

1. CHRONIC IMMUNE THROMBOCYTOPENIA

GS-2:- HEALTH

CONTEXT	Intas Pharmaceuticals a drug maker company launched an affordable drug for chronic immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) patients under the name Romy .
ITP	Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) is a bleeding disorder which leads to low platelet counts also called thrombocytopenia . Thrombocytopenia often occurs as a result of a separate disorder, such as leukaemia or an immune system problem.

2. CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

CONTEXT	Raksha Mantri Lights the Victory Flame to Mark 20 Years of Kargil Vijay Diwas on 14 Jul 2019
RELATED NEWS	✓ This Victory Flame and the journey of the eternal flame from the National War Memorial to the Kargil War Memorial brings alive the theme of the 20th anniversary of the Kargil Vijay Diwas –‘Remember, Rejoice and Renew’. ✓ We ‘remember’ our martyrs by revisiting their sacrifices, ✓ we ‘rejoice’ by celebrating the victory in Kargil and ✓ we ‘renew’ our resolve to safeguard the honour of the Tricolour.
KARGIL WAR	✓ It was an armed conflict between India and Pakistan that took place between May and July 1999 in Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir. ✓ In India the conflict is also popularly known as Operation Vijay (meaning Victory) which was the name of Indian operation to clear Kargil sector.

3. RUSSIA SENDS TELESCOPE INTO SPACE

GS-3:- SCIENCE AND TECH.

CONTEXT	Russia launched a space telescope.
RELATED NEWS	The Spektr-RG, developed with Germany, is a space observatory intended to replace the Spektr-R, known as the “Russian Hubble”, which Roskosmos said it lost control of in January.

	Spektr-R was launched in 2011 to observe black holes, neutron stars and magnetic fields. Its successor will take up similar duties.
Spektr (or RadioAstron)	✓ It is a Russian scientific satellite with a 10 m (33 ft) radio telescope on board. ✓ It was launched on by Zenit-3F launcher, from Baikonur Cosmodrome to perform research on the structure and dynamics of radio sources within and beyond our galaxy. Together with some of the largest ground-based radio telescopes. ✓ this telescope forms interferometric baselines extending up to 350,000 km

4. LAW COMMISSION TO BE FORMED SOON

GS-2:- STATUTORY BODIES

CONTEXT	Law Ministry has initiated the process of setting up the body which gives advice to the government on complex legal issues.
LCI	✓ The Law Commission of India is an executive body formed by a GOI order. ✓ Its chief mandate is to bring about reforms in the legal domain in the country. The commission is chiefly composed of legal experts. The Law Commission is formed for a fixed term. It functions as an advisory body to the Law and Justice Ministry. ✓ The first ever Law Commission was created in 1834 via the 1833 Charter Act.

5. MAKING A KILLING FROM SKILLING RAW GRADS

GS-2:- HUMAN RESOURCES

CONTEXT	According to Post-campus training 90% of jobs in India are skill-based, while only 6% of the workforce is skill-trained.
RELATED NEWS	✓ less than 1% get jobs in its top 100 companies out of one and a half million graduates who pass out of India's engineering schools every year. ✓ Vast majority of them are unemployable and lacking in skills such as

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	creative thinking, problem solving, learnability, human-centred design, collaboration and customer-centricity..
HRD MINISTRY REVIEW	✓ As per the HRD Ministry, India has 6,214 engineering and technology institutions which admit 2.9 million students. Every year, 1.5 million fresh engineers are released into the job market. ✓ But sadly, only graduates who pass out of some 200 top colleges in the country come with some level of job-ready skills. ✓ A majority of jobseekers don't get jobs in line with their education or wage expectation, because of a yawning academia-industry gap. Industry seeks people with 90% skill, but 90% of academic activities are still based on theoretical learning.
NEED	✓ The urgency in reskilling and upskilling engineering graduates ✓ Today's businesses need finance professionals, people managers and intelligent problem solvers, not accountants, payroll assistants and coders. ✓ If India has to reap rich demographic dividends, skill development needs to be taken up far more seriously. ✓ Edu-employment (education + employment) space, with job-readiness programmes designed to upskill engineering graduates with job-ready and future-ready expertise is the need of the hour. ✓ Academic courses faces the real risk of being driven to irrelevance and outdated material unless it matches curricula and teaching methodologies that are designed around current industry needs, and are flexible enough to respond to future challenges.

6. MIDDAY MEALS LEFT 900 CHILDREN ILL

GS-2:- ISSUE RELATED TO SOCIAL SECTOR,HEALTH

CONTEXT	More than 900 children were reported ill across the country with zero fatalities due to the consumption of mid-day meals in the past three years..
MID-DAY MEAL SCHEME	✓ Scheme covers all children studying in class I to VIII. ✓ The programme supplies free lunches on working days for children in primary and upper primary classes in government, government aided, local body, Education Guarantee Scheme, and alternate innovative education centres, Madarsa and Maqtabas supported under SSA and National Child Labour Project schools run by the ministry of labour

	✓ MDM is covered by National Food Security Act, 2013. ✓ The Midday Meal Scheme comes under the HRD Ministry's Department of School Education and Literacy.
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7. SPEED RESTRICTIONS AND SOUND ALERTS MOOTED FOR PROTECTION OF DOLPHINS

CONTEXT	Ministry of Shipping plans to safeguard the population of the Ganges River Dolphin by restricting the speeds of vessels and blowing sirens and horns in the country's one dolphin reserve through which National Waterway-1 connecting Haldia to Varanasi passes.
Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary (VGDS)	✓ Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary (VGDS), a 65km stretch of the Ganga River between Sultanganj and Kahalgaon towns in Bhagalpur, Bihar, India. ✓ It is a protected area established in 1991 to protect the endangered Gangetic river dolphin.
Gangetic Dolphin (PRELIMS)	✓ Endangered under IUCN ✓ Endemic to India's Ganga- Brahmaputra belt ✓ Found in freshwater habitat

8. TWO FROM ARAKU TEST POSITIVE FOR ANTHRAX

GS-2:- HEALTH GS-3:- SCIENCE

CONTEXT	Two persons from Araku mandal of Andhra Pradesh, tested positive for the disease cutaneous anthrax.
What is anthrax	✓ Anthrax is a serious infectious disease caused by gram-positive, rod-shaped bacteria known as Bacillus anthracis. Anthrax can be found naturally in soil and commonly affects domestic and wild animals around the world. ✓ According to officials from the Health Department, anthrax can spread in three forms — cutaneous anthrax (through the skin), pulmonary anthrax (through inhalation), and gastrointestinal anthrax (through the stomach). ✓ In Cutaneous anthrax, anthrax spores get into the skin usually through a

	cut or a scrape, which can happen when a person handles infected animals. ✓ After consumption of affected animals' meat, there are chances of contracting gastrointestinal anthrax.
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