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Maharashtra State Specific News

Private hospital to combat drug resistant tuberculosis (DRTB)



Key interventions of Program:

- Directly observed treatment (DOT) for all TB patients
- Prevention of TB through vaccination and screening
- Strengthening of the TB control infrastructure
- Research and development to improve TB diagnosis and treatment

In News: NMC's ploy of involving private hospo for TB nets results

- The Nagpur Municipal Corporation's (NMC's) pilot project involving a private hospital to combat growing cases of patients suffering from drug resistant tuberculosis (DRTB) is showing encouraging results with 18 persons being cured of the deadly disease within four months of its launch.
- The NMC had roped in Astha Critical Care Centre at Suyog Nagar to provide free services to DRTB patients who were shunned by even other overburdened and stressed public hospitals.

National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP):

- The NTEP is a government-led program that aims to eliminate tuberculosis (TB) in India by 2025.
- The program was launched in 1997 and has made significant progress in reducing the TB burden in India.
- In 2018, India accounted for 27% of the global TB burden, but only 10% of the global TB deaths.
- The NTEP is implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and works with state and district governments, as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Shyam Hotel to be converted into a monument for Dr. Ambedkar



In News: NMRDA plans to convert Shyam Hotel into monument for Dr. Ambedkar.

- The Nagpur Metropolitan Region Development Authority (NMRDA) has now decided to take up the ambitious work of renovation of Shyam Hotel at Sitabuldi and convert it into a monument for Dr. Ambedkar.

Key points:

- The project is titled as '**Bhimsrushti**' and it involves strengthening the dilapidated structure and redoing the room in which Dr. Ambedkar stayed.
- The architect of the Indian constitution and messiah of dalits Bharat Ratna, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar stayed at Shyam Hotel when he came there for embracing Buddhism at Deekshabhoomi.



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Aquifer Mapping

In News: Water literacy lessons for 200 villages with aquifer mapping

- The aquifer mapping of 200 villages in Maharashtra project is launched at the Gokhale Institute of Economics and Politics (GIPE), Pune.

Key Points:

- It is a part of Mission Easy Water Literacy and hopes to address water scarcity and drought-related challenges.
- This initiative is a collaboration between the Dr Dhananjayrao Gadgil Centre for Sustainable Village Development at GIPE and Sahaj Jalbodh to involve the public in aquifer mapping to improve water management.
- Significant water scarcity issues has lead to farmer suicides and rural-to-urban migration in search of livelihoods.

Shivaji's Wagh Nakh



In News: Shivaji's Wagh Nakh may be displayed in 5 Indian cities; will fuel research: V&A

- London's Victoria and Albert Museum which will soon return the wagh nakh (a dagger resembling tiger claws).

Key Points:

- It was used by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to kill Afzal Khan
- The state government has said that the wagh nakh's display in India may enable new research into their history.
- Adrian Grant Duff was given the tiger claws when he was resident of Satara by the Prime Minister of the Peshwas of the Marathas.
- Duff took it to Britain with him and his descendants donated the weapon to the V&A Museum

Pola Festival



In News: Pola 2023: Date, Rituals and Significance

Key Points:

- Pola is a traditional and one of the most famous festivals of Maharashtra.
- People of Maharashtra celebrate Pola at the end of monsoon season and beginning of agricultural year
- On this auspicious day, they worship cattles especially bulls who have a big contribution in farming activities.
- It is the day when farmers seek blessings for a bountiful harvest.
- This year, the festival of Pola is being celebrated on the Amavasya Tithi of Bhadrapada Month i.e., September 14, 2023.



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IIT-Bombay makes AI, Data Science must for undergrad students

Context:

- The Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-B) has decided to introduce Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AI-DS) as a mandatory course for undergraduate students — BTech as well as Bachelor of Science (BS) — from this academic year.
- Earlier, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology used to be common courses which everybody had to learn, now AI-DS is a new addition to that list in our curriculum.

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