first Sikh Guru Nanak Dev spent eighteen years.
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 - Pilgrims would then be able to visit the holy shrine throughout the year.

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Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill

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 - Union Cabinet has approved the Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018 for regulation and standardization of education and services by allied and healthcare professionals.
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 - It provides for the establishment of a central and corresponding State allied and healthcare councils.
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 - Which contains 15 major professional categories including 53 professions in Allied and Healthcare streams.
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 - The Bill thus seeks to establish a robust regulatory framework which will play the role of a standard-setter and regulator for Allied and Healthcare

professions.

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Transgenic Rice

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- CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute have developed transgenic rice by inserting a novel fungal gene.
- The new innovation will results in reduced arsenic accumulation in rice grain.
- In India large number of people are affected by arsenic toxicity, it is imperative to develop rice with lesser arsenic content and high yield.

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Ken-Betwa Link Project

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- Ken River is one of the major rivers of the Bundelkhand region of central India, it originates from Kaimur Range in Jabalpur district.
- Betwa River or Betravati is a tributary of the Yamuna, It rises in the Vindhya Range, north of Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh
- The Ken-Betwa Link Project (KBLP) is India's first river linking project started in 2017.
- It aims to transfer surplus water from the Ken River in MP to Betwa in UP to irrigate the drought-prone Bundelkhand region spread across the two states.

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Sangai Festival

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- Sangai Festival is an annual cultural extravaganza in Manipur, the festival helps to promote Manipur as a world class tourism destination.

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- Every edition of the festival showcases the tourism potential of the state in the field of Arts & Culture, Handloom, Handicrafts, Indigenous Sports, Cuisine, Music and Adventure sports of the state etc.
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- The 'Festival' is named after the State animal, Sangai, the brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur.
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- The State's classical dance form, 'RasLeela' is quite famous all over the world for its distinctiveness from any other dance forms in India.
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Sangai Deer

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- The Sangai is an endemic and endangered subspecies of brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur, India.
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- It is found in its natural habitat only at KeibulLamjao National Park over the floating biomass in the south eastern part of Loktak Lake.
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