

## MP Current Affairs

August 2019

### 1. Madhya Pradesh second state to have a plan for antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

- Madhya Pradesh State Action Plan for Containment of Antimicrobial Resistance (MP-SAPCAR) has been released in Bhopal.
- With this, MP has become the second state in India after Kerala to develop an action plan to manage antimicrobial resistance.
- The MP-SAPCAR focuses on a 'One Health' approach to containing AMR through six key strategic priority areas and multi-sectoral involvement.
- AMR is a global public health threat, according to the World Health Organization. Misuse of antibiotics in humans, animals, and aquaculture contributes to AMR.

### 2. Uber for tractors': Government to launch the app to aid farmers

- The agriculture ministry has developed a farm equipment rental app for Indian farmers called Uber for tractors.
- The app will allow the farmers to hire tractors, rotavator and other farm related machinery on rent for with flexible tenure.
- The app will show farmers the custom hiring centres which have the equipment available near his location.
- The system would also help to track the usage of new technology that the government wants to promote such as the Happy Seeder.
- The Happy Seeder aims to prevent stubble burning that causes air pollution or solar dryers that can help farmers process and preserve their produce.
- The system put in place on a pilot basis in states of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Punjab, has been successfully running.

### 3. India emits the most sulphur dioxide in the world

- India is the largest emitter of sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) in the world, contributing more than 15 per cent of global anthropogenic emissions.
- The data is based on a new report by Greenpeace which is based on hotspots detected by NASA Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI) satellite data.
- Five of the top 10 SO<sub>2</sub> emission hotspots from coal/power generation industry across the world are in India.
- Russia continues to be the largest anthropogenic SO<sub>2</sub> emission hotspot in the world, followed by the Kriel area in Mpumalanga province of South Africa, Zagros in Iran, and Rabigh in Saudi Arabia.
- Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh is at number five.
- The greatest source of SO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is the burning of fossil fuels in power plants and other industrial facilities.

### 4. UN conference on Combat desertification



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- Indian Prime Minister addressed 14th session of the Conference of Parties (COP-14) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in September 2019.
- India, for the first time, hosted United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification COP at Greater Noida.
- **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)**  
It is a legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management, was adopted in Paris in June 1994.  
India became a signatory to this convention in 1994 and ratified it in 1996.
- **India's Scenario on land Degradation**  
According to 2016 report by the ISRO found that about 29% of India's land (in 2011-13) was degraded.  
Recently, the Environment Ministry has launched a flagship project on forest landscape restoration and Bonn Challenge in India with the help of the International Union for Conservation of Nature.  
There will be a pilot phase of 3.5 years implemented in the States of Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland and Karnataka.
- **Bonn Challenge**  
It has been established in 2011 with a global effort to bring 150 million hectares of the world's deforested and degraded land into restoration by 2020, and 350 million hectares by 2030.

5. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has been collaboration with World Health Organization and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to expand its India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI) across the country.

This initiative was launched in November 2017, in which more than three lakh patients with high blood pressure enrolled in government health facilities in 25 selected districts in Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Telangana, and Maharashtra.

#### 6. Mukhyamantri Madad Yojana

- Madhya Pradesh government has 'Mukhyamantri Madad Yojna' for providing assistance to tribal families on child birth and death of a family member.
- Upon the birth of a boy or a girl, the family will get 50 kg of rice or wheat.
- In the event of death in the family, 100 kg of rice or wheat and utensils for cooking food would be given.

#### Related Information

- Beside this, 40 new Eklavya schools would be set up in tribal areas to provide quality education.
- For preserving tribal history, a museum with estimated cost of Rs 500 crore will be set up at Jabalpur in the memory of Raja Shankarshah and Raja Raghunath Shah.



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