

21 July 2019: UPSC Exam PIB Summary & Analysis

13th Global Healthcare Summit 2019

Context:

Vice President Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 13th Global Healthcare Summit organized by the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) and Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO), in Hyderabad.

Details:

- The VP called for paying increasing attention to Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in rural areas, since nearly 86 per cent of all the medical visits in India are made by people living in rural areas with majority required to travel long distances.
- He also expressed his concern over the rising incidence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) which accounted for 61.08 per cent of all deaths in the country in 2016.
- He also talked about bridging the gap between the required and present number of medical practitioners in India by opening more medical colleges and increasing the number of seats in the graduation and post-graduation levels.

About the Global Healthcare Summit:

- The summit brings together healthcare experts, academicians, technology experts, and people from the industry and the government to discuss, brainstorm and share advancements and opportunities in modern healthcare.
- The 13th Edition is being held from 21st to 24th July in Hyderabad.
- There would be over 100 speakers and about 500 delegates attending.
- The theme for 2019 is: "Opportunities in Modern Healthcare for Young minds and Businesses".
- There would be exhibitions, presentations and awards given.

Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS)

Context:

In the recently concluded 2019 general elections, the Election Commission of India used Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS) for service voters.

About Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS):

- Persons working in Central Forces under Arms Act and Government officials deployed in Embassies outside the country are classified as Service Voters.
- Such service voters are provisioned for online enrolment.
- On the introduction of the ETPBS, there has been a record turnout of service voters. 18,02,646 were enrolled as Service Electors in 2019. This is a high of 60.14% as recorded by the E-postal ballot.
- The number of service voters included those from the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs (Central Armed Police Forces), Ministry of External Affairs and the State Police.
- ETPBS is developed by Election Commission of India with the help of Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- This system enables the entitled service voters to cast their vote using an electronically received postal ballot from anywhere outside their constituency. The voters who make such a choice will be entitled for Postal

Ballot delivered through Electronic Media for a particular election.

- It enables the voters to cast their vote on an electronically received postal ballot from their preferred location, which is outside their originally assigned voting constituency.
- This system addresses the issue of time constraint for dispatch of postal ballot.

Who are eligible to avail of ETPBS?

1. Service Voters, other than those who opt for proxy voting (Classified Service Voters)
2. The wife of a Service Voter who ordinarily resides with him
3. Overseas Voters

Advantages of ETPBS:

- It can be availed by service voters from anywhere outside their constituency.
 - It is easy and efficient.
 - It facilitates creation of service voter electoral roll data.
 - It has two-layered security and is a secure system.
 - OTP is required to download encrypted Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot file.
 - Secrecy is maintained and no duplicate of casted ETPB is possible due to QR code.
 - PIN is required to decrypt, print and deliver ETPB.
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DefExpo India- 2020

Context:

The 11th edition of the DefExpo India- 2020 is going to be held in Lucknow from 5th to 8th February 2020.

Details:

- The expo offers an excellent opportunity for the Indian defence industry to showcase its capabilities and promote its export potential.
- The theme of the 2020 edition is: India: “The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub”. The focus would be on ‘Digital Transformation of Defence’.
- The expo is intended to facilitate B2B and G2G interactions and meetings. Many MoUs are also generally signed.
- The DefExpo is a biennial event (held every 2 years).
- The expo is intended to give a boost to the ‘Make in India’ programme of the GOI.
- Two Defence Industrial Corridors (DICs) are planned in India, one in Uttar Pradesh and the other in Tamil Nadu.

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