

08– 12 – 2022

News: Koundinya sanctuary sees a massive shift as all female herd from Tamil Nadu enters Chittoor

- An 18 member herd of female elephants from the forests of Gudiyattam and Pernambattu of Tamil Nadu are currently moving through the Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary zone in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh, apparently “in search of mates”. The herd is accompanied by four calves under the age of three,

Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary

- Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary is located in **Andhra Pradesh**.
- It is the **only sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh with a population of Asian Elephants**.
- Apart from elephants, sloth bear, panther, cheetal, chowsingha, Sambar, porcupine, wild boar, jungle cat, jackal, jungle fowl, starred tortoise and slender loris are found here.

News: ISRO inks MoU to establish SpaceTech Innovation Network

- Recently, The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed a MoU with Social Alpha, a multistage innovation curation and venture development platform for science and technology startups, to launch SpaceTech Innovation Network (SpIN).

SpaceTech Innovation Network (SpIN)

- SpaceTech Innovation Network (SpIN) is India's first dedicated platform for innovation, curation, and venture development for the burgeoning space entrepreneurial ecosystem.
- SpIN will further provide stimulus to India's recent space reform policies and will work towards identifying and unleashing the market potential of the most promising space tech innovators and entrepreneurs in India.
- SpIN will primarily focus on facilitating space tech entrepreneurs in three distinct innovation categories: Geospatial Technologies and Downstream Applications; Enabling Technologies for Space & Mobility; and Aerospace Materials, Sensors, and Avionics.