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## Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

Over 67 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts – ABHA have been created in the past three years under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

### Key Points

- ❖ The digital healthcare mission marks its three-year anniversary on 27th September 2024.
- ❖ **The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** highlighted that under this mission, more than 42 crore health records have been linked to ABHA and over 1.3 lakh facilities are ABDM enabled including 17,000 facilities.
- ❖ It added that over 3 lakh facilities and 4.7 lakh healthcare professionals have been successfully registered in the National Healthcare Providers Registry.



### About ABDM

- ❖ It was **launched on 27th September 2021** with the vision of establishing a robust digital health infrastructure.
- ❖ It aims to revolutionize the nation's digital healthcare ecosystem to enhance healthcare accessibility, efficiency, and transparency.

### Key Features of ABDM:

- ❖ **Unique Health identifier for citizens:** A unique Health ABHA ID for every individual establishing a strong and trustworthy identity to store and manage health records.

- ❖ **Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR):** Comprehensive repository of all healthcare professionals involved in delivery of healthcare services across both modern and traditional systems of medicine. It will enable them to get connected to India's digital health ecosystem.
- ❖ **Health Facility Registries (HFR):** Comprehensive repository of health facilities of the nation across different systems of medicine. It includes both public and private health facilities including hospitals, clinics, diagnostic laboratories and imaging centers, pharmacies, etc.
- ❖ **Health Information Exchange and Consent Manager (HIE-CM):** Empowers citizens to securely access and share their health records, ensuring that data exchange is driven by informed consent.
- ❖ **Unified Health Interface (UHI):** Facilitates the discovery and delivery of health services, thereby streamlining healthcare interactions and improving service accessibility.
- ❖ **National Health Claims Exchange (HCX):** Standardizes the insurance payment ecosystem, simplifying and expediting the claim process.
- ❖ **Data Privacy and Security:** Security, confidentiality, and privacy of health-related personal information are at the core of this initiative. In alignment with the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (DPDP Act) the federated architecture of the ABDM ensures the security, confidentiality, and secure sharing of patient related health information.

### Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav

On 28th September 2024, President Droupadi of India inaugurated the first edition of Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav at Rashtrapati Nilayam, Secunderabad.

#### Key Points

- ❖ It was an eight-day-long festival.
- ❖ It was organized by Rashtrapati Nilayam in collaboration with the Ministry of Development of the North-East Region and the Ministry of Culture.
- ❖ The Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav was the first event dedicated to the rich and diverse cultural heritage of the North East states, including Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura.

#### Way Forward

- ❖ The Mahotsav was an opportunity to promote cultural exchange and this will act as a bridge between the North-East and southern parts of the nation. This will help in empowering the artisans, artists, and communities of the North-East by bringing forward their traditions and talents.

### Bilateral Investment Treaty (India-Uzbekistan)

The Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan was signed by Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman and Khodjayev Jamshid Abdukhakimovich, Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan at Tashkent.

#### Key Points

- ❖ **Purpose:** Assures appropriate protection to Uzbekistan investors in India and Indian investors in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

- ❖ Increase the comfort level and boost the confidence of investors by assuring a minimum standard of treatment and non-discrimination.
- ❖ Establishes an independent forum for dispute settlement through arbitration.
- ❖ It also provides for **transparency, transfers and compensation for losses.**

### Andro Village of Manipur

The Andro Village of Manipur has been conferred the prestigious award of one of the Best Tourism Village in Heritage category in the 2024 edition of the Best Tourism Villages Competition organised by the Ministry of Tourism.

#### Key Points

- ❖ The **Ministry of Tourism, Government of India announced winners of the Best Tourism Villages Competition 2024**, on 27th September 2024, on the occasion of World Tourism Day.
- ❖ The competition was introduced in 2023.
- ❖ **Aim:** The competition aims to recognize villages that preserve cultural and natural assets with a commitment to sustainability and community-based value.
- ❖ Andro village's **unique cultural heritage and traditional practices have been a major factor in its selection as the Best Tourism village in the Heritage category.** The village has a temple which showcases the rich cultural and historical heritage of the region.

### Canpak Project along Ganga Expressway

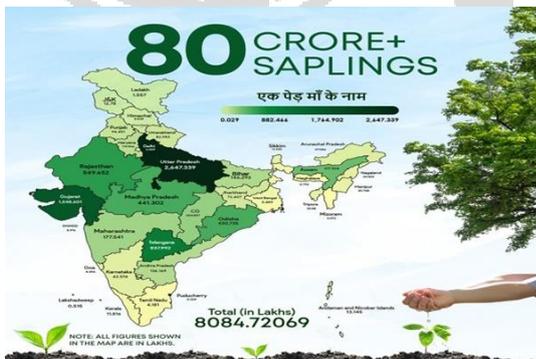
Investment projects along expressways in Uttar Pradesh will start soon.

### Key Points

- ❖ The multinational company **CANPACK will set up a huge can manufacturing plant in Unnao along the Ganga Expressway.**
- ❖ Canpak, a manufacturer of aluminium, steel and glass bottles for food and beverages, already operates several plants in India. **It has knocked for the first time in UP.**
- ❖ It will manufacture cans used in **packing beer, energy drinks, soft drinks and other beverage products.**
- ❖ The project will entail an outlay of Rs 1,300 crore and generate employment for 5,000 people.

### Short News- UTTAR Pradesh

- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh is leading the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign.** More than 80.84 crore saplings have been planted under this campaign in the entire country, while around 26.5 crore saplings were planted in Uttar Pradesh only.



- ❖ The government of **Uttar Pradesh is going to set up the state's first semiconductor park in Jewar, Greater Noida.** This park will be built in Sector-10 and Sector-28 under the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority. This will provide employment to the youth and attract investors.

- ❖ In a significant boost to India's **"One District, One Product" (ODOP)** initiative, Uttar Pradesh's ODOP products are set to make their mark in Russia, with a store front planned for Moscow.

### Person in News- Obituary

#### Maggie Smith



English actress Maggie Smith, considered one of the most prominent figures in British cinema, has passed away at the age of 89 in London.

In the 21st century, she was widely recognised for her role as **Professor Minerva McGonagall in the 'Harry Potter' movies.** She gained significant recognition in 1969 when she won the **Oscar for her performance in 'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie,'** and she won the award again in 1978 for her supporting role in **'California Suite.'**

### Awards

#### SASTRA Ramanujan Prize

- ❖ The **2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize will be awarded to Alexander Dunn of the Georgia Institute of Technology, U.S.**
- ❖ The award was instituted by the **Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA) in 2005.**
- ❖ It is given by SASTRA University, Tamil Nadu, India.

- ❖ This annual \$10,000 prize is for outstanding contributions by individuals not exceeding the age of 32 in areas of mathematics influenced by Ramanujan in a broad sense. The age limit has been set at 32 because Ramanujan achieved so much in his brief life of 32 years.

### Important Days/Dates

**September 29**

**World Heart Day**



- ❖ World Heart Day is being celebrated across the globe on 29th of September.
- ❖ Every year this day is observed to raise awareness about cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) and promote heart health globally.
- ❖ **Theme:** This year's theme is 'Use Heart for Action' which encourages individuals to take proactive steps in caring for their hearts and promoting a heart-healthy environment in their communities.
- ❖ World Heart Day was created by the **World Heart Federation (WHF) in 1999 in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO).**

### Important News- Other States

**Kerala**

In Kerala, the **70th Nehru Trophy Boat Race** was held at the tranquil Punnamada lake in Alappuzha and the **Karichal Chundan (Snake Boat) rowed by the Pallathuruthy Boat Club won the coveted Nehru Trophy.**

**Maharashtra**

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the memorial for **Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule's first girls' school** at Bhidewada.

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways inaugurated **Oxygen Bird Park (Amrit Mahotsav Park) along the Nagpur-Hyderabad National Highway-44 in Nagpur, Maharashtra** on 28th September, 2024. It is an eco-initiative developed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) near Jamtha.

### Miscellaneous

- ❖ On 28th September 2024, the Indian Army celebrated the **198th Gunners Day**. The day is celebrated to commemorate the raising of the first Indian Artillery Unit, namely, 5 (Bombay) Mountain Battery, on this day in 1827.

