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11th, January, 2022

Topic: Health

Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains

What is the news?

- State Red Cross to promote Ayurveda.
- The Governor stressed the importance of promoting Junior and youth Red Cross activities.
- Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar has stressed on organizing Ayurvedic Medical Camps through the Red Cross. He said that the Red Cross should be made a 'Janandolan' with the participation of the people.

Important:

- **The Governor, who is also the President of the State Red Cross.**

About IRCS:

- The Indian Red Cross is a voluntary humanitarian organization having a network of over 1100 branches throughout the country, providing relief in times of disasters/emergencies and promotes health & care of the vulnerable people and communities. It is one of the largest independent humanitarian organizations in the world, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
- The movement is divided into three main components: the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the National Societies and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
- The Mission of the Indian Red Cross is to inspire, encourage and initiate at all times all forms of humanitarian activities so that human suffering can be minimized and even prevented and thus contribute to creating a more congenial climate for peace.
- The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) established in 1920 by the Indian Red Cross Society Act and incorporated under the Parliament Act, XV, 1920. The act was last amended in 1992, with rules established in 1994.
- The IRCS has 36 State / Union Territories Branches with their more than 1100 districts and sub district branches.
- Honorable President of India is the President and Hon'ble Union Health Minister is the Chairman of the Society.
- The Vice Chairman is elected by the members of the Managing Body.
- The National Managing Body consists of 18 members.
- The Chairman and 6 members are nominated by the President. The remaining 12 are elected by the state and union territory branches through an electoral college.
- The Managing Body is responsible for governance and supervision of the functions of the society through a

number of committees.

- The Secretary General is the Chief Executive of the Society.

(Source: H P Government and indianredcross)

Topic: International Funding in Agriculture

Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains

What is the news?

- ADB-funded project for Kutlehar farmers: Agriculture Minister Virender Kanwar

Purpose:

- The HP Sub-Tropical Horticulture, Irrigation and Value Addition (HP SHIVA) project will be implemented on 5,000 Kanals of land in Kutlehar where farmers have either stopped cultivating due to wild animals or where horticulture is not in practice.
- The project aims to stimulate the planting of subtropical fruits like orange, litchi, pomegranate and guava in the lower parts of the state.
- Drip irrigation and electric wire fencing will be provided to the farmers.

Amount:

- A sum of Rs 1,000 crores, funded by the Asian Development Bank, will be spent in the first phase of the project, which will begin in 2023 and culminate in 2029.

Already started working:

- **Two front line demonstration plots have been set up under the project in Bangana for cultivation techniques of pomegranate and guava.** Expressing the need to save water, he said a water harvesting structure to irrigate 5000 Kanals of land is ready in Samoor village, while another check dam in Chaploh village was also complete.

About ADB:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) envisions a prosperous, inclusive, resilient and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while supporting its efforts to eliminate extreme poverty in the region. Despite the region's many successes, it remains home to a large share of the world's poor: 263 million living on less than \$1.90 a day and 1.1 billion on less than \$3.20 a day.
- ADB assists its members, and partners, by providing loans, technical assistance, grants, and equity investments to promote social and economic development.
- ADB maximizes development impact by facilitating policy dialogues, providing advisory services and mobilizing financial resources through co-financing operations that leverage official sources, commercial and export credit institutions.

Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines

Membership: 68 countries

President: Masatsugu Asakawa.

Founded: 19 December 1966

(Source: HP Tribune)

Topic: Honor for State

Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims

What is the news?

- The Indian Public Schools' Conference (IPSC) conferred the prestigious **Gaur Hari Singhania Lifetime Achievement Award** on Capt AJ Singh, executive director, Pinegrove School, at the 82nd IPSC Principals' Conclave held at The Doon School, Dehradun, today.
- The award was given in the presence of the Union's Minister of Education, Skills Development and Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan, online during the closing ceremony of the conclave.

Purpose:

- His exemplary work in promoting the Pinegrove School from scratch and raising it to a prestigious post among the IPSC schools earned him the honor.
- His contributions to the IPSC as well as introduce

innovations in the field of education were also recognized.

About him:

- Capt AJ Singh was in the Army, who took premature retirement to pursue the noble profession of education. He has contributed to the Executive Committee of the IPSC for about a decade and worked selflessly in conducting IPSC/SGFI tournaments, organizing conclaves, reframing the IPSC bylaws, restarting IPSC teacher training seminars and IPSC student conclaves.

(Source: HP Tribune)

Topic: Honor for State

Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims

What is the news?

- The Una District Administration was selected for a silver medal in the SKOCH Order of Merit for its **Super-50 program**.

What is the aim of the scheme?

- It aimed to provide coaching to deserving students from government schools for the NEET and JEE entry exams.
- The Super-50 program was launched in 2019 and every year

50 deserving students were selected by the district administration for free two-year coaching.

(Source: HP Tribune)

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