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## **UNICEF Publishes First of its kind report on Health crisis: “The Toxic Truth: Children’s Exposure to Lead Pollution Undermines a Generation of Future Potential”**

### **NATIONAL NEWS**

#### **Ayush Minister launches dedicated Web-Portal for National AYUSH Mission**

- Ayush Minister **Shripad Yesso Naik** has launched a web portal for the centrally- sponsored scheme of National Ayush Mission during a webinar of **Health and Ayush Ministers of all states**.
- The web-portal is for submission of State Annual Action Plans, Utilization Certificates, Physical and Financial Progress report, and other informations related to the Ministry.
- The Minister also released 4 publications including Operational Guidelines for establishment of AYUSH Health and Wellness Centers.

#### **Atal Innovation Mission launches 'AIM-iCREST', in partnership with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Wadhvani Foundation**

- NITI Aayog’s Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), has launched **AIM iCREST** – an Incubator Capabilities enhancement program for a Robust Ecosystem focused on creating high performing Start-up’s.
- The programme mainly aimed to encourage and enable holistic progress in the incubator ecosystem across the country.
- AIM iCREST, as the name suggests, has been designed to enable the incubation ecosystem and act as a growth hack for AIM’s Atal and Established incubators across the country.

#### **Cabinet approved National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 by replacing NEP, 1986**

- The Cabinet has approved national Education Policy (NEP) 2020 by replacing 34-year-old NEP 1986 announced by the Union Minister of Information Broadcasting **Prakash Keshav Javadekar**.
- In addition, the **Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD)** will officially be renamed the Ministry of Education (MoE).
- This new policy aligned to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)-4 of 2030 Agenda is aimed at Universalization of Education from pre-school to secondary level with **100 % Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in school education by 2030**.
- The education sector will get allocation of **6% of total Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** as compared to 1.7% previously said the cabinet member.
- A panel led by former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chief K Kasturirangan had submitted the draft of the new NEP to Union Human Resource Development Minister.

Fact: Union Minister of MoE – **Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’**

## **UNICEF Publishes First of its kind report on Health crisis: “The Toxic Truth: Children’s Exposure to Lead Pollution Undermines a Generation of Future Potential”**

- **United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)** and **Pure Earth**, an international non-profit organization authored and published the first of kind report on the health crisis titled **“The Toxic Truth: Children’s Exposure to Lead Pollution Undermines a Generation of Future Potential”**.
- The report says that around lead poisoning affects large number of children all across the globe.
- The Toxic Truth is an analysis of childhood exposure to lead conducted by the Institute of Health Metrics Evaluation.
- The report identifies lead as a potent neurotoxin, which harms the brains of the children particularly in children under the age of 5 resulting in neurological, cognitive and physical impairments.

Fact: Headquarter of UNICEF - **New York, USA**

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World day against trafficking in persons**

- The United Nations (UN) observed the **“World day against trafficking in Person”** annually on July 30.
- The day is celebrated to raise awareness about the conditions of the victims of trafficking and to protect their rights.
- Theme for 2020 World day against trafficking in Person - **“Committed to the Cause: Working on the Frontline to End Human Trafficking”**.
- **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)** gave the theme.

Fact: UNGA President - **Tijjani Muhammad- Bande**

Headquarters - **New York, United States**



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