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**TAMIL NADU**

- On September 13, the Tamil Nadu government - notified an order to set up the 17<sup>th</sup> bird sanctuary in Tamil Nadu at Nanjarayan Tank in Tiruppur district



- ✓ On April 25, Minister of Forests K Ramachandran announced in the state Assembly that the Nanjarayan Tank will be turned into a bird sanctuary by using a government fund of Rs 7.5 crore.
- ✓ The 125.8 hectares of Nanjarayan tank, which is also known as Sarkar Periyapalayam reservoir, at Uthukuli taluk in Tirupur shall be developed as the bird sanctuary under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
- ✓ The order also noted the water body is of adequate ecological, faunal, floral, natural, and geomorphological significance.
- ✓ This sanctuary is going to be home to around 130 bird species, including Ruddy shelduck, northern shoveler, and Bar-headed goose
- ✓ Earlier in December 2021, the government declared the Kazhuveli wetland located near Villupuram as the 'Kazhuveli Birds Sanctuary', which is the 16<sup>th</sup> bird sanctuary in the state

# STATES

- **On September 13, Karnataka - announced “third gender” reservations in police recruitment, possibly the first state to do so.**
- ✓ The state government has started the process of hiring 3,484 constables and had reserved 79 posts for the “male third gender” which was clarified to mean as “transgender”.
- ✓ Of the 3,484 posts, 420 have been reserved for Kalyana Karnataka candidates, 11 of them for transgenders.
- ✓ Kalyana Karnataka is a seven-district swathe that was part of erstwhile Nizam territory.
- ✓ Of the remaining 3,064 posts, 68 will be set aside for third gender candidates

# NATIONAL

- **The Union health ministry - released the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) 2022 list by adding 34 medicines and dropping 26 medicines from the previous list**
- ✓ The new list contains four major anti-cancer drugs - Bendamustine Hydrochloride, Irinotecan HCl Trihydrate, Lenalidomide and Leuprolide acetate

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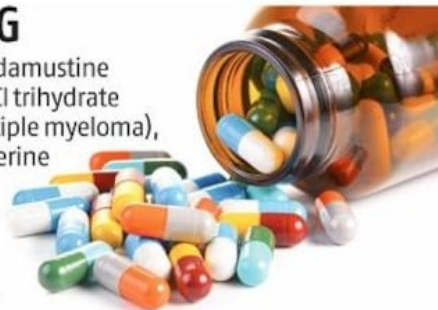
▶ **Four major anti-cancer drugs** – bendamustine hydrochloride (leukemia), irinotecan HCl trihydrate (pancreatic cancer), lenalidomide (multiple myeloma), and leuprolide acetate (prostate and uterine cancer) – added to NLEM 2022

▶ **Insulin glargine and anti-diabetic drug** teneligliptin also included

▶ **Patented drugs** dolutegravir (anti-HIV), daclatasvir (Hepatitis C), and bedaquiline and delamanid (anti-TB) also part of the list

▶ **Common gastrointestinal drug** ranitidine removed

▶ **Disinfectants like bleaching powder** also taken off the list



- ✓ With the announcement of new list by Union health minister Mansukh Mandaviya, the number of medicines under price cap has gone up to 384 across 27 categories in comparison to 376 in NLEM 2015.
- ✓ Inclusion of a drug in the NLEM mandates that it is sold at prices fixed by the National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (NPPA).
- ✓ Nicotine replacement therapy has also been included in the updated list along with the anti-parasitic drug Ivermectin, which was widely prescribed by doctors for treatment of Covid-19
- ✓ Montelukast, used in respiratory diseases, and Latanoprost - an ophthalmological drug - along with popular antibiotics like Meropenem and Cefuroxime are also added in the new list

- ✓ The revised NLEM has four patented drugs — Bedaquiline, Delamanid (for TB), Dolutegravir and Daclatasavir.
- ✓ The new list also contains drug medicines to treat endocrine disorders, Fludrocortisone, Ormeloxifene, and anti-diabetic drugs like insulin Glargine and Teneeligiptin.
- ✓ The rotavirus vaccine, which became part of the National Immunisation Programme (NIP) in 2016 was also included in the NLEM 2022.
- ✓ Among the medicines that have been dropped from the list includes bleaching powder, antacid ranitidine and anti-hypertension dugs Atenolol and Methyldopa.
- ✓ These drugs have been dropped based on parameters of cost-effectiveness, emerging new evidence pointing towards the side-effects, and availability of better alternatives in the market
- ✓ The National List of Essential Medicines was first formulated in 1996 with 279 drugs and it was revised thrice earlier in 2003, 2011, and 2015
- ✓ The independent Standing National Committee on Medicines was constituted by Union health ministry in 2018.
- ✓ The committee, after detailed consultation with experts and stakeholders, revised the NLEM, 2015, and submitted its revised list of 399 formulations on NLEM, 2022, to the ministry of health and family welfare.
- ✓ The drugs in NLEM are included in scheduled category and their price is regulated by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **India - will host the G-20 leaders' summit in New Delhi on September 9 and 10 in 2023 under its Presidency**



- ✓ India is set to take over the presidency of G20 for a year from Indonesia, which is set to host the leaders' summit in November.
- ✓ The country will hold the presidency from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023.
- ✓ Under its Presidency, India is expected to host more than 200 preparatory and other meetings across the country, beginning in December this year
- ✓ India will take over the presidency next year after twice swapping the presidency of the G20, first with Italy in 2021 and then with Indonesia in 2022
- ✓ The Group of Twenty is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.
  - ✓ It comprises 19 countries – Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK and the US – and the European Union (EU).
  - ✓ Collectively, the G20 accounts for 85% of the global GDP, 75% of international trade and two-thirds of the world population
- ✓ India is currently part of the G20 Troika, which comprises the current, previous and incoming G20 presidencies and includes Indonesia, Italy and India
- ✓ During its presidency, the troika will include India, Indonesia and Brazil.
- ✓ This will be the first time that the troika will consist of three developing countries and emerging economies
- ✓ There is a tradition of the G20 presidency inviting guest countries and international organisations to its meetings and summit.
- ✓ In addition to regular international organisations such as the UN, IMF, World Bank, WHO, WTO and ILO and chairs of regional organisations such as ASEAN, India, during its presidency, will invite Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and the United Arab Emirates as guest countries.
- ✓ India will also invite the International Solar Alliance, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and Asian Development Bank as guest international organisations.

## **DEFENCE**

- **India and Japan - are now conducting the bilateral 'JIMEX' naval combat exercise in the Bay of Bengal**





- ✓ In the meantime, an Indian warship and maritime patrol aircraft have also reached Australia to take part in the multi-nation 'Kakadu' wargames .
- ✓ The two exercises are the examples of India's improved defence ties with the other 'Quad' countries Japan and Australia in a big way.
- ✓ At the sixth edition of JIMEX, Japan has deployed its helicopter carrier Izumo and guided-missile destroyer Takanami.
- ✓ India has fielded the multi-purpose stealth frigate INS Sahyadri and anti-submarine warfare corvettes INS Kadmatt and INS Kavaratti, along with MiG-29K fighters.

## ECONOMY

- **On September 13, Indian conglomerate Vedanta and its joint venture partner Taiwanese electronics manufacturing giant Foxconn - signed a MoU with the Gujarat government to set up a semiconductor and display manufacturing unit in the state.**



- ✓ The new unit will be set up with an investment of \$20 billion (approx Rs.1. 5 lakh crore), which is the largest-ever investment by any group in a state in India
- ✓ The MOU was signed in the presence of Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw
- ✓ As per the new MoU, both the companies will set up a semiconductor fabrication unit, a display fabrication unit, and a semiconductor assembling and testing unit in Ahmedabad district
- ✓ Vedanta Displays Limited will set up the country's first Display Fab Unit in Gujarat with an investment of Rs 94,500 crore
- ✓ Further, Vedanta Semiconductors Limited will set up an integrated Semiconductor Fab Unit and OSAT (Outsourced semiconductor assembly and test) facility in Ahmedabad with an investment of Rs 60,000 crore
- ✓ The units will generate around 1 lakh new employment opportunities in the state.
- ✓ As incentives, Vedanta had sought 1,000 acres of land free of cost on a 99-year lease, and water and power at concessionary and fixed prices for 20 years

- ✓ The first phase of the project will see an investment of \$10 billion over two-three years
- ✓ In February this year, the Vedanta Group and Foxconn entered into a joint venture (60:40) to manufacture semiconductors in India
- ✓ Vedanta applied for the government's Rs 76,000-crore production-linked incentive scheme for development of semiconductors and display manufacturing ecosystem in India
- ✓ In July, the Gujarat government became one of the first states to announce a dedicated, subsidies-laden policy for semiconductor and display fab manufacturing.
- ✓ India's semiconductor market is estimated to reach \$63 billion by 2026 from \$15 billion in 2020.

## NATIONAL DAY

### ➤ Hindi Diwas - September 14



- ✓ Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day is observed every year to mark the popularity of Hindi as an official language of India and to promote its use across the nation
- ✓ On the occasion of Hindi Diwas, Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the second edition of two-day 'All India Rajbhasha Sammelan'
- ✓ The first Hindi Day was celebrated on September 14, 1953, after the then Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru decided to commemorate this day
- ✓ On September 14, 1949, the Constituent Assembly accepted Hindi in the Devanagari script as the official language of India, according to Article 343 of the Constitution
- ✓ The day also marks celebrating the birthday of Beohar Rajendra Simha in the year 1916 who played a crucial role in getting Hindi in Devanagari script.
- ✓ Rajbhasha Week, also known as Hindi Week, is held from September 14 to September 21 to promote the Hindi language
- ✓ Bihar became the first state in India to adopt Hindi as its official state language replacing Urdu with Hindi in 1881.

- ✓ Mahatma Gandhi was the first to advocate for making Hindi the national language of India in Hindi Sahitya Sammelan in 1918
- ✓ **World Hindi Day or Vishwa Hindi Diwas is celebrated on January 10 every year, with an aim to promote the use of the Hindi language worldwide.**
- ✓ The first World Hindi Conference was held on January 10, 1975 in Nagpur, Maharashtra
- ✓ Indira Gandhi, India's then-prime minister, had inaugurated the conference
- ✓ The first conference's chief guest was then-Prime Minister of Mauritius, Seewoosagur Ramgoolam.
- ✓ There were 122 delegates from 30 countries in attendance.
- ✓ Hindi is the fourth most spoken language in the world after Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English.
- ✓ The language is also spoken in countries Mauritius, Trinidad and Tobago, Fiji, Suriname, Guyana and Nepal.
- ✓ The first journal in Hindi language was published on the Internet in 2000



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