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March 9th, 2020

Topic:- Water Pollution

Importance:- Mains paper

What is the news?

- Toxic waste dumped into Malpur khud.
- The water body in Baddi turns dark blue; discharge to further pollute Sarsa river.

Issue:-

- Water in the Malpur khud in the Baddi industrial area turned blue as a tanker dumped untreated toxic-ridden industrial effluents of a pharmaceutical unit into it this afternoon.

- The khud confluences into Sarsa river whose water quality was already under the radar of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) for failing to adhere to the laid norms.

Impact:-

- Toxic effluents would cause to the aquatic flora and fauna, the unit management had engaged a tanker to dump the effluents into this water body.
- The entire khud turned dark blue within no time as the toxic concentrated industrial effluents got mixed with water.

Important:-

- The water quality of Sarsa river in Baddi was placed under 'priority III' by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) during an assessment based on the biological oxygen demand – dissolved oxygen needed by organisms to break down organic material and content-released in September 2018. It was found to be between 8 and 16 mg per litre as against the safe limit of 3 mg per litre.

(Source:- The Tribune)

Topic:-Honour for the state.

Importance:- Prelims

What is the news?

- Honour for a doctor on Women's Day.

Context:-

- To mark Women's Day, the Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry has recognised Dr Seema Thakur, head of the department of paediatrics and preventive dentistry, HP Govt Dental College and Hospital, Shimla, as a distinguished woman for her contribution in the field of paediatric dentistry.

What is the name of the doctor?

- Dr Seema Thakur.

Award for which field?

- As a distinguished woman for her contribution in the field of paediatric dentistry.

Which organisation gave this?

- Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry.

About her past contributions:-

- Dr Seema has made many achievements in her life. She had introduced the concept of presurgical nasoalveolar moulding on infants born with a cleft lip at the Shimla dental college.
- She has been associated with many schools for children with special healthcare needs in Shimla.
- Her work has also found a place in various journals. Dr Seema was also the recipient of the 'Best presentation award' for the Best Scientific Paper at the 38th National Conference of the ISPPD held at Kochi in 2016.

(Source:- The Tribune)

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