

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 31, 2024

NATIONAL

➤ **50 years of Chipko Movement**

- ✓ The Chipko movement, which began in Uttarakhand (Chamoli Gopeshwar) in early 1973, marks its 50th anniversary.



- ✓ It involved villagers, particularly women, protesting against deforestation and commercial logging by hugging trees to prevent their felling.
 - ✓ The movement was named Chipko, which means "to hug" in Hindi.
 - ✓ Environmental activists like Sunderlal Bahuguna and Chandi Prasad Bhatt played instrumental roles in mobilizing local communities and garnering national and international support for the movement.
- **World's First Om-Shaped Temple Inaugurated in Rajasthan**
- ✓ The **world's first-ever temple** designed in the iconic **Om shape** has been inaugurated in the village of **Jadan, Pali district, Rajasthan**.



World's first-ever

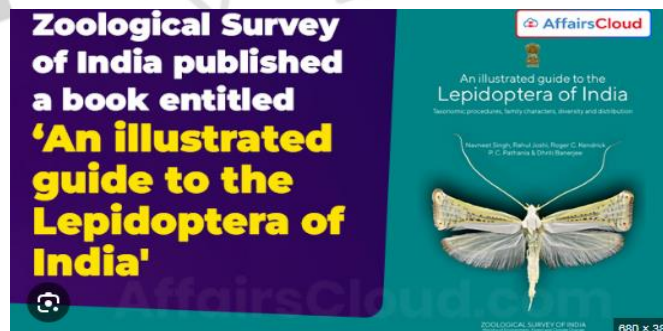
Om-Shaped Temple

Inaugurated in Pali, Rajasthan

- ✓ The temple spans across a vast expanse of **250 acres** and built in **Nagara Style**.
- ✓ Towering at a height of **135 ft**, the temple stands supported by **2,000 pillars**, with provisions made for **108 rooms** on its premises.
- ✓ It will be able to accommodate **1,008 idols** of Lord Mahadev and **12 Jyotirlingas** within its sacred precincts.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Zoological Survey of India Published a Book**
- ✓ The **Zoological Survey of India** published a book entitled, 'An illustrated guide to the **Lepidoptera of India: taxonomic procedures, family characters, diversity and distribution**'.



- ✓ The Book is authored by **Dhriti Banerjee**, Director, Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) along with **Dr. Navneet Singh**, Dr. Rahul Joshi and Dr. P. C. Pathania, Scientists of ZSI and a Lepidoptera expert from Hong Kong, Dr. R.C. Kendrick.
- ✓ The diversity of global Lepidoptera is updated to **166,320 species, 143 families and 43 superfamilies**, of which 13,124 species, 101 families and 31 superfamilies occur in India.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Backup Day 2024: March 31**

- ✓ The day is a reminder for everyone to **save and back up their digital stuff**, like photos and documents.



- ✓ The Day was first observed in **2011** by a group of Reddit (Reddit is a social news aggregation, web content rating, and discussion website) users who wanted to promote the importance of data backup.
- ✓ Theme – **“Save Digital Memories”**

