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# 19th August 2019.

Topic:- Drugs(Social issues)--Important for Mains.

1) News: - Anti-drug panels to give reward for info.

#### Rewards: -

- The anti-drug committee of Gurusar village has announced to give money to those giving information about drugs.
- They have announced to give a cash reward of Rs 500 if the tip-off given by an informer leads to seizure of narcotics, psychotropic and controlled substances. This is just to involve the maximum number of villagers and get authentic information.
- The cash reward could be increased if the information led to a big seizure.

Purpose: - To curb the drug menace.

# Topic: - Government Services to People.

#### 2) News: - eSewa for arms licensing.

#### About this eSEWA: -

• It is for various services related to the issuance of arms licence, the Punjab Government has brought at least 23 related services under eSewa, an application developed by the Punjab State eGovernance Society.

# What used to happen previously?

- 1. The services were earlier being processed through District Magistrate Offices. Now, all arms licensing-related services are to be processed through eSewa application. All changes in the Arms Rules, 2016, that were notified last year, have been incorporated in the new application.
- 2. In case of deletion of weapon service for a weapon lost, the licensing authority, instead of seeking a report from District Magistrates, would now be able to access online data mentioned in eSewa application.
- 3. For cancellation of arms licence in case of death, the legal heirs, instead of the cumbersome process of seeking five permissions for deposit of weapon, NOC for sale or transfer, release of weapon for sale, deletion of weapon from licence and cancellation of arms licence had now to apply for only three: permission for deposit of weapon, NOC for sale and deletion of weapon.

#### Changes: -

• The licensing authorities have been asked to delegate powers to the Assistant Commissioner (General) for services such as deposit of weapon in case of death, an extension of cartridges and extension of the purchase period. Similarly, the powers of Executive Magistrate for the purpose of physical verification of weapons during entry of weapon service and renewal of arms licence have been delegated to Naib Tehsildars.

# Topic: - New Scheme in Punjab.

3) News: - Govt to launch universal insurance plan tomorrow.

#### About Scheme: -

- 1. The Punjab Government is all set to launch the universal health insurance scheme "Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana" (SSBY).
- 2. 43.18 lakh families of Punjab would be provided with the annual health cover of Rs five lakh. "These families are comprising of 14.86 lakh PMJAY families(Centre:State-60:40), 20.48 lakh other poor families possessing blue cards, 7.84 lakh families from various departments like five lakh farmers under Punjab Mandi Board, 46,000 families under Excise and Taxation Department and 2.38 lakh construction workers registered with construction worker's welfare board.
- 3. Beneficiaries are provided secondary and tertiary care treatment under the scheme, for which all public hospitals above the Community Health Centre (CHC) level

- are also empanelled to provide secondary and tertiary care treatment.
- 4. The state government has brought journalists into the ambit of its recently launched flagship universal health insurance scheme 'Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana' (SSBY). Around 4,500 journalists are expected to benefit from this scheme. All journalists accredited to the state government or holding yellow cards will be eligible.

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# QUIZ: -

# Question1:- Choose correct about the scheme "Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana" (SSBY):-

- 1. 14.86 lakh beneficiary families of PMJAY having Centre: State is 70:30.
- 2. The state government has exuded journalists into the ambit of its recently launched flagship universal health insurance scheme 'Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana' (SSBY).
- 1. Only 1
- 2. Only 2
- 3. Both
- 4. None

#### Answer: -

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