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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Asia's biggest hospital with state-of-the-art technology, including a centrally located, fully automated laboratory, was officially inaugurated by Prime Minister.
 - Amrita hospital, built in Faridabad of Haryana, was sponsored by the Mata Amritanandmayi Math.
- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to build an education township in the state for the first in the country.
 - The education township will be developed on the idea of 'Single Entry, Multiple Exit'.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved the categorization of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) as an 'International Organization'.

NATIONAL

Healthcare services to Transgender Persons



MoU For Providing Free Healthcare Services to Transgender Population

Under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY SMILE

Key Features:

-  Approximately **4.80 Lakh Transgender Person Will Benefit**
-  AB PM-JAY benefits Along With Sex Reassignment Surgery Treatment Benefits up to **₹ 5 Lakh** Per Beneficiary Per Year
-  Comprehensive Package Master Including **AB PM-JAY Packages & Sex Reassignment Surgery Treatment Packages**



- ❖ The National Health Authority (NHA) and the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment recently signed a MoU.
- ❖ It aims to providing the holistic health services to transgender persons under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- ❖ The holder of the Transgender Certificate, issued by the National Portal for Transgender Persons across the country, will get the benefit of all health facilities.
- ❖ All the empanelled hospitals of AB-PMAJY will provide free treatment to transgenders where special packages will be available.
- ❖ Under AB-PMAJY, every eligible person gets a health insurance cover of up to Rs 5 lakh every year.

Benami Transaction (Prohibition) Amendment Act 2016

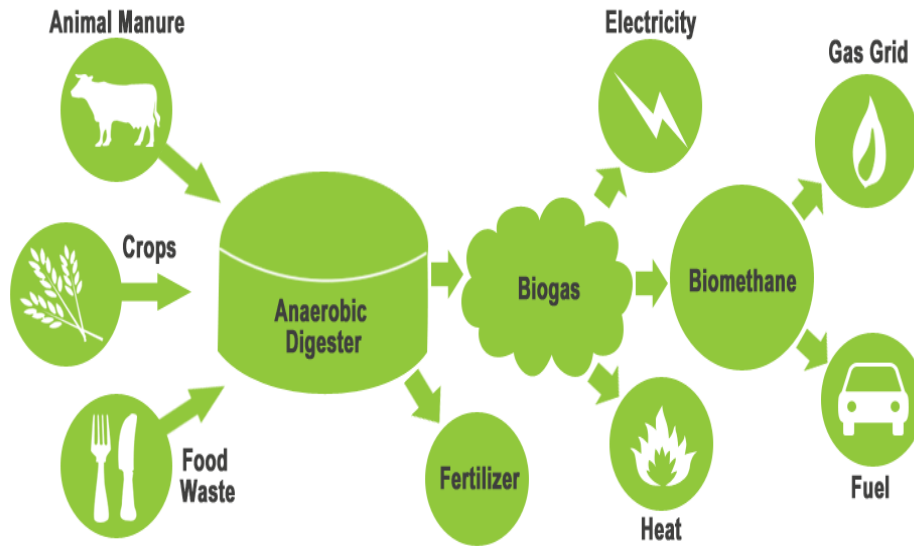
Penalty Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Amendment Act, 2016		
Penalty: offences are non-cognisable non- bailable.		
Offence	Fine	Imprisonment
For guilty of offence of a benami transaction	Upto 25% of the Fair Market Value	Minimum 1 year upto 7 years
For providing false information	Upto 10% of the Fair Market Value	Minimum 6 months upto 5 years

- ❖ The Supreme Court ruled that the Benami Transaction (Prohibition) Amendment Act of 2016 will apply prospectively.
- ❖ The Authorities concerned cannot initiate or continue criminal prosecution or confiscation proceedings for transactions entered into prior to the coming into force of the 2016 Act, that is October 25, 2016."
- ❖ As a consequence of the above declaration, all such prosecutions or confiscation proceedings (for transactions between 1988 and 2016) shall stand quashed.

Cow dung compressed biogas project

- ❖ Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) started its Cow dung to Compressed Biogas project in Sanchore, Rajasthan.
- ❖ This will be HPCL's first project under the Waste to Energy portfolio.
- ❖ The plant proposes to use 100 tonnes of cow dung per day for the production of biogas.

- ❖ It can be used as automotive fuel.
- ❖ The project is being developed under the GOBAR-DHAN scheme and is expected to be commissioned in a year.
- ❖ The GOBAR (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources)-Dhan scheme has been implemented as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).



INTERNATIONAL

Longest ever drought in China



- ❖ China is facing its biggest drought ever.
- ❖ Drought has dried up rivers and affected power generation at hydroelectric power plants.
- ❖ There is darkness in small and big cities due to no electricity.

- ❖ After 64 years, the longest river in Asia - Yangtze, which is the largest river in China, has dried up.

India - Egypt 75th Anniversary of diplomatic ties



- ❖ Egypt released a postage stamp to commemorate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations with India.
- ❖ Diplomatic relations between India and Egypt began when Egypt recognized India's independence on 18 August 1947.
- ❖ The two countries became even closer in the 1950s, which resulted in a historic friendship treaty in 1955.
- ❖ Egypt is one of the largest investment destinations for India in the region with the current Indian investment of USD 3.15 billion.
- ❖ The defence cooperation between India and Egypt flourished in 1960s.
- ❖ India and Egypt manufactured the Helan-300 jet fighter jointly.
- ❖ The Indo-Egypt Joint Defence Committee was established in 2006.
- ❖ Since then, the committee has met six times.
- ❖ India and Egypt also organize bilateral military exercise 'Exercise Desert Warrior',

SCO defense minister meeting

- ❖ Meeting of defence ministers of the countries of Shanghai Cooperation Organization held in Uzbekistan.
- ❖ The SCO summit is going to be held in Samarkand Uzbekistan on 15-16 September.

- ❖ The heads of government of 8 member countries including India, Russia, China, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan are participating in it.
- ❖ SCO, also dubbed as Shanghai Pact, is a Eurasian political, economic & security alliance.



PEN-PLUS Strategy

CALL FOR SUPPORT **PEN-Plus Strategy at the WHO AFRO Resolution**



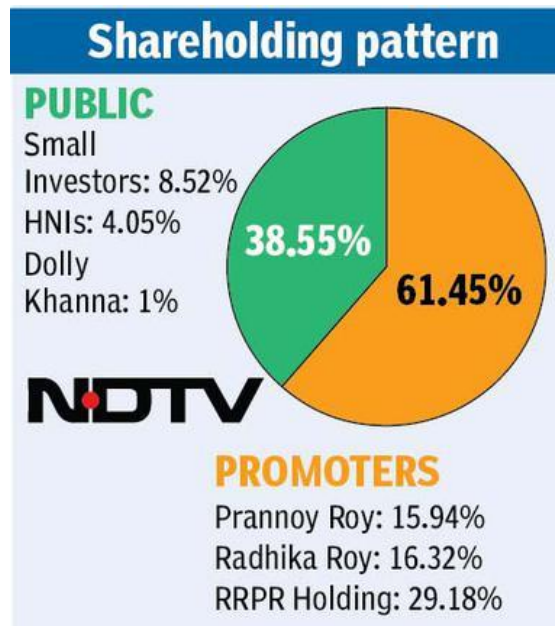
Re: Support the WHO/AFRO Resolution to Adopt a Regional PEN-Plus Strategy to Address Severe NCDs

- ❖ The African health ministers had adopted the PEN-PLUS strategy against non-communicable diseases.
- ❖ In Africa, the NCDs are mostly treated in the major cities.
- ❖ This worsens health inequities, as it puts care out of reach for most rural, peri-urban and low-income patients.
- ❖ To overcome this Africa has adopted a new strategy called PEN-PLUS.

- ❖ The PEN-PLUS strategy is a Regional Strategy to address Severe NCDs at the First-Level Referral Health Facilities by increasing the access to the essential medicines, technologies, diagnostics and treatment.
- ❖ This will bridge the access gap in treatment, as NCDs account for most of the out-of-pocket spending of patients in Africa.
- ❖ The PEN-PLUS strategy has been successfully implemented and scaled up in Liberia, Malawi and Rwanda.

ECONOMY

NDTV and Adani Group



- ❖ Adani Group announced the indirect acquisition of a 29.2% in the NDTV.
- ❖ Also, it offered to buy another 26% from the open market.
- ❖ Now Adani Group will need approval from India's markets regulator SEBI.

STATES

Online medicine monitoring system

- ❖ Kerala government will soon launch an online medicine monitoring facility.
- ❖ It aims to track the availability and distribution of medicines in government medical institutions in the state.

- ❖ The facility comes after reports of shortage of medicines, even basic medicines, emerged in some government hospitals.

75 lakh cases in digital Lok Adalat

AI-POWERED TECHNOLOGY IN RAJASTHAN LOK ADALAT



- ❖ The Digital Lok Adalat in Rajasthan constituted a total of 568 benches.
- ❖ They got registration of total of 5,62,295 cases.
- ❖ 2,28,863 were cases at the pre-litigation stage and 3,33,432 were pending cases before various courts of the state.
- ❖ In Maharashtra, a total of 63,99,983 traffic challan cases were registered with the Digital Lok Adalat.
- ❖ This was the first time ever that the Lok Adalats were made end-to-end digital mode.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Internaut Day - Aug 23



- ❖ This was the day when the World Wide Web was opened to the public back in the year 1991.
- ❖ For the first time by WWW inventor Tim Berners Lee as he allowed its access to all.
- ❖ CERN announced that internet would be free to everyone and there would be no fee for its use.
- ❖ Lee, an English computer scientist, invented the World Wide Web in 1989 while working at the CERN, Geneva of Switzerland.

Women's Equality Day - Aug 26

- ❖ The day is celebrated to commemorate the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution in 1920.
- ❖ It grants women the right to vote.
- ❖ The theme for 2022 observation is "Hard Won... Not Done".

