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PIB: GS 2 - Health

'AGNI' Initiative to Promote Innovations by Ayurveda Practitioners

AGNI – 'Ayurveda Gyan Naipunya Initiative' - A CCRAS, (Ministry of Ayush) Initiative



AGNI' Initiative

- Central Council for Research in Ayurveda Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of Ayush, in its new endeavour to promote research for mainstreaming the pragmatic Ayurveda practices through scientific validation and evidence-based appraisal, has launched "Ayurveda Gyan Naipunya Initiative" (AGNI) for physicians practicing in the field of Ayurveda.
- It aims to provide a platform to Ayurveda practitioners for reporting their innovative practices and experiences in various disease conditions.

PIB: GS3 - Defence

INDIAN ARMED FORCES CONTINGENT DEPARTS FOR JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE "AUSTRAHIND-23"

Posted On: 22 NOV 2023 2:45PM by PIB Delhi

The Indian Armed Forces contingent comprising of 81 personnel departed for Australia today to take part in the second edition of Joint Military Exercise AUSTRAHIND-23. The exercise will be conducted at Perth, Australia from 22nd November to 06th December 2023.

Indian Army contingent comprises 60 personnel from a Battalion of the GORKHA Rifles. The Australian Army contingent comprising 60 personnel will be from the 13th Brigade. One officer from Indian Navy and 20 personnel from Indian Air Force will also participate from the Indian side. The Australian contingent will include 20 personnel each from the Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force.

Exercise AUSTRAHIND was instituted in 2022 and the first edition was conducted in Mahajan, Rajasthan. It is planned to be an annual training event to be conducted alternatively in India and Australia.



EXERCISE "AUSTRAHIND-23"

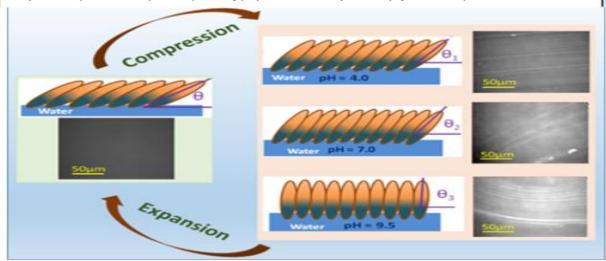
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- Exercise AUSTRAHIND was instituted in 2022 and the first edition was conducted in Mahajan, Rajasthan. It is planned to be an annual training event to be conducted alternatively in India and Australia.
- Aim of the exercise is to foster collaborative partnership and share best practices between the two sides.

PIB: GS 3 - Science and Technology / GS 2 - Health

Scientists fabricate 2D protein monolayer that can help to study diseases like Amyloidosis

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A 2D protein monolayer was fabricated by scientists by assembling lysozyme molecules -- model protein in studying diseases like Amyloidosis.





- Scientists have fabricated a 2D protein monolayer that can help to study diseases like Amyloidosis
- Amyloidosis is a rare disease that occurs when a protein called amyloid builds up in organs.
- This amyloid buildup can affect the working of organs like the heart, kidneys, liver, spleen, nervous system and digestive tract.

The Hindu: GS 2- Polity and Governance (Page-8)

Haryana's employment reservation law

What does the reservation law entail? How was it challenged in Court and what was the justification of the State government? Has a similar law been implemented in Andhra Pradesh as well? Why did the High Court rule it as unconstitutional?

- The Punjab and Haryana High Court on November
 17 quashed a law enacted by the Haryana government in 2021 that guaranteed 75% reservation to locals in private sector jobs in Haryana.
- Other States such as Maharashtra (up to 80%), Karnataka (up to 75%), Andhra Pradesh (up to 75%) and Madhya Pradesh (up to 70%) have also enacted similar laws providing reservations for their local residents in the private sector.
- The constitutional validity of the law was challenged on the ground that it violates Article 19 of the Constitution, which guarantees the right to freedom, including to reside and settle in any part of the Indian territory and practise any profession, business or trade.
- It was also contended that the law was an infringement of Article 14 (equality before the law) and Article 15, which prohibits discrimination on various grounds such as religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth.

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What has the U.K. Supreme Court ruled with respect to the Rwanda deal? | Explained

What is the Migration and Economic Development Partnership? Is Rwanda safe for asylum seekers?

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- The government policy of the U.K., of creating a mechanism for the transfer of asylum seekers not considered by the U.K. to Rwanda, has been ruled as unlawful by the U.K. Supreme Court.
- The Supreme Court found evidence that asylum seekers face a real risk of ill-treatment from refoulement.
- Britain's colonial history aligns with the current scenario where it used to move particular sections of migrant labour to certain territories.

Indian Express: GS 2-IR (Page -19)

Benefits of joining IPEF's trade pillar unclear: Official

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

WITH THE scheduled seven rounds of Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) negotiations drawing to a close this month, New Delhi continues to be skeptical of joining the trade pillar citing the lack of "tangible benefits", said a senior government official with direct knowledge of the matter.

The trade pillar is one of the most crucial parts of IPEF that seeks commitment on sensitive areas as agriculture, digital trade and labour and could require



There has been progress but members could not announce the closure of the trade pillar. File



Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)

- IPEF was launched jointly by the US and other partner countries of the Indo-Pacific region in 2022 in Tokyo.
- IPEF has 14 partner countries including Australia, Brunei, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam & USA.
- The framework is structured around four pillars relating to trade, supply chains, clean economy and fair economy (issues such as tax and anti-corruption). India has joined all the pillars except the trade one.

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GHOL FISH

The *ghol*, or the black-spotted croaker, has been declared the state fish of Gujarat



The decision was announced at a conference in Ahmedabad. (X/@FisheriesGoI)



Ghol fish

- The expensive marine 'Ghol' fish was declared the state fish of Gujarat at the Global Fisheries Conference India 2023, held in Ahmedabad.
- It is also known as Black Spotted Croaker fish (Protonibea diacanthus) in many parts of the world.
- Ghol fish is valued for its medicinal properties in many countries. The fish bladder is among Gujarat's high-value exports.