

12 May 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

1. International Nurses Day

Context:

PM expresses gratitude to Nurses on International Nurses Day.

About International Nurses Day:

- The International Nurses Day is celebrated every year on May 12 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.
- The International Council of Nurses (ICN) has celebrated this day since 1965.
- The theme for 2020 is “Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Nursing the World to Health”.

2. PM CARES Fund

Context:

BPPI contributes Rs.25 Lakh to PM CARES fund.

About PM CARES Fund:

- To support the government in its fight against [COVID-19](#), the Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI), under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, has contributed Rs. 25 Lakh to PM CARES fund.
- Learn more about the [PM CARES fund](#) at the linked article.

3. Vande Bharat Mission

Context:

6037 Indians return from abroad in 31 flights under Vande Bharat Mission since 7th May 2020.

Details:

- Under this mission, the Ministry of Civil Aviation is coordinating with the Ministry of External Affairs and state Governments for bringing Indians back to their homeland.
- Air India, along with its subsidiary Air India Express, are operating a total of 64 flights (42 by Air India & 24 by AI Express) to 12 countries viz. USA, UK, Bangladesh, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Philippines, UAE and Malaysia to repatriate 14,800 Indians back in the first phase.

Read more about the Vande Bharat Mission on [CNA dated 8 May, 2020](#).

Context:

INS Kesari hands over food provisions to Maldives under Mission Sagar.

Details:

For more on Mission Sagar, check [PIB dated 10 May, 2020](#).

5. CHAMPIONS Portal

Context:

Ministry of MSME launches CHAMPIONS Portal www.Champions.gov.in.

Details:

- The Champions portal a technology-driven control room-cum-management information system.
- The system, utilising modern ICT tools, is aimed at assisting Indian MSMEs march into the big league as National and Global CHAMPIONS.
- CHAMPIONS stands for 'Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength'.
- The portal is basically for making the smaller units big by solving their grievances, encouraging, supporting, helping and handholding.
- It is a real one-stop-shop solution of the MSME Ministry.
- In addition to ICT tools including telephone, internet and video conference, the system is enabled by Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics and Machine Learning.
- It is also fully integrated on a real time basis with GOI's main grievances portal CPGRAMS and the MSME Ministry's own other web based mechanisms.
- The entire ICT architecture is created in house with the help of the National Informatics Centre (NIC) at no cost.
- As part of the system, a network of control rooms is created in a Hub & Spoke Model.
 - The Hub is situated in New Delhi in the MSME Secretary's office.
 - The spokes will be in the States in various offices and institutions of the Ministry.
 - As of now, 66 state level control rooms are created as part of the system.
- **Objectives of the Champions Portal:**
 - How to help the MSMEs in this difficult situation in terms of finance, raw materials, labour, permissions, etc.
 - How to help them capture new opportunities like manufacturing of medical accessories and products like PPEs, masks, etc.
 - How to identify the sparks, i.e., the bright MSMEs who can not only withstand but can also become national and international champions.

