First movable freshwater tunnel aquarium

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In news- Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd (IRSDC) in collaboration with HNi Aquatic Kingdom has opened Indian Railways first movable freshwater tunnel aquarium at the Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru.

Key updates-

- The aquarium is a one-of-its-kind aquatic park based on the Amazon River concept.
- In addition to enhancing the passenger experience, the initiative would be a revenue earner for Indian Railways.
- The 12-feet long aquatic kingdom is **Indian Railways first paludarium** housing myriad flora and fauna.
- The Aquatic Kingdom will have a 3D "selfie" area, where a big fish will pop out of the aquarium.
- It is also home to various aquatic animals such as the alligator gar, sting rays, eels up to three-and-a-half feet, sharks, lobsters, snails and shrimps.
- A nominal entry fee of Rs 25 has been kept per passenger.
- IRSDC has been entrusted with the mandate to undertake facility management at five railway stations— KSR Bengaluru, Pune, Anand Vihar, Chandigarh and Secunderabad.