

27 Nov 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

1. PLI Schemes for Pharma Sector

Context:

As per the government, the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes for Bulk Drugs and Medical Devices have shown encouraging response from the pharmaceutical and medical devices industries.

Know more about the PLI scheme in [PIB dated Aug 1, 2020](#).

2. Climate action portal launched

Context:

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched a single point information source for climate action known as the “India Climate Change Knowledge Portal”.

About the Portal:

- The portal will provide information on the different climate initiatives taken by various line ministries enabling users to access updated status on these initiatives.
- The portal captures sector-wise adaptation and mitigation actions that are being taken by the various line ministries in one place including updated information on their implementation.
- The knowledge portal will help in disseminating knowledge among citizens about all the major steps the government is taking at both national and international levels to address climate change issues.
- The eight components of the portal are India’s climate profile, national policy framework, India’s NDC goals, adaptation actions, mitigation actions, bilateral and multilateral cooperation, international climate negotiations, reports & public.
- The portal can be accessed at <https://www.ckcpindia.nic.in/>.

3. National Organ Donation Day

Context:

27 November is observed as ‘National Organ Donation Day’ in India.

Organ donation in India:

- To raise awareness of organ donation, the Indian government observes this Day every year.
- Organ donations have always been abysmally low in India. According to estimates, only 0.65 donations per million population take place in the country, compared to 35 in Spain and 26 in the US.
- The pandemic and the lockdown adversely affected organ donations in India.
- However, even before the pandemic, organ donations have always been low in India.

- According to data released by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in 2019, 1.5-2 lakh people require kidney transplants annually but only about 8,000 (4 per cent) patients receive them.
 - Similarly, almost 80,000 patients require liver transplants every year but only 1,800 of these transplants are performed. About 1 lakh patients require corneal or eye transplants annually but less than half manage to get them.
 - Even for cardiac patients, of the 10,000 who require heart transplants, only about 200 of them match with viable donors.
 - A major reason for this shortage is the lack of awareness among people about the process of donation.
 - Several myths associated with organ donations also hamper the process in India, along with fears of disfigurement, non-acceptance of brain death, religious beliefs and migrant workers not having relatives on-site to give consent.
 - Those who wish to become organ donors need to register themselves on online portals like the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (ROTTO) or the Organ Retrieval Banking Organisation (ORBO).
 - Family members of a deceased person can also consent to donate their organs.
 - As per a 2019 report, only 3% of the population across 12 cities in the country have registered to donate organs.
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