

08 April 2019: UPSC Exam PIB Summary & Analysis

International Convention on World Homoeopathy Day

Context:

- An international Convention on World Homoeopathic Day will be organized to discuss linking education and clinical practice with research.

Details:

- A two-day convention is being organised on 9-10th April 2019 by the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), an autonomous research organisation, Ministry of AYUSH on the occasion of the World Homoeopathy Day at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.
- The World Homoeopathy Day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of Homoeopathy, **Dr. Christian Fredrich Samuel Hahnemann**.
- With an aim to recognise exemplary work in Homoeopathy, **AYUSH awards** relating to Homoeopathy for **Life Time Achievement, Best Teacher, Young Scientist and Best Research paper** will be conferred on this occasion.
- This WHD, 24 students will be awarded scholarships under the Short Term Studentship in Homoeopathy (STSH) and four students for '**Quality MD Dissertation in Homoeopathy**'.
- MOU's will be signed with two more PG Homoeopathic Colleges with an effort to link education with research. The vision behind the agreement would be to provide impetus to research infrastructure, which, in turn, further orient the students towards research.
- A wide range of topics will be covered in the convention like Linking education and clinical practice with research, Homoeopathic Education: Research component, Utilisation of existing research by clinicians, Drug Development & Validation, Research initiatives by students under Studentship & MD Scholarship schemes, Documented clinical experiences, Homoeopathy in public health, Fortifying theories and clinical practice with research, Road ahead for Homoeopathy, Skill development in scientific writing, Strengthening research infrastructure in educational organisations, Drug Proving and Guidelines for Publishing Research.

President of India released the India rankings – 2019 and the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements

Details :

- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, released the **India Rankings - 2019** and presented the India Rankings awards to the top eight institutions in different categories at a function held in New Delhi (April 8, 2019).
- He also released the **Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA)** and presented the ARIIA awards to the top two institutions.
- Speaking on the occasion, the President said that recent expansion of higher education in India has widened access and improved equity. Even so, quality remains a concern. While there are islands of excellence, both in the public and private sectors, overall standards are uneven. As our higher education infrastructure continues to grow, and as enrolment rises, it is important to lift the bar. A nuanced approach is essential to ensure that higher education not only fulfils individual aspirations

but also achieves national goals and priorities.

