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12th August 2019

Topic:- Health

News:- 300 inmates(Prisoners) found infected with hepatitis C in Amritsar.

What is hepatitis C?

- ***Hepatitis C is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV): the virus can cause both acute and chronic hepatitis, ranging in severity from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious, lifelong illness.***
- ***Hepatitis C is a major cause of liver cancer.***
- ***The hepatitis C virus is a bloodborne virus: the most common modes of infection are through exposure to small quantities of blood. This may happen through injection drug use, unsafe injection practices, unsafe health care, transfusion of unscreened blood and blood products, and sexual practices that lead to exposure to blood.***

Transmission

- *The hepatitis C virus is a bloodborne virus. It is most commonly transmitted through injecting drug use through the sharing of injection equipment;*
- *the reuse or inadequate sterilization of medical equipment, especially syringes and needles in healthcare settings;*
- *the transfusion of unscreened blood and blood products;*
- *sexual practices that lead to exposure to blood (for example, among men who have sex with men, particularly those with HIV infection or those taking pre-exposure prophylaxis against HIV infection).*
- *HCV can also be transmitted sexually and can be passed from an infected mother to her baby; however, these modes of transmission are less common.*
- *Hepatitis C is not spread through breast milk, food, water or casual contact such as hugging, kissing and sharing food or drinks with an infected person.*

Amritsar Jail Superintendent:-

- *Rule out the possibility of drug abuse.*

2) Topic:- Scheme

News:- Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana Scheme launched by the Health and Welfare ministry.

About Scheme:-

- *Announced 80% of Punjab Population to come under this scheme.*

- *Aimed at providing annual health cover of Rs five lakh per family to 43.18 lakh families of Punjab.*

3) Topic:- Institute or Centre.

News:- HPCL to build a community centre in Sangrur.

Context:- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited(HPCL) under the Corporate social responsibility(CSR) will spend 60 lakh rupees to construct community centre at Ambedkar Nagar, Sangrur.

What is CSR?

- *Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is a self-regulating business model that helps a company be socially accountable – to itself, its stakeholders, and the public.*

What is the community centre?

- *Community centres or community halls are public locations where members of a community tend to gather for group activities, social support, public information, and other purposes.*

4) Topic:- Agriculture and Environment

News:- Farmers to get up to 80% subsidy for equipment.

Context:-

- **To make Punjab a “Zero Stubble Burning state”, the agriculture department has initiated a drive to provide more than 28,000 agro-machines to farmers with a subsidy.**
- **50% to 80% is being provided to the farmers under the scheme of Paddy residue management.**
- **80% subsidy to cooperative societies & farmers groups, individuals will get a subsidy of 50%.**

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QUIZ:-

Question 1:- HPCL to build a community centre in which district?

- 1. Amritsar**
- 2. Moga**
- 3. Patiala**
- 4. Sangrur**

Question 2:- hepatitis C is a type of?

1. *Virus*
2. *Bacteria*
3. *Fungal*
4. *None*

Question 3:- Choose correct about Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana Scheme:-

1. *It will cover 80% of Punjab Population to come under this scheme*
2. *Aimed at providing annual health cover of Rs five lakh per family*

1. *Only 1*
2. *Only 2*
3. *Both*
4. *None*

ANSWERS :-

- *Q1:-4*
- *Q2:-1*
- *Q3:-C*

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