

Daily Current Affairs – July 03, 2019**NATIONAL AFFAIRS****Government to raise health services expenditure to 2.5% of GDP by 2025**

- Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan said government has set a target to raise health services expenditure to 2.5 per cent of the country's GDP by 2025. In reply to a question in Rajya Sabha, Dr Harsh Vardhan said, the public expenditure on health services is continuously increasing.

ASSAM**Assam CM flags off first international flight connecting Guwahati, Dhaka**

- Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off the first international flight connecting Guwahati and Dhaka at Borjahr airport in Guwahati. Mr. Sonowal said that the Centre has boosted the connectivity of the North East region. The Assam Government has committed 100 crore rupees per year for three years under viability gap funding. Another flight connecting Guwahati-Bangkok is also likely to be started in the next few months along with flights to Kathmandu, Yangon, Hanoi and Kuala Lumpur.

RAJASTHAN**Kalu Police station bags 1st Rank in assessment by Home ministry**

- In Rajasthan, Kalu police station in the Bikaner district has set an example towards crime control and preventive action. Kalu Police station recently bagged First Rank in an assessment by the Home ministry of 15 thousand 666 police stations across the country.

KERALA**Adiya Tribesmen begin 'Naduzhiyal'**

- The Adiya tribesmen in Wayanad have started to perform 'Naduzhiyal' as part of their ritualistic art form 'Nadugaddhika' in villages of the hill district for the prosperity of the public. The ritual usually starts after the Vaishakha festival at the Mahadeva temple at Kottiyoor in Kannur district.

JAMMU & KASHMIR**Operation Khumaar**

- In Jammu and Kashmir a campaign has been launched in Rajouri, a border district of Jammu division called "Operation Khumaar" to make 312 panchayats tobacco-free. The programme is run by the district administration to make panchayats free from tobacco and tobacco-based products. District Development Commissioner, Rajouri convened a meeting of officers in this regard and gave necessary directions.

INTERNATIONAL**India pledges to contribute USD 5 million in 2019 to UN Palestine refugee agency**

- India has pledged to contribute 5 million US Dollars in 2019 to the UN Palestine refugee agency. It also voiced concern over the agency's financial situation and called for ensuring sustained financial support for its work.
- India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador K Nagaraj Naidu said the Government has increased its annual financial contribution fourfold to the UNRWA core budget, from 1.25 million dollars in 2016 to 5 million in 2018.

SCHEMES**Vahalee Deekaree Yojana**

- Vahalee Deekaree Yojana is a new scheme to educate girls, improve sex ratio and prevent child marriage in Gujarat. With a provision of Rs 133 crore, the scheme will benefit families with income of upto Rs 2 lakh per year. Under the 'Vahalee Deekaree Yojana', the first and second girl child of the family will be provided assistance of Rs 4,000 at the time of enrollment in the Class I and assistance of Rs 6,000 at the time of enrollment in Class IX.

APPOINTMENTS**Chairman of International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL)**

- H.M. Maheshwaraiah, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka (CUK), has been appointed chairman of International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL). The school was established in 1977 at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. It is the only organisation of its kind dedicated to the preservation and development of Dravidian languages across the world through teaching, learning, research, and publication.

New DGP of Tamil Nadu

- Jalad K. Tripathy, a 1985-batch IPS officer, will take charge as the new Director-General of Police/Head of Police Force, replacing T.K. Rajendran, who retired from service in June 2019

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