Ayushman Bharat PMJAY Start-Up Grand Challenge

Context:

The Prime Minister will launch the Ayushman Bharat Start-Up Grand Challenge in New Delhi at Arogya Manthan function organized by the National Health Authority. This function marks the one-year anniversary of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).

About the Ayushman Bharat PMJAY Start-Up Grand Challenge:

- The Ayushman Bharat PMJAY Start-Up Grand Challenge is a call to action for the Indian start-up community to generate cutting-edge solutions for supporting the National Health Authority towards more effective implementation of Ayushman Bharat PMJAY.
- It is in partnership with Startup India.
- It is showcased as a unique, first-of-its-kind opportunity for start-ups to be a critical participant and stakeholder in implementing AB-PMJAY.
- Under this initiative, Startups engaged in sectors such as medical devices, digital health, health communications, hospital services and hospital management, medical workforce training and capacity building, etc. are invited to solve a set of problem statements reflecting critical implementation challenges of AB-PMJAY.
- The top 7 startups will be selected to work with the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Other benefits that winners will receive include cash prizes, piloting and testing opportunities, industry mentorship, procurement and funding support.

About the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana:

- This is a government scheme that was launched in September 2018.
- It is a national health protection scheme.
- The scheme provides health assurance/insurance of Rs. 5.00 lakh per family to around 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families as per the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC).

About Ayushman Bharat:

You can read more about this programme at https://byjus.com/free-ias-prep/ayushman-bharat-programme/

About the National Health Authority (NHA):

- The National Health Authority is the apex body responsible for implementing India’s flagship public health insurance/assurance scheme ‘Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana’.
- The NHA is the successor of the National Health Agency. It was renamed as the National Health Authority in January 2019.
- NHA has been set up to implement the PM-JAY at the national level.
- An attached office of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with full functional autonomy, NHA is governed by a Governing Board chaired by the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare.
- A Chief Executive Officer (CEO), an officer in the rank of Secretary to the Government of India manages its affairs.
- To implement the scheme in the states, State Health Agencies (SHAs) in the form of a society/trust
have been set up by the states.

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### 94th Military Nursing Service Raising Day

**Context:**

The 94th Military Nursing Service Raising Day is being celebrated on 1st October 2019.

**Details:**

- On this day, nursing officers will rededicate themselves to render high quality, selfless nursing care to their patients by reading the Florence Nightingale Pledge on the occasion.
- The occasion is celebrated at the Army Hospital (Referral & Research), New Delhi.

**About the Military Nursing Service (MNS):**

- The MNS is the only all-women corps in the Armed Forces in India. It is a part of the Armed Forces Medical Services.
- It came into being on March 28, 1888, with the arrival of the first batch of 10 qualified British nurses in Bombay, to organize nursing in military hospitals in India.
- In 1893 it was designated as the Indian Army Nursing Service (IANS) and in 1902 as Queen Alexandra Military Nursing Service (QAMNS).
- In 1914 for the first time, nurses were enrolled in India and were attached to QAMNS.
- On October 1, 1926, a permanent nursing service for Indian troops was formed and was designated as the Indian Military Nursing Service (IMNS).
- On September 15, 1943, the IMNS officers became a part of the Indian Army and the members of the service became Commissioned Officers.
- After independence, the government constituted the MNS and the IMNS was subsumed in the MNS in 1950.
- The organization is headed at the Army Headquarters by the Additional Director General, MNS (ADGMNS) in the Rank of Major General and at command level by Brigadier MNS in the rank of Brigadier.
- The current ADGMNS is Major General Joyce Gladys Roach.

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### Week-Long IPCC Meet on Climate Change begins in New Delhi

**Context:**

India is hosting the Second Lead Author Meeting of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group III Sixth Assessment Report at New Delhi from 30th September to 4th October 2019.

**Details:**

- More than 200 experts/authors including 12 from India and others from around 65 countries are expected to participate in this week-long meeting.
- The Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) will examine topics such as the link between consumption and behaviour and greenhouse gas emissions, and the role of innovation and technology.
- The report will assess the connection between short to medium-term actions and their compatibility...
with the long-term temperature goal in the Paris Agreement.
- It will assess mitigation options in sectors such as energy, agriculture, forestry and land use, buildings, transport and industry.

About the IPCC:
- The IPCC is the UN body for assessing the science related to climate change.
- It was established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988 to provide political leaders with periodic scientific assessments concerning climate change, its implications and risks, as well as to put forward adaptation and mitigation strategies.
- It has 195 member states.
- For the assessment reports, IPCC scientists volunteer their time to assess the thousands of scientific papers published each year to provide a comprehensive summary of what is known about the drivers of climate change, its impacts and future risks, and how adaptation and mitigation can reduce those risks.
- The IPCC has three working groups. They are:
  o Working Group I: Dealing with the physical science basis of climate change
  o Working Group II: Dealing with impacts, adaptation and vulnerability
  o Working Group III: Dealing with the mitigation of climate change
- It also has a Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories that develops methodologies for measuring emissions and removals.

Electoral Bond Scheme 2018

Context:
The Government of India has notified the Electoral Bond Scheme 2018.

Details:
For details about electoral bonds, please check:

Fit India Plog Run

Context:
The Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Kiren Rijiju will flag off the Fit India Plog Run on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Details:
- The Fit India Plog Run will be held on October 2.
- Plogging involves picking up plastic and other waste from the surroundings while jogging.
- This event has generated a lot of interest and is expected to bring together athletes, school and college students, actors, corporates, industry chambers, etc.
About Plogging:

- Plogging is a combination of jogging with picking up litter.
- It started in Sweden in 2016 and spread to other countries.
- Plogger Ripu Daman Behlvi started the concept in New Delhi, which then spread to the rest of the country.