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India has eliminated Trachoma

World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared that the Government of India has eliminated Trachoma as a public health problem.



Key Point

- ❖ India becoming the third country in the Southeast Asia Region to achieve this milestone.
- ❖ WHO has termed Trachoma as a neglected tropical disease.
- ❖ WHO estimates suggest that 150 million people worldwide are affected by Trachoma and 6 million of them are blind or at risk of visually disabling complications.
- ❖ Trachoma was amongst the leading cause of blindness in the country during 1950-60. The Government of India launched the National Trachoma Control Program in 1963 and later on Trachoma control efforts were integrated into India's National Program for Control of Blindness (NPCB).

About Trachoma

- ❖ Trachoma is a bacterial infection that affects the eyes.
- ❖ It is caused by the bacterium *Chlamydia Trachomatis*.
- ❖ Trachoma is contagious, spreading through contact with the eyes, eyelids, nose or throat secretions of infected people, if left untreated it causes irreversible blindness.

Nirdeshak (Yard 3026)

Nirdeshak (Yard 3026), second of four Survey Vessel (Large) ships, steered by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and being built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata was delivered to the Indian Navy on 08 Oct 24.



Key Point

- ❖ The first ship of the class, INS Sandhayak, was commissioned on 03 Feb 24.
- ❖ The SVL ships are designed and built as per classification rules of Indian Register of Shipping by M/s Garden

Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata. The ship aims at full scale coastal and deep-water hydrographic survey of port/harbour approaches and determination of navigational channels/ routes.

- ❖ The ship will also collect oceanographic and geophysical data for defence and civil applications.
- ❖ Nirdeshak has an indigenous content of over 80% by cost. The delivery of Nirdeshak is a reassurance on impetus of the Government of India and the Indian Navy towards 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

ISSF Junior World Shooting Championship

In shooting, Indian shooters topped the medals tally at ISSF Junior World Shooting Championship with an impressive 24 medals, including 13 gold, three silver, and eight bronze in Peru.



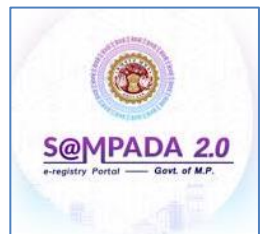
Key Point

- ❖ Italy finished in second place, while Norway took the third spot.

- ❖ On the final day, the trio of Deepak Dalal, Kamaljeet, and Raj Chandra won the men's 50m pistol team gold medal.
- ❖ Next, the shooting bonanza will shift to New Delhi for the prestigious ISSF World Cup Final in Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun, scheduled for October 13 to 18.

Sampada 2.0

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav launched the Sampada 2.0 software of the



Registration and Stamps Department on October 10, 2024, at Kushabhau Thackeray International Convention Center, Bhopal.

Key Point

- ❖ The implementation of the pilot project of this advanced software has been completed in Guna, Harda, Dindori, and Ratlam districts.
- ❖ Sampada 2.0 will enable identification through e-KYC.
- ❖ Its features include GIS mapping of assets, biometric identification, and auto-formatting of documents.
- ❖ In this system, documents will be executed through e-sign and digital signature, which will eliminate the necessity of bringing witnesses.

- ❖ Registration of certain documents will no longer require personal presence at the Sub Registrar's office.
- ❖ Communication with the registration officer will be done through video conferencing, and in many cases, no interaction will be required.
- ❖ Provision for video KYC has also been made for a person's identification.
- ❖ Sampada 2.0 special mobile app has also been launched. This innovation will not only be convenient for the general public but will also help in establishing Madhya Pradesh as a leading state in the direction of e-governance.

Kishore Kumar Samman for 2023

Director **Rajkumar Hirani** will receive the Kishore Kumar Samman from the Madhya Pradesh government for the year 2023.



Key Point

- ❖ The award ceremony is scheduled to take place on October 13, 2024, in Khandwa, the hometown of the legendary singer Kishore Kumar, coinciding with his 37th death anniversary.
- ❖ The Kishore Kumar Samman is an annual award instituted in 1997-98 by the Madhya Pradesh government and is given in the fields of Direction, Acting, Screenplay Writing and Song Lyrics.
- ❖ The award is named after versatile Bollywood singer Kishore Kumar who was born a Bengali Brahmin in Khandwa, now in Madhya Pradesh. Therefore, the award ceremony is held in Khandwa every year on 13 October, the death anniversary of Kishore Kumar.
- ❖ The award carries Rs 5 lakh in cash and a citation.
- ❖ The first Kishore Kumar Samman was given to renowned Bollywood director Hrishikesh Mukherjee in 1997. Till now, 25 artists from the cinema world have been selected for this decoration.

National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat.



Key Point

- ❖ The project will be completed in two phases.
- ❖ The construction of the Light House Museum under Phase 1B will be funded by the Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships (DGLL).
- ❖ A separate society will be set up, for the development of future phases, to be governed by a Governing Council headed by the Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 for implementation, development, management, and operation of NMHC at Lothal, Gujarat.
- ❖ Around 22,000 jobs are expected to be created in the development of NMHC project, with 15,000 direct employment and 7,000 indirect employment.

About Lothal

- ❖ State – Gujarat
- ❖ River – Confluence of Bhogava and Sabarmati river
- ❖ Important site of the Indus Valley civilization
- ❖ It was discovered by SR Rao
- ❖ Important naval trade site, Port and Dockyard, Granaries, Rice husk, Double burial (male and female together).
- ❖ The Citadel was not walled off but was built at a height.

- ❖ The entire settlement was fortified, and sections within the town were also separated by walls.

Short News

- ❖ Union Minister of State for Finance **Shri Pankaj Chaudhary** inaugurated the state-of-the-art Goods and Services Tax (GST) office building in Nangal Raya, Delhi,
- ❖ The **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)** has recognized India's extraordinary progress in advancing Maternal Health and Family Planning.
- ❖ The **Reserve Bank of India** decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent for the tenth time in a row
- ❖ Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** launched the 'Humsafar Policy' in New Delhi to enhance the convenience of traveling on national highways and accelerate the development of wayside amenities.
- ❖ **Tunisian President Kais Saied** has been re-elected for a second five-year term.
- ❖ Recently, the Prime Minister has introduced a Unified Genomic Chip for cattle, along with indigenous technology for sex-sorted semen production.

- ❖ On the occasion of World Post Day, the Department of Posts, Government of India, unveiled a special set of commemorative postage stamps celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU).
- ❖ Diplomat Sanjeev Kumar Singla has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to France.
- ❖ India and the United States signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to expand and diversify the critical minerals supply chain





Important Daily *Current Affairs* Question

Q1. Recently, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared that India has eliminated which of the following diseases?

- (a) Malaria
- (b) Polio
- (c) Trachoma
- (d) Tuberculosis

Answer-C

Q2. Who will be awarded Kishore Kumar Samman by the Madhya Pradesh government for the year 2023?

- (a) Sanjay Leela Bhansali
- (b) Rajkumar Hirani
- (c) Anurag Kashyap
- (d) Vishal Bhardwaj

Answer-B

