

Bihar Special**CM Jan Arogya Yojana****Relevance: BPSC Prelims****Why in the news?**

On the eve of the completion of six years((September 22, 2024)) of implementation of Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, Chief Minister Jan Arogya Yojana was launched in Bihar.

- ❖ The scheme was inaugurated by Health Minister, Mangal Pandey.

Details of the scheme:

- ❖ A total of 1.79 crore ration card-holder families in the state are eligible for benefits under this scheme.
 - Under this scheme, the process of making cards for about 50 lakh beneficiaries aged 70 years or above will also start soon.
- ❖ **Present Scenario:**
 - So far, Ayushman cards have been made for about 3 crore 60 lakh eligible beneficiaries of 1 crore 21 lakh families in the state.

- Bihar ranks third in the country in making Ayushman cards.
- In the year 2024, a record 2.50 crore Ayushman cards were made. There are 8.50 crore eligible people in the state who need to make cards.

- ❖ **Ayushman Bharat**, a flagship scheme of the Government of India, was launched as recommended by the National Health Policy 2017, to achieve the vision of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).
- ❖ It adopts a continuum of care approach, comprising of two interrelated components, which are-
 - Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs)
 - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).
- ❖ **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY):**
 - It was launched on 23rd September 2018 in Ranchi, Jharkhand by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi.

- It provides a cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization across public and private empanelled hospitals in India.

International Relations

6th Quad Leaders Summit

Relevance: BPSC Prelims and GS I Section II

Why in the news?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the sixth Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware (USA) on 21 September 2024.

- ❖ The host country of the summit: United States of America (President: Joseph R. Biden)
- ❖ Apart from the Indian Prime Minister, the Prime Minister of Australia, H.E. Mr. Anthony Albanese and the Prime Minister of Japan, H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida also participated.
- ❖ India will host the next "Quad Leaders Summit" in 2025.

Major announcements of Summit: Wilmington Declaration

- ❖ **Quad Cancer Moonshot:** Launched the historic Quad Cancer Moonshot initiative with an initial focus on cervical cancer.
 - India committed to providing HPV sampling kits, detection tools and cervical cancer vaccines worth \$7.5 million to the Indo-Pacific region.
 - The US made an early pledge of at least \$1.58 billion over five years.
- ❖ **Maritime security, logistics network:**
 - The Quad announced a new regional Maritime Initiative for Training in the Indo-Pacific (MAITRI) to enable the Indo-Pacific partners to monitor and secure their waters, enforce their laws, and deter unlawful behaviour.
 - A Quad Indo-Pacific Logistics Network pilot project has also been announced for shared airlift capacity among the four nations to support civilian response to natural disasters.

➤ Besides, the US Coast Guard, Japan Coast Guard, Australian Border Force, and Indian Coast Guard also announced plans for the first-ever Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission in 2025 in the Indo-Pacific.

❖ **Solar projects:**

➤ India pledged to invest around \$2 million, which is around ₹16.48 crore in new solar projects in Fiji, Comoros, Madagascar, and Seychelles.

❖ **Mpox and pandemic:**

➤ To combat the recent outbreak of Mpox, the Quad agreed to make low-cost Mpox vaccines easily accessible for all the people in the Indo-Pacific region.

➤ For pandemic preparedness, India is set to release a white paper outlining emergency public health responses, while Australia is increasing the pool of public health specialists.

❖ **Climate and Clean Energy:**

➤ Japan committed to \$122 million in grants and loans, for both public and privated renewable energy projects in the Indo-Pacific.

➤ Meanwhile, Australia said it will open applications for the Quad Clean Energy Supply Chains Diversification Program in November 2024 providing AUD 50 million to support projects that develop and diversify solar panel, hydrogen electrolyzer and battery supply chains.

❖ **People-based initiatives:**

➤ India announced a new initiative to award 50 Quad scholarships, worth ₹4 crore, to students from the Indo-Pacific to pursue a 4-year undergraduate engineering program at a Government of India-funded technical institution.

❖ **Navigating AI, and Technology**

➤ The United States plans to invest over \$7 million to support the global expansion of Asia Open RAN Academy (AORA), by partnering with Indian institutions for training projects.

❖ **Ports and Infrastructure:**

➤ The Quad Ports of the Future Partnership project are expected to bring out the Quad's expertise to support sustainable and resilient port infrastructure development across the Indo-Pacific, by collaborating with regional partners.

- Mumbai is set to host the inaugural Regional Ports and Transportation Conference, for the Quad partners in 2025.



Miscellaneous

World Food India 2024

Relevance: BPSC Prelims

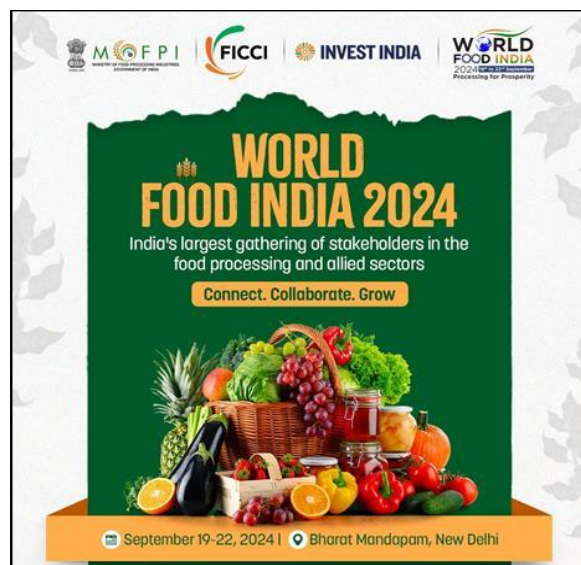
Why in the news?

The 3rd edition (1st edition in 2017) of World Food India was held from 19th to 22nd September 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

- ❖ It was organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- ❖ Partner and Focus country:
 - Japan participated as the Partner Country while Iran & Vietnam participated as the Focus Countries

About the event:

- ❖ It was supported by nine Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, 8 associated bodies, and 26 states.
- ❖ The event featured a remarkable turnout of 1557 exhibitors, 20 country pavilions, and notable participation from 809 buyers from 108 countries and 2390 foreign delegates.
- ❖ A Global Food Regulators Summit 2024 by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) was organized in conjunction with World Food India from 20th – 21st September 2024.



Sports

45th FIDE Chess Olympiad

Relevance: BPSC Prelims

Why in the news?

India's men's and women's teams clinched their maiden gold medals in the 45th Chess Olympiad.

- ❖ India thus became only the third nation (After the USSR in 1986 and China in 2018) to achieve this feat since the Open and Women's Chess Olympiads were conducted simultaneously for the first time in 1972.
- ❖ India retained the Gaprindashvili Trophy at the Chess Olympiad 2024, awarded to the team with the best overall performance across the open and women's sections.
- ❖ Venue of Olympiad: Budapest, Hungary.

Men's team:

- ❖ It defeated Slovenia after D Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi and R Praggnanadhaa won their respective matches in the 11th and final round match.

Women's team:

- ❖ The women's team, comprising of Harika Dronavalli, Vaishali Rameshbabu, Divya Deshmukh, Vantika Agrawal, Tania Sachdev and Abhijit Kunte secured the gold medal completing a historic double for India in the Chess Olympiad.
 - In the final round of the competition, India beat Azerbaijan 3.5-0.5 to keep a strong charge for the gold medal.
 - India's victory in the women's open section competition depended on the USA stealing points from Kazakhstan.
 - India were crowned champions after the USA were able to hold their opponent to a 2-2 draw.



Important Days/ Dates

World Rhino Day

Relevance: BPSC Prelims

Why in the news?

It is celebrated annually on **September 22** to raise awareness about the Rhinoceros and the urgent need for their conservation.

- ❖ It celebrates all five species of rhino: Black, white, greater one-horned, Sumatran and Javan rhinos.
- ❖ **History:** It was first announced by WWF-South Africa in 2010.
- ❖ **General theme:** Keep the five alive.

About the Rhinos:

- ❖ According to the World Wildlife Fund, rhino numbers are declining every year.
 - Additionally, three species of rhino—black, Javan, and Sumatran—are critically endangered.
 - The great Indian rhinoceros, also known as the one-horned rhinoceros, holds a vulnerable status and is native to the Indian subcontinent.

- ❖ The Indian rhino is the largest of the three Asian species and shares its single-horn characteristic with the Javan rhino. The Sumatran rhino, in contrast, has two horns, a trait linking Asian and African rhinos.
- ❖ According to the State of Rhino Report 2022, released by the International Rhino Foundation:
 - The greater one-horned rhino population in India stood at 3,262, with Assam's Kaziranga National Park reporting the highest number of rhinos at 2,613.
- ❖ Assam is collectively home to 80% of the global population of greater one-horned rhinos and at present, the number of rhinos has surged to over 4014.



World Rivers Day

Relevance: BPSC Prelims

Why in the news?

World Rivers Day is a global celebration observed on the fourth Sunday of September.

- ❖ It was celebrated on 22nd September this year.
- ❖ Theme 2024: "Waterways of Life."
- ❖ History: It was first celebrated in 2005, and initiated by the International River Network.
- ❖ Significance: It was created to raise awareness about the importance of rivers and the threats they face.

Persons In News

Next Chief of Air Staff

Relevance: BPSC Prelims

Why in the news?

Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh will take over as the next chief of the Indian Air Force.

- ❖ He will succeed present Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari with effect from September 30, 2024.
- ❖ He will be the 28th Chief of Air Staff.

Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh

- ❖ He is presently serving as the 47th Vice Chief of the Air Staff.
- ❖ He was commissioned into the fighter pilot stream of the Indian Air Force in December 1984.



News in Short

- ❖ Rhea Singha from Gujarat has been crowned Miss Universe India 2024.
- ❖ She will now represent India at the global Miss Universe 2024 pageant.
- ❖ Anura Kumara Dissanayake has been declared the winner of the Sri Lankan presidential elections.
- ❖ Duleep Trophy 2024: (Associated with Cricket)
- ❖ India A defeated India C to win the "Duleep Trophy", in 2024.



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