

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 01, 2024

TAMIL NADU

- **Establishment Of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)**
- ✓ The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the establishment of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) with its headquarters based in India.

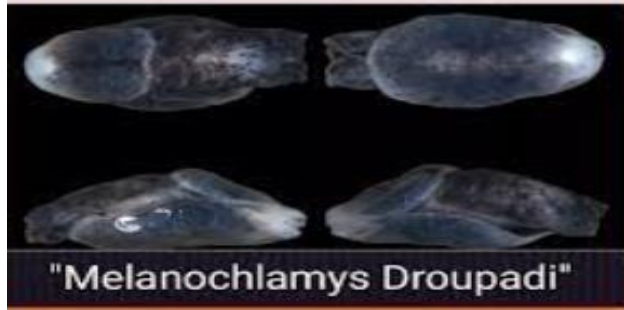


- ✓ This landmark decision comes with a one-time budgetary support of Rs. 150 crore for a period of five years from 2023-24 to 2027-28.
- ✓ The International Big Cat Alliance focuses on conserving big cats, including Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Puma, Jaguar, and Cheetah.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Melanochlamys droupadi**
- ✓ The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has identified and named a new species of marine head-shield sea slug discovered along the West Bengal and Odisha coasts.

New species of marine slug found in Odisha named after President Droupadi Murmu



- ✓ Named *Melanochlamys droupadi*, this distinctive species bears a ruby red spot and has unique characteristics that distinguish it from other sea slugs.
- ✓ The species was discovered from the coastal areas of Digha in West Bengal and Udaipur in Odisha.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Seagrass Day: March 01**
- ✓ Celebrated annually on March 1, World Seagrass Day is a vital global observance aimed at highlighting the importance of seagrass in marine ecosystems.



- ✓ Established by the United Nations General Assembly on May 22, 2022, following Sri Lanka's resolution, the day underscores the urgent need for seagrass conservation.
 - ✓ Seagrass originated around 100 million years ago, with its evolution marking a significant adaptation to marine environments.
- **Zero Discrimination Day: March 01**
 - ✓ March 1 marks Zero Discrimination Day, a day dedicated to advocating for the right of every individual to live a life free from discrimination and prejudice.



- ✓ This global observance, initiated by UNAIDS, aims to raise awareness about the detrimental effects of discrimination and the importance of promoting equality, compassion, and respect for all.
- ✓ Zero Discrimination Day was first celebrated in 2014 following the launch of the Zero Discrimination Campaign by UNAIDS on World AIDS Day in December 2013.

