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# ***16<sup>th</sup> September 2019***

## ***Topic:- Environment Protection.***

### ***News:-Nanak vans – A tribute by ‘green man’.***

#### ***Context:-***

- Indian Revenue Service officer Rohit Mehra has found a unique way to do his bit for the 550th Parkash Utsav to be celebrated in November.
- Mehra has earned the sobriquet of the “green man” for his contribution towards increasing the green cover of the state. He is now looking at raising awareness among the Sikh devotees to start creating “micro-jungles” (patches of dense tree growth) across the state, as an ode to the founder of Sikhism.

#### ***What are Nanak vans?***

- After setting up vertical gardens at major public places in Ludhiana and Amritsar, Mehra is establishing a series of green patches, called “Nanak vans”. Unlike the Nanak

Bagechi being promoted by the Punjab Government as part of the celebrations, Mehra's "vans" are being set up as a people's movement with the use of agriculture waste to turn the soil fertile.

- Green Man shared Whatever agriculture waste we get in the vicinity of the land available to us for growing the small forest (2,000 to 6,000 sq ft), is used to fertilise the soil where saplings are planted.

(Source:- The Tribune)

## ***Topic:- Education***

***News:- 450 seats still vacant in meritorious schools.***

***Kids with 45 to 49.99% entrance score now eligible.***

### ***Context:-***

- The Education Department seems to have found itself in a tight spot as 450 seats are still vacant in 10 meritorious schools in the state even after four rounds of counselling

### ***Initiative for Meritorious schools:-***

- The meritorious schools were opened in 2016 to impart quality education, exclusively, to the students (scoring above 80 per cent in the PSEB Class X board exams) from a rural and poor background. But, the programme seems to have lost its sheen over the years.

(Source:- The Tribune)

## ***Topic:- Good Governance***

(Important for Mains)

### ***News:-***

- Today in Punjab government Cabinet Meeting we decided to appoint IT Cadre who will be deputed across departments to help in seamless adoption of E-Governance.

### ***Purpose:-***

- This will transform old-established physical ways of providing govt. services to real-time delivery of all services with 100% transparency.

(Source:-Government Website)

## ***Topic:- New Policy***

- The Punjab Cabinet led by Captain Amarinder Singh approved the Punjab Custom Milling Policy for Paddy (Kharif 2019-20), with more security provisions, including criminal penalty for diversion of rice.

## ***Aim: -***

- The scheme, aimed at ensuring seamless milling of paddy and smooth delivery of rice to the Central Pool from more than 4000 mills operating in the state, would be followed by state procuring agencies i.e. PUNGRAIN, MARKFED, PUNSUP, and Punjab State Warehousing Corporation (PSWC), as well as the Food Corporation of India and the Rice Millers/their legal heirs.

## ***Which department will act as a nodal agency?***

- The Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Punjab will act as the Nodal Department.

## ***Important Facts of Punjab:-***

- Balwinder Singh Sidhu on being conferred with National award for managing stubble without burning paddy stubble for 7 long years.
- Balwinder is an inspiration to all our farmers and I would urge everyone to follow in his footsteps.

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# **QUIZ: -**

**Question 1:-When is World's Ozone day celebrated?**

1. 12<sup>th</sup> September
2. 14<sup>th</sup> September
3. 15<sup>th</sup> September
4. 16<sup>th</sup> September

**Question 2:- Who conferred with National award for managing stubble without burning paddy stubble for 7 long years from Punjab?**

1. Balwinder Singh Sidhu
2. Jaspreet Singh Dhillon
3. Balwant Singh Sidhu
4. None

**Answers: -**

- Q1:- 4
- Q2:- 1

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