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### **1. Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the 8th All India Pension Adalat ( May 17, 2023 )**

Dr.-Jitendra-Singh

Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions **Dr. Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the **8th All India Pension Adalat in Delhi.**

#### **An Overview of the News**

- The objective of the event is **to address and resolve old pension cases.**
- The Department has organised **7 All India Pension Adalats** to handle a total of **24,218 cases** out of which **17,235 cases** have been resolved successfully.
- The minister will chair the **50th Pre-Retirement Counseling (PRC)** workshop, which is being organised by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare.
- The PRC Workshop has been designed for **1200 officials from various Ministries and Departments** who will be retiring within the next 6 months.
- Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare has introduced **Bhavishya Platform** to achieve transparency, digitization and better service delivery.
- The Bhavishya platform enables **end-to-end digitization** of pension processing and payments.

#### **About New Delhi**

- It is the **capital of India and a part of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT).**
- Its important landmarks include the **Rashtrapati Bhavan, the Parliament House and the Supreme Court.**
- It was **established** during the Delhi Durbar of **1911** and its foundation stone was laid by **George V.**
- It was designed by British architects **Edwin Lutyens and Herbert Baker.**
- It was inaugurated on **13 February 1931** by the Viceroy and Governor-General Irwin.

### **2. PM to inaugurate International Museum Expo 2023 ( May 17, 2023 )**

PM-to-inaugurate-International-Museum-Expo-2023

On 18 May, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **International Museum Expo 2023 in New Delhi.**

#### **An Overview of the News**

- The expo is part of the Amrit Mahotsav celebration of Independence and will be organised to mark the **47th International Museum Day.**

- PM Modi will inaugurate the virtual walkthrough of the upcoming **National Museum in North and South Block.**
- The objective of the National Museum is **to display and highlight important historical events, personalities**, ideas and achievements that have shaped India's past and present.
- The Prime Minister will unveil several items including the mascot of the International Museum Expo, "**A Day at the Museum**", **Directory of Indian Museums, Pocket Map of Duty Path and Museum Card.**
- The mascot of the International Museum Expo is a modern representation of the Dancing Girl made in the **Chennapatnam art style** using wood.

### **International Museum Day - 18 May**

- The first International Museum Day was **organised in 1977** by the **International Council of Museums (ICOM).**
- The adoption of an annual theme for the IMD began in 1992.
- Its 2023 theme is **Museums, Sustainability and Wellbeing.**

### **IMD's previous years' themes include:**

- 2022:** The Power of Museums
- 2021:** The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine
- 2020:** Museum for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion

### **3. Jal Jeevan Mission Achieves Milestone Of 12 Crore Tap Water Connections ( May 17, 2023 )**

#### Jal Jeevan Mission

The **Jal Jeevan Mission**, a flagship program launched by the Government of India, has achieved a **significant milestone by providing 12 crore tap water connections** across the country.

#### **An overview of the news**

- This achievement marks a major step towards ensuring **access to clean drinking water for every household.**
- At the time of announcement of launch of JJM only **3.23 Crore (16.64%)** households in villages had access to piped water connection.
- Himachal Pradesh at 98.35%**, followed by **Bihar at 96.05%**, are also set to achieve saturation in the near future.
- Goa, Haryana, Punjab, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Puducherry, D&NH and D&D are '**Har Ghar Jal' certified States/UTs.**

**100% tap water coverage**

- Till date, **5 states (Goa, Telangana, Haryana, Gujarat and Punjab)** and **3 union territories (Puducherry, Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Andaman and Nicobar Islands)** have reported **100% coverage**.
- Three aspirational districts from **Telangana** (Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Jaishankar Bhupalpally and Bhadrabari Kothagudem), two districts from Gujarat (Dahod and Narmada) and Punjab (Moga and Ferozepur) and one district each from Haryana (Mewat) and Himachal Pradesh (Chamba) 100% tap water coverage has been achieved.

**About Jal Jeevan Mission**

- It is a flagship programme of the Government of India which was announced from the ramparts of Red Fort by the Prime Minister on **August 15, 2019**.
- The objective of the mission is to supply potable tap water in adequate quantity, prescribed quality and on a regular and long-term basis to every rural household of the **country by 2024**.
- It is implemented by the Government of India in partnership with the **States/Union Territories**.
- This mission comes under the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**.
- **Funding Pattern :**
- The fund sharing pattern between the Center and the **states under the mission is 90:10 for Himalayan and North-Eastern states and 50:50 for other states**.
- In the case of **Union Territories, 100% contribution** is made by the Centre.

**4. Bank of Baroda launches Electronic Bank Guarantee ( May 16, 2023 )****Bank-of-Baroda**

**Bank of Baroda** partnered with **National e-Governance Services Limited (NESL)** to launch the **Electronic Bank Guarantee (BG) system** on digital platforms.

**An Overview of the News**

- It aims to **significantly reduce the turnaround time for issuance of electronic bank guarantees** as compared to the traditional paper-based process.
- The electronic bank guarantee system is accessible through **Baroda INSTA**, the **digital platform of Bank of Baroda**.
- The digital approach enhances **convenience, security and efficiency** in the issuance of inland bank guarantees.
- The system reduces manual paperwork, streamlines processes and promotes digital transformation in the banking sector.

**About Bank of Baroda (BoB)**

- It is an **Indian public sector bank** headquartered in **Vadodara, Gujarat**.
- It is the **second largest public sector bank in India** after **State Bank of India** and has a global presence with over 100 overseas offices.
- The bank was **established on 20 July 1908** by **Sayajirao Gaekwad III**, the **Maharaja of Baroda**.
- On 19 July 1969, the Government of India nationalised Bank of Baroda along with 13 other major commercial banks.
- After nationalisation, the bank became a **profit making Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)**.

**5. Agriculture Minister Inaugurates Integrated Biological Control Laboratory in Hyderabad ( May 16, 2023 )**

Agriculture-Minister

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** officially inaugurated the **Integrated Biological Control Laboratory located in Hyderabad** on 15 May.

**An overview of the news**

- This laboratory is an important milestone in promoting sustainable and eco-friendly agricultural practices.

**Emphasis on biological control**

- The primary focus of the laboratory is on the use of biological control methods.
- These methods involve the use of natural agents such as beneficial insects, predators and parasites for the management of pests and diseases in agricultural crops.
- By reducing reliance on chemical pesticides, this approach supports ecosystem balance and sustainable agriculture.

**Advances in Pest Management**

- The establishment of the Integrated Biological Control Laboratory represents a remarkable progress in the field of pest management.
- This highlights the government's commitment to adopt integrated pest management strategies that prioritize environment-friendly solutions.

**Research and development**

- The laboratory serves as the center for research and development activities related to biological control.

**Key work of the laboratory**

- Development and large scale production of biocontrol agents.
- These agents are natural enemies of insects, such as parasitoids, predators, and entomopathogenic microorganisms.
- The laboratory will ensure the quality and effectiveness of these agents, which are released into agricultural fields to manage pest populations.
- The laboratory will carry out intensive testing and standardization of biocontrol agents.
- This will ensure their efficacy, safety and compatibility with various farming systems.
- The goal is to provide reliable and efficient organic control solutions to farmers.

**6. India & Bangladesh launch '50 Start-ups Exchange Programme' ( May 16, 2023 )****'50-Start-ups-Exchange-Programme**

**India and Bangladesh** have recently jointly launched the '**50 Start-up Exchange Programme**' to promote **collaboration and exchange between the start-up ecosystems of the two countries.**

**An overview of the news**

- The objective of the program is **to strengthen bilateral relations between India and Bangladesh** by promoting cooperation in start-up and innovation sectors.
- It provides a platform for **entrepreneurs, investors and stakeholders** from both the countries to connect and collaborate.
- The '50 Start-up Exchange Program' facilitates knowledge sharing and learning opportunities between **Indian and Bangladeshi start-ups.**
- It encourages exchange of ideas, best practices and expertise to foster innovation and growth.
- The program provides mentorship and guidance to participating start-ups, connecting them with experienced entrepreneurs, industry experts and investors.

**People's Republic of Bangladesh**

- Capital: **Dhaka**
- Prime Minister: **Sheikh Hasina Wazed**
- President: **Mohammad Shahabuddin**
- Currency: **Taka**

## **7. IRDAI constitutes Expert committee for matters related to mental health ( May 16, 2023 )**

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has recently constituted a **five-member expert committee** comprising **medical experts and insurers to advise on matters related to mental health and insurance.**

### **An overview of the news**

- The **panel has been constituted for two years to advise on matters related to mental health and insurance.**
- The committee will provide advice and input on **existing insurance coverage** and what is offered for mental illnesses.
- It will also provide guidance on terminology and concepts from a **medical perspective and aspects related to mental illness** from an insurance perspective.
- **Pratima Murthy**, director of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), has been made the **chairperson of the committee.**

### **About the committee**

- **Dr. Pratima Murthy**, Director, NIMHANS, Bangalore, **(Chairman)**
- **Dr. Nimesh Desai**, Former Director, Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences, New Delhi, **(Member)**
- **Bhargav Dasgupta**, CEO, ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd, **(Member)**
- **Dr. S. Kalyanasundaram**, Psychiatrist, Bangalore, **(Member)**
- **Mayank Bathwal**, CEO, Aditya Birla Health Insurance Company Ltd, **(Member)**

### **About Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)**

- IRDAI is the **regulatory body** responsible for overseeing and regulating the insurance industry in India.
- It was set up to **promote and regulate the insurance sector in India.**
- It was **established on April 1, 2000**, under the provisions of the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999.**
- The primary role of the IRDAI is to regulate and promote the insurance industry in India.

## **8. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the National Homoeopathic Convention 'Homocon 2023' ( May 15, 2023 )**

the-National-Homoeopathic-Convention

Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** inaugurated the **National Homoeopathic Convention 'Homeocon 2023'** at **Doon University, Dehradun** and launched a documentary on Homeopathy.

### **An Overview of the News**

- Homeopathy has been recognized as the second most practiced system of medicine in the world and its importance has been demonstrated during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The commitment of the state government to establish Uttarakhand as a major AYUSH region is due to the economic and effective nature of homeopathy.

### **Ministry of AYUSH:**

- It is a **government ministry in India.**
- It is responsible for the development, promotion and regulation of traditional systems of medicine.
- AYUSH is the abbreviation of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Society and aims to promote education and research of the above.
- The ministry provides educational and training programs.
- Establishment - **2014**
- Responsible Ministers - **Sarbananda Sonowal, Cabinet Minister and Mahendra Munjapara, Minister of State**
- Ministry Executive - **Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary**
- Ministry of Motherhood - **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India**

### **About Uttarakhand**

- It is a state in **North India.**
- **Rishikesh** is a major centre of yoga studies and gained prominence in **1968 after the Beatles' visit.**
- The **Jim Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand** is home to the **Bengal tiger and other wildlife.**

Capital - **Dehradun (Winter)**

Chief Minister - **Pushkar Singh Dhami**

Governor - **Gurmeet Singh**

Official Animal - **Alpine Musk Deer**

## **9. Amit Shah inaugurates training program on legislative drafting ( May 15, 2023 )**

**Home Minister Amit Shah** inaugurated a **training program on legislative drafting in New Delhi** on 15 May.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The event is organised by the **Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies** in association with the **Institute of Parliamentary Research and Training for Democracy**.
- The objective of the program is to create an understanding of the principles and practices of legislative drafting among officials of Parliament, State Legislatures, Ministries, Statutory Bodies and other Government Departments.

### **Legislative Drafting:**

- It is the process of making legislation and related written material and includes the formulation and structure of laws enacted by the legislature.
- Enacted laws are the official laws of the country and are **legally binding**.
- Legislative drafting considers legislative intent, which refers to the aims and objectives of proposed legislation.
- Specific legal language and terminology are used in legislative drafting to ensure precision and clarity.
- Its goal is to create laws that are clear, consistent and accessible to the general public.
- The purpose of legislative drafting is **to develop laws that serve the intended purposes and are in tune with the needs of the society**.

## **10. 29th Biennial Conference of the All India Primary Teachers' Federation ( May 15, 2023 )**

### **29th Biennial Conference**

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi** Addressed the **29th Biennial Education Conference of All India Primary Teachers's Federation** organized at **Gandhinagar in Gujarat** on 12th May.

### **An overview of the news**

- In his address, the Prime Minister said that technology can provide information but the right approach can be given only by teachers.
- He said that with the changing times, the real challenge before teachers today is to satisfy the growing curiosity of children and keep themselves updated.
- The conference was a significant event that brought together primary teachers from across India to discuss pertinent issues in the education sector.



The theme of this summit is '**Teachers at the Heart of Transforming Education.**

### **Purpose of the conference**

- The objective of the conference is to provide a platform for primary teachers to exchange ideas, share experiences and collectively address challenges in primary education.

### **Focus on primary education**

- The conference mainly focused on issues related to primary education, including **curriculum development, teaching methods, classroom management and welfare** of primary school teachers.

### **Professional Development and Training**

- The conference emphasized the importance of professional development and training for primary teachers.

### **Policy discussion**

- The conference discussed education **policies, reforms and initiatives at the national and state levels.**
- The participants shared their views, suggestions and concerns regarding the **policy implementation** and its impact on primary education.

### **Teacher Welfare and Rights**

- The conference addressed the welfare and rights of primary school teachers, including issues such as pay structure, job security, working conditions, and professional recognition.