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# ***18th, Feburary, 2022***

## ***Topic: Healthcare and Technology***

### ***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

#### ***What is the news?***

- The government uses drones to deliver medicines, a trial underway in Chamba.

#### ***Who did the Himachal government sign the memorandum of understanding with?***

- The State Department of Information Technology has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Skye Air for the intensive use of drones to deliver medicines and agricultural products.
- As part of the strategic partnership, drone delivery tech firm Skye Air started a three-day trial in Chamba district yesterday to connect six primary and community

health centers with hospitals in the area via multiple flights covering an aerial distance of 170 km.

### ***How will that help?***

- The drone delivery tech firm is using its most reliable UAV 'Skye Ship One' to facilitate real-time deliveries of vaccines and medicines within a specified temperature range of 2°C to 8°C.
- There will be several reverse logistics flights, which will also be done to assist in adopting drone technology to enable cost-effective deliveries within the state.

### ***Mukesh Repaswal, Director, Department of Information Technology, shared:***

- The flights, with lots of medical supplies, took place at an altitude of 400 feet above ground level in a designated green area of the Chamba District.

### ***Tested in three places:***

The flights took place at three air corridors – Chaned, Tissa and Mehla – demonstrating the effectiveness of drones in steep mountain ranges and air-pockets.

“The use of drones can be a critical intervention in improving the ease of access to services in mountainous and remote regions of Himachal Pradesh. The demo in Chamba will help determine the benefits of using drones in drug delivery and the benefits of drone governance.”

He added that the Department of Information Technology was

keen to extend the drone-based delivery ecosystem across the state for various purposes.

“We are excited about our new partnership with the Himachal Government and look forward to providing better access to health care in the most remote parts of the state. We will begin with approximately 25 flights during the test phase, which will address the challenges of challenging weather and terrain,” said Swapnik Jakkampundi, co-founder of Skye Air.

*(Source: HP Tribune)*

## ***Topic: Birth Anniversary***

***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

### ***What is the news?***

- Chief Minister Shri Jayaram Thakur ji saluted the great saint and thinker ***Swami Ramakrishna Paramhans ji*** on his birth anniversary.
- He played an exemplary role in spreading Indian culture through his spiritual knowledge.

### ***About Swami Ramakrishna Paramhans ji:***

- Date of Birth: February 18, 1836
- Place of Birth: Kamarpukur village, Hoogly District, Bengal Presidency
- Parents: Khudiram Chattopadhyay (Father) and Chandramani Devi (Mother)

- Wife: Saradmoni Devi
- Religious Views: Hinduism; Advaitaism;
- Philosophy: Shakto, Advaita Vedanta, Universal Tolerance
- Death: 16, August, 1886
- Place of Death: Cossipore, Calcutta
- Memorial: Kamarpukur village, Hoogly District, West Bengal; Dakshineswar Kali Temple Compound, Kolkata, West Bengal

*(Source: HP Government)*

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