



## CURRENT AFFAIRS 06-10-2021

### NATIONAL

#### NHA has revised Health Benefit Package of PM-JAY

- **The National Health Authority (NHA)**, the apex body for implementing **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)** has revised the **Health Benefit Package (HBP)** Master under the scheme.
- In the revised version of **Health Benefit Package (HBP 2.2)**, rates of some health packages have been increased by **20% to 400%** under **PM-JAY**, and planned to be rolled out from Nov 2021.
- One new additional medical management package related to **black fungus** has also been added and **400** procedure rates have been revised.
- **State Health Agencies (SHAs)** currently implementing any of the previous versions of HBP can now accept and implement the latest version of **HBP 2.2**.
- NHA has revised rate in **radiation oncology procedures, Medical management procedures, Surgical package treatment for black fungus**, Other procedures like **Right/left heart catheterization, PDA closure, Arthrodesis, Cholecystectomy, appendicectomy etc.**
- Currently, Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY has 1669 treatment procedures out of which 1080 are surgical, 588 medical and one unspecified package. Under the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY aims to achieve the target of Universal Health Coverage and provide access to free and affordable healthcare services to the citizens residing in the remotest of the areas.

**About PM-JAY:** Under this scheme it offers a sum insured of **Rs.5 lakh** per family for **secondary care** (which doesn't involve a super specialist) as well as **tertiary care** (which involves a super specialist), and beneficiaries are identified by latest Socio economic caste census,

Funding of this scheme is shared **60:40** for all **states and UT's** and **90:10** to **north eastern states, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir.**

#### COVID orphans to get PM-CARES aid

- A total of **845** COVID-19 orphans have been identified and approved for receiving **PM-CARES Fund**.
- A total of **3,915** applications have been submitted on the portal in the past four months.

- District Magistrates have approved 845 applicants have been approved.

**About PM-CARES Fund:** The centre has set up the **Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (PM-CARES Fund)** to deal with any kind of emergency or distress situation like posed by the COVID-19.

It is **Public charitable trust, chaired by prime minister** along with **defence minister, finance minister and home minister**.

This enables **micro donations** for receiving funds with smallest denominations to strengthen disaster management capacities.

Under the **Companies Act, 2013**, companies with a minimum net worth of **Rs 500 crore** or turnover of **Rs 1,000 crore**, or net profit of Rs 5 crore are required to spend at least 2% of their average profit for the previous three years on CSR activities every year.

## Centre permits captive mines to sell their coal

- Coal mines which produces coal solely for their own use (**captive mines**) will now be allowed to sell **50%** of their annual output in the open market.
- Coal ministry said that this will ease pressure on power plants and will also aid in import substitutions of coal.
- This move was done because of the coal supply crisis, where central electricity authority which monitors coal stocks for 135 power plants.
- The daily coal requirement of these plants were **18,24,100 tonnes** of coal to generate **165 GW** of power
- Among the **135 plants**, None of the plants had 8 days of coal stock.

## 'JIMEX' 5 th edition conducted

- **India-Japan maritime bilateral exercise(JIMEX)** was held in **Arabian sea** from Oct 06-Oct 08, this is currently the **fifth edition** of maritime exercise held.
- Indigenously built **Guided Missile Stealth Destroyer Kochi** and **Guided Missile Frigate Teg**, under the command of **Rear Admiral Ajay Kochhar**, Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet, will represent the Indian Navy.
- The Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force will be represented by **JMSDF ships Kaga, an Izumo Class Helicopter Carrier** and **Murasame, a Guided Missile Destroyer**, led by **Rear Admiral Ikeuchi Izuru**, Commander Escort Flotilla - 3 (CCF-3).
- **P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft, Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft, integral helicopters and MiG 29K fighter aircraft** will also participate in the exercise.
- It aims to develop common understanding of operational procedures and **enhance inter-operability through conduct of a multitude of advanced exercises**, across the entire spectrum of maritime operations. Multi-faceted tactical exercises involving **weapon firings, cross-deck helicopter operations** and **complex surface, anti-**

**submarine and air warfare drills** will consolidate coordination developed by the two navies.

## Cost of Borrowing for states jumps 6 basis points

- Just ahead of the **4<sup>th</sup> Monetary policy** review, RBI may begin to normalise the easy money policy by sucking out liquidity from the system, the cost of borrowing for the states jumped by **6 basis points (bps)** to a two-month high of **6.91 per cent**.
- As many as **17 states** raised **Rs 22,809 crore** at the weekly auctions held on Tuesday, the first auction of the second half of the borrowing season.
- This was **Rs 55 crore** over the notified amount as **Gujarat** accepted an additional **Rs 500 crore**, while **Punjab** accepted only **Rs 55 crore of the notified Rs 500 crore**.
- The weighted average cost for borrowing across the states and maturities has risen to a two-month high of **6.91 per cent**, up **6 basis points (bps)** over the past week
- The borrowing by most states so far is **12 per cent** lower than the comparable period last fiscal, as **27 states and two UTs** have so far raised **Rs 3.32 lakh crore** as against **Rs 3.76 lakh crore** in the corresponding period of FY21 by 28 states and two UTs.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Three scientists won Nobel Physics Prize

- **U.S. Japanese scientist Syukuro Manabe**, German Scientist **Klaus Hassel**, Italian scientist **Giorgio Parisi** won **Nobel Physics Prize** for their work on climate models and understanding of physical systems.
- **Dr. Giorgio Parisi** was rewarded for his works on interplay of disorder and fluctuations which contributes to **theory of disordered materials and random processes**.
- Dr, Syukuro Manabe and Dr. Klaus Hassel were rewarded for their research on climate models.

### WTO raises goods trade outlook

- **The World Trade Organisation** informed that **global merchandise trade volume** will grow by **10.8% by 2021**.
- This is higher than the estimated **8%** in march.
- India's merchandise exports during the first half of this fiscal year jumped 56.92% to a record \$197 billion. The country has set a target of \$400 billion for merchandise exports for FY22.

### First Movie in space to be filmed

- A **Russian** crew has docked with ISS to film scenes for the movie '**The Challenge**' in space.
- This will be the **first movie to be filmed in space**.

- The crew consisting of **Actor Yulia Pereslid**, **Cosmonaut Anton Shkaplerov** and **Director Klim Shipenko** travelled in a **Soyuz MS-19** space ship.



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