

## HISTORY/CULTURE/GEOGRAPHY

### Mansar Lake Development Plan inaugurated

**Part of:** GS Prelims and GS-I – Geography & GS-II – Policies and interventions

**In news**

- In a move to increase tourism, the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, inaugurated the Mansar Lake Development Plan in Jammu and Kashmir.
- The project is eyed to attract almost 20 lakh tourists every year.
- It shall increase employment opportunities also.

**Important value additions**

- Mansar Lake is situated 62 km from Jammu.
- It is a lake having a natural border of forest-covered hills.
- Surinsar-Mansar Lakes were designated as Ramsar Convention in November 2005.
- Mansar is of immense importance from Pilgrimage as well Heritage point of view

### Traces of Dairy Production found in Indus Valley Civilisation

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**In news**

- Recently, a study by Indian and Canadian archaeologists has found that dairy products were being produced by the Harappans as far back as 2500 BCE.

**Key takeaways**

- The finding reveals the earliest evidence of dairy production.
- The results are based on molecular chemical analysis of residue of pottery found at KotadaBhadli, in Gujarat.
- The researchers were able to identify that cattle were used for dairy through a process called stable isotope analysis.

**Important value additions**

**Indus Valley Civilization (IVC)**

- It is also known as Harappan Civilization.
- It marks the beginning of Indian history.
- It flourished around 2,500 BC, in the western part of South Asia, in contemporary Pakistan and Western India.
- In the 1920s, the Archaeological Department of India carried out excavations in the Indus valley wherein the ruins of the two old cities, viz. Mohenjodaro and Harappa were unearthed.
- In 1924, John Marshall, Director-General of the ASI, announced the discovery of a new civilisation in the Indus valley to the world.

### ‘International ‘Satavadhanam’ program launched virtually

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**In news**

- The ‘International ‘Satavadhanam’ program, launched virtually by the Vice President recently.