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NATIONAL

Medical devices park

- ❖ The Central government approved the setting up four medical device parks (MedSpark) in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala
- ❖ Country's first MedSpark is to be set up in Thonnakkal, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- ❖ It is the joint initiative of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (SCTIMST), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (KSIDC).

National Medical Commission

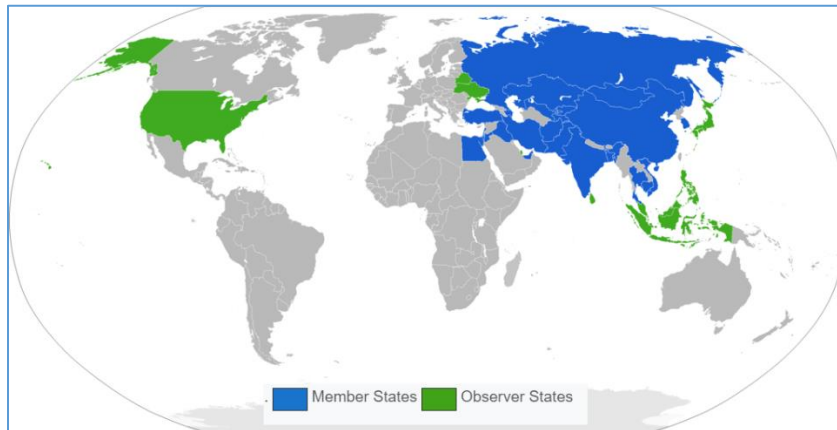
- ❖ The Union government has set up the National Medical Commission (NMC) along with four other autonomous boards while abolishing the Medical Council of India.
- ❖ The four autonomous boards include:
 - Undergraduate Medical Education Board.
 - Postgraduate Medical Education Board.
 - Medical Assessment and Rating Board.
 - Ethics and Medical Registration Board.
- ❖ These boards have been constituted to help the NMC in day-to-day functioning.
- ❖ The NMC Act received the assent of the President on August 8, 2019.
- ❖ The NMC comprises a chairman, 10 ex-officio members and 22 part-time members.
- ❖ Suresh Chandra Sharma will be the first chairman for three years.

INTERNATIONAL

Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA)

- ❖ The Special Ministerial conference of CICA was held recently with India participation.

- ❖ It is an inter-governmental forum for enhancing cooperation towards promoting peace, security and stability in Asia.
- ❖ The key idea of the Conference is based on the priority of the indivisibility of security, joint initiative and mutually beneficial interaction of small and large states.
- ❖ The CICA Summit is convened every four years in order to conduct consultations, review the progress of, and set priorities for CICA activities
- ❖ Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs is required to be held every two years.
- ❖ CICA has 27 member states; 8 observer states; 5 observer organizations.
- ❖ For becoming a member of CICA, a state must have at least a part of its territory in Asia.



ECONOMY

Technology Vision for Cyber Security' for UCBs

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India will implement the Technology Vision for Cyber Security' for Urban Co-operative Banks (2020-2023).
- ❖ It aims to enhance the IT security system of Urban Co-operative banking to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from cyber-attacks.
- ❖ RBI will achieve this objective using its five-pillared strategic approach 'GUARD'.
- ❖ GUARD denotes:
 - G – Governance Oversight,
 - U – Utile Technology Investment,
 - A – Appropriate Regulation and Supervision,

- R – Robust Collaboration
- D – Developing necessary IT, cybersecurity skills set.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

SPB passed away

- ❖ Legendary playback singer SP Bala subrahmanyam passed away recently.
- ❖ He made his singing debut in 1966 with Telugu movie Sri Sri Sri Maryada Ramanna.
- ❖ He has sung over 40,000 songs in as many as 16 languages including Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, and Hindi.
- ❖ He won six national awards and received the Padma Shri award in 2001 and Padma Vibhushan in 2011.



UNIATF award on control of non-communicable diseases

- ❖ Kerala bagged a United Nations award for its "outstanding contribution" towards the non-communicable diseases-related sustainable development goals.
- ❖ The award recognises achievements during 2019 on the multisectoral action in the prevention and control of NCDs, mental health and the wider NCD-related sustainable development goals (SDGs).
- ❖ This is the first time the state has been recognised for this annual award by the UN.
- ❖ Kerala is among the seven ministries of health across the World.



Jnanpith award

- ❖ The Jnanpith award announced in November last year was handed over to poet Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri.
- ❖ His work Balidarshanam won the State and Central Sahitya Akademi awards in 1972-73.

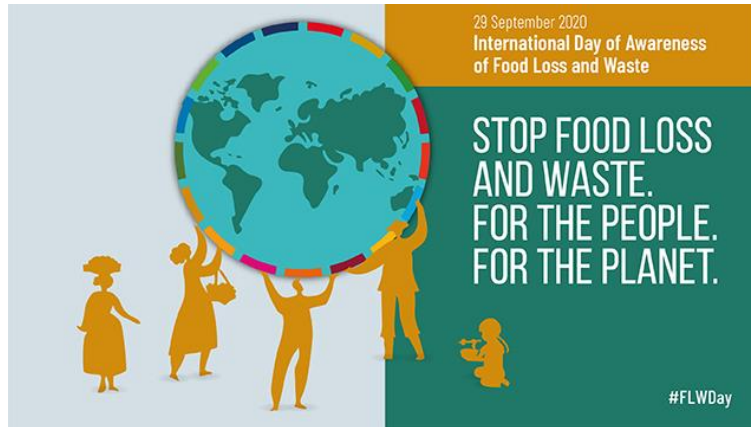
Jnanpith award

- ❖ Jnanpith is the highest literary award in India, given annually for the best creative literary writing to writers in any of the 22 scheduled languages of the Constitution.
- ❖ This Award was instituted in 1961.
- ❖ The first Jnanpith was awarded to poet G Sankara Kurup in 1965.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste – September 29

- ❖ This year is the first ever observance of this International Day.
- ❖ The UN General Assembly, on 19 December 2019, designated 29 September as the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste.
- ❖ The Food and Nutrition Organization of the UN (FAO) and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) will collaborate in facilitating the observance of the Day.



World Heart Day – September 29

- ❖ It aims to raise awareness around cardiovascular diseases (CVD) and how they can be prevented.
- ❖ It was created by the World Heart Federation.
- ❖ The first World Heart Day took place in 2000.
- ❖ Theme of the year is: “Use to Beat”.



International Translation Day – September 30

- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about the translation profession and to pay tribute to the work of language professionals.
- ❖ It helps in promoting cultural heritage and mutual respect in our changing world.
- ❖ 30 September celebrates the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator, who is considered the patron saint of translators.
- ❖ The theme of 2020 is “Finding the words for a world in crisis”.



Blasphemy Day – September 30

- ❖ It aims to educate individuals and groups about blasphemy laws and defends freedom of expression, especially the open criticism of religion which is criminalized in many countries.
- ❖ This Day was introduced as a worldwide celebration by the Centre for Inquiry in 2009.
- ❖ Blasphemy is the act of abusive or showing contempt or lack of respect to a deity, or sacred objects, or toward something considered sacred or inviolable.

