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## NATIONAL

### 1) Smog towers

- Smog towers are not final solution to pollution, as per statement released by the Central Pollution Control Board. Smog is dirty brown haze that hangs over skylines of major cities.
- Smog towers are structures designed as large-scale air purifiers to reduce air pollution.
- India's first 'smog tower' is in Connaught Place, Delhi. China has world's largest smog tower (60-metre high).

### 2) E- band

- Broadband, tech and WiFi players opposes to give E band exclusively to Telcos.
- The waveguide E band is the range of radio frequencies from 60 GHz to 90 GHz in the electromagnetic spectrum. E-band is a major solution of 5G's microwave transmission.

### 3) Shigella bacteria

- Kerala seeks to contain Shigella spread. Shigella is a genus of bacteria that causes an infection called shigellosis.
- Shigellosis is a gastrointestinal infection caused by one of four species of Shigella bacteria, including S. sonnei.
- It is second leading cause of bacterial diarrhea worldwide and third leading cause of death in children less than 5 years old.

## STATE NEWS

### 1) India's first tribal health observatory

- Odisha government is set to create India's only observatory, which will house data on the state's indigenous population's health.
- It is the "first in the nation". It will monitor illness burden, health-seeking behaviour, and the healthcare delivery system in relation to tribal health in the state in a systematic and continuing manner.

### 2) Flow Chemistry Technology Hub

- A multi-industry-supported Flow Chemistry Technology Hub has been launched

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at Dr. Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences.

- The hub would usher in a paradigm shift in the pharmaceutical sector, including current methodologies from R&D through manufacturing and migrating to more environmentally friendly and sustainable procedures.

## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

### **1) Canara Bank has launched 'skill loans'**

- Canara Bank has launched 'skill loans' in association with the Additional Skill Acquisition Programme, Kerala.
- Under this facility, the loan is ranging from Rs 5,000 to Rs 1.5 lakh.
- The loan can be availed of by students who are pursuing skill training programmes which are offered by ASAP Kerala or any other Central or State government-recognised agencies.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

### **1) Arvind Krishna**

- Arvind Krishna, IBM Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
- He was an undergraduate degree from IIT-Kanpur and a PhD from the University of Illinois.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **1) World Hand Hygiene Day**

- Globally, World Hand Hygiene Day is observed on 5th of May.
- It's objective is to maintain global promotion, visibility, and sustainability of hand hygiene in health care.
- Theme of 2022: Unite for safety: clean your hands.

## **SPORTS**

### **1) 24th Deaflympics**

- Shooter Dhanush Srikanth has won gold and Shourya Saini has won the bronze in the men's 10m air rifle competition in the 24th Deaflympics at Caxias do Sul, Brazil.
- Ukraine is leading the chart with 19 gold, six silver and 13 bronze medals.

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