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1. The Uttar Pradesh Govt. has hiked old-age pension in the age group 60 to 79 years by rupees 100 monthly.

Note: Now, the old-age pensioners would receive 500 rupees per month (existing 400 rupees).

2. India has opened its first specialized hydrotherapy treatment for elephants suffering from arthritis, joint pain and foot ailments in -- Mathura, UP.

3. Three horses test positive for Glanders disease:

- Uttar Pradesh government has been euthanized three horses after a report by Hisar-based National Research Centre on Euquines (NRCE) report confirmed that they tested positive for Glanders disease.

Related Information

Glanders Diseases
- Glanders is an infectious disease that is caused by the bacterium Burkholderia mallei.
- Glanders is primarily a disease affecting horses.
- It also affects donkeys and mules and can be naturally contracted by other mammals such as goats, dogs, and cats.
- It spread to humans by direct contact with infected animals.

4. NITI Aayog’s Health Index

- NITI Aayog recently released its second edition of State Health Index.
- The report ‘Healthy States, Progressive India: Report on Rank of States and UTs’ has ranked in three categories — larger States, smaller States and Union Territories.
- The Index ranks the States and Union Territories based on 23 health-related indicators.

Highlights of the Index
- Kerala continued to top the list for the best performing State in the health sector whereas Uttar Pradesh retained the worst performer tag among the 21 larger states.
- Among the UTs, Chandigarh is on the top.

5. U.P. site expected to get ‘national importance’ tag

- Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has started the process of declaring the site at Sadikpur Sinauli of national importance.
- It is the largest necropolis site of late Harappan age.
- Earlier it was thought that there was no warrior class group during Harappan age but after the excavation of this site, ASI found chariots, swords and other objects pointing to the presence of a warrior class around 4,000 years ago in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat district.

Other Important Harapan Site in Uttar Pradesh

- Sanauli in Baghpat District famous for burial site with 125 burials found.
- Sothi near Baraut Bagpat district
- Mandi Muzaffarnagar district
- Bargaon Saharanpur District