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## ***March 12, 2020***

### ***Topic: Health among Prisoners.***

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

- ***5.5% of prisoners in the state jails HIV Positive.***

#### ***Survey report:-***

- A survey has been carried out, which has highlighted a few things about the HIV status of the jail inmates and convicts.
- Around 5.5% of the inmates and convicts lodged in the jails are suffering from HIV – AIDS.

#### ***Steps to be taken by Punjab Govt:-***

- To counter this menace, the Punjab government is

planning to set up Antiretroviral Treatment ( ATR) in 4 central jails- Kapurthala, Amritsar, Bathinda and Ferozepur.

- Other centres would also undertake screening, monitoring and treatment of the inmates

### ***Status report to HC:-***

- A status report has been furnished to honourable Punjab and Haryana High Court regarding the same.
- Further, around 1630 inmates were suffering from HIV+ in 9 central jails.
- Faridkot jail with 439 HIV+ affected inmates tops the list.

### ***It has been followed by:***

- Ferozepur – 322
- Amritsar – 299 and
- Kapurthala- 210.

The jail administration in Kapurthala Modern jail had even set up a separate cell in the complex for Lodging around 113 HIV+ inmates.

(Source:- The Tribune)

***Topic: Inadequate health infrastructure***

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

- Ferozepur veterinary hospitals are facing a shortage of staff and types of equipment.
- Ferozepur district of Punjab boasts of 2.73 lakh cattle.
- But Government Veterinary services in the district is facing acute shortages.
- Broken window panes, drug addicts hideouts, shambolic infrastructure is now a common sight.
- The safety of the building is also under the scanner as it doesn't seem any good.
- As per information, 57 veterinary hospitals are there, out of which only 14 have adequate staff.
- Out of over 39 veterinary dispensaries, 20 are devoid of a veterinary inspector.
- Ultrasound machines, X-ray machinery etc are too in short supply.
- Also, The Agriculture department should form a task force to look into the issue.
- Adequate motivation and remuneration should be there for the veterinary staff.
- Corporate social responsibility Funds could also be utilised for this purpose.

(Source:- The Tribune)

***Topic:- Sports***

## What is the news?

- **Sh. Balbir Singh Ji on being bestowed with 'Icon of the Century' award at the TOISA2019.**

## What are these TOISA awards all about?

- The Times of India Sports Award is a tribute to Blood, Sweat and Tears of Indian sportspersons. This award is our endeavour to honour the past, celebrate the present and nurture the future of Indian sports.

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