

Economy

'Jobs at Your Doorstep' Report

Why in the news?

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Labour & Employment Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launched a report titled 'Jobs at Your Doorstep: A Jobs Diagnostics for Young People in Six States' in New Delhi.

About the Report:

- ❖ It is titled 'Jobs at Your Doorstep: A Jobs Diagnostics for Young People' that covers six states in India and has been prepared by a team of experts from the World Bank.
- ❖ It is a skills gap analysis that attempts to align trades offered in schools to the industry-specific needs of the districts where the schools are present.
 - It serves as both a diagnostic and roadmap to providing strategic linkages and convergence between education and the jobs agenda of India.
- ❖ It goes deep into the job landscape of six states Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan.

- ❖ It identifies key priority sectors and roles that offer the highest employment potential for young people graduating from secondary school.
- ❖ **Significance:**
 - It underscores the significant benefits of embedding skill-based education from Classes 9-12 to prepare students for diverse career paths relying on a bottom-up approach, going deep in districts of the six states.

STARS SCHEME

- ❖ The World Bank assists the Ministry of Education with its programme called Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) covering six states, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan (collectively the STARS states).
- ❖ STARS Scheme has a national component under which key reforms are shared and disseminated for implementation.



Science And Technology

ISRO & ASA Cooperation Agreement

Why in the news?

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed an Implementation Agreement (IA) with Australian Space Agency (ASA)

- ❖ **Objective:** For strengthening of cooperation in space activities between the two countries.
- ❖ **Significance:**
 - The IA enables cooperation between both space agencies on crew and crew module recovery for Gaganyaan missions, the country's first crewed spaceflight program.

Gaganyaan is India's first human space flight mission

- ❖ Gaganyaan is India's first human space flight mission under which four astronauts will go to space.
- ❖ The mission can be launched by the end of 2024 or 2025.
- ❖ Gaganyaan will have a three-day mission under which a team of astronauts will be sent to the Earth's orbit 400 kilometers above.
- ❖ After this, the crew module will be safely landed in the sea.



Miscellaneous

Expensive and Cheapest Passports of the World

Why in the news?

According to a latest Survey:

- ❖ **Passports from Mexico** are the most expensive in the world. Its 10-year validity costs about Rs 19,481.75.
 - The country offers three kinds of passports, based on their validity, and they all appear on the top 10 most expensive passports list.
 - ❖ **Australia** has the second-most expensive passport, costing around Rs 19,023 and valid for 10 years.
 - ❖ It is followed by the **United States**, which costs Rs 13,899 and has the same validity period.
- Cheapest Passports of the World:**
- ❖ The **United Arab Emirates** offers the cheapest passport worldwide.

- The most affordable passport in the world is offered by the United Arab Emirates. The cost of obtaining a UAE passport is around Rs 1,400.
- ❖ As of April 2024, the Indian passport is the second cheapest passport in the world, costing Rs 1,524.95 for a 10-year validity period.
- ❖ Several cheapest passports in the world are offered by African countries like South Africa and Kenya, as well as by several European countries like Spain and Hungary.

India's First Indigenous Antibiotic

Why in the news?

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh formally launched the first indigenous antibiotic "Nafithromycin" for resistant infections.

About Nafithromycin :



- ❖ It is the country's first indigenously developed antibiotic aimed at tackling Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).
- ❖ It has been developed with the support of "Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council" (BIRAC), a unit of the Department of Biotechnology.
 - It has been brought to market under the trade name "Mignaf" by pharma company "Wolkardt".
- ❖ It is designed to treat Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia (CABP), a severe illness caused by drug-resistant bacteria.
 - CABP disproportionately affects vulnerable populations, including children and the elderly as well as immune compromised hosts like Patients with Diabetes, Cancers etc.

Awards and Honors

Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puruskar

Why in the news?

82 Young Artists has been conferred with Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puruskar for the Years 2022 and 2023 at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

About the Award:

- ❖ Sangeet Natak Akademi instituted the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar (UBKUP) in the name of Bharat Ratna Ustad Bismillah Khan for young performing art practitioners upto the age of 40 years in 2006.
- ❖ It is given annually to outstanding young artists in the fields of music, dance, drama, folk & tribal arts and puppetry.
- ❖ It carries a purse of Rs 25,000/- (Rupees twenty-five thousand only), a plaque and an angavastram.

Recipients from Bihar

Category	Winner
Folk Dance	Kumar Uday Singh
Acting	Kumar Ravikant
Direction	Harishankar Ravi



News in Short

- ❖ India's first Constitution Museum was inaugurated at O.P. Jindal Global University in Sonapat, Haryana.
- ❖ It was inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.
- ❖ The 12th edition of International Tourism Mart (ITM) will be held in Kaziranga, Assam from 26th to 29th, November, 2024 in Kaziranga, Assam.
- ❖ Delhi will host the Textile Ministry's prestigious summit "GI & Beyond 2024."
- ❖ The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) has announced that Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI) (Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited) has secured the exclusive media rights for all ACC tournaments from 2024 to 2031.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the transaction limit for UPI 123Pay from Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000, allowing users to make higher-value digital payments via feature phones.

- ❖ India's first modern, self-sufficient gaushala with a state-of-the-art Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant is located in Laltipara, Gwalior.
- ❖ Prasar Bharati, India's public broadcaster has launched its own OTT platform, 'Waves'.

- ❖ It aims to deliver diverse content under the tagline "Waves – Family Entertainment Ki Nagi Lehar."



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