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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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To tackle drug menace, CM launches 'Sankalp'.

- Aimed at tackling the growing menace of drug addiction among the youth of the state.
- The government would establish a state level model de-addiction and rehabilitation centre at Kotla Barog in Pachhad subdivision of Sirmaur district.
- Centre of excellence was also being constructed at Kandaghat in Solan district to provide higher education to 9000 specially-abled children in the state.
- Himachal Pradesh a green energy state by March,2026.

Governor unveils statue of "Wazir Ram Singh Pathania" at Nurpur.



- Wazir Ram Singh Pathania, who hailed from Bassa Waziran village in Nurpur is remembered for leading the first organised armed revolt against the British rule in India in Revolt of 1857.
- In 1848, he led an uprising in the hilly region against British forces, particularly rememner for "Battle of Shapur".
- Despite leading small group of companions, he managed to shake the foundation of British empire.
- Ram Singh Pathania, attained martyrdom on November 11, 1849 at young age of 24 years.

RPF begin investigation into Vande Bharat stone pelting.

Railway Protection force has initiated an investigation into two stone pelting incidents on Vande Bharat Express, which operate between Amb Andaura railway station in Una district and New Delhi.



Vande Bharat

PM Narendra Modi flagged off three Vande Bharat trains on August 31, 2024

102 Vande Bharat trains are already operational connecting over 280 districts

Features of 'Vande Bharat'

- Reclining ergonomic seats and comfortable seats with rotating seats in Executive Class
- **T** CCTV in all coaches, mobile charging socket for every seat
- Automatic plug doors
- Pantry with provision for hot case, water cooler, deep freezer and hot water boiler.
- Emergency openable windows and fire extinguishers in each coach

Emergency alarm push button and talk back units on all coaches

Driver-Guard communication with voice recording facility and crash hardened memory

Coach Condition Monitoring System (CCMS) display with remote monitoring

The Vande Bharat Express Story

The Government of India has dedicated significant efforts towards strengthening the 'Make in India' campaign. As an excellent example of the 'Make in India' success story, the Indian Railways launched India's first indigenous semi-high-speed train, Vande Bharat Express. It has become a symbol of India's aspirations for modern, efficient, and comfortable rail travel. The first Vande Bharat Express train was flagged off on February 15, 2019, on the New Delhi-Kanpur-Allahabad-Varanasi route, running at a speed of 160 kilometres per hour. A total of <u>102</u> Vande Bharat train services (51 trains) are running across the Indian Railways, connecting states having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network. During the financial year 2022-23, approximately 31.84 lakh were booked to travel on Vande Bharat trains. The overall occupancy of Vande Bharat trains during this period has been 96.62%.

These trains are equipped with top-tier amenities and advanced safety features, such as Kavach technology, 360-degree rotating seats, accessible toilets for Divyangjan, and integrated Braille signages, among many others

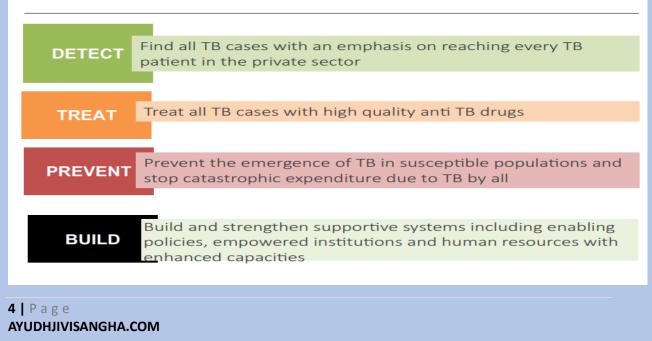
48 Panchayats in Solan district declared Tuberculosis free.

- Government provides free medicines for TB prevention and treatment and also offer a monthly nutrition allowance of Rs 500 for 6 months to TB patients.
- 4 Government of India aim to eradicate TB nationwide by 2025.
- Himachal Pradesh has set an ambitious target to achieve this by 2024.



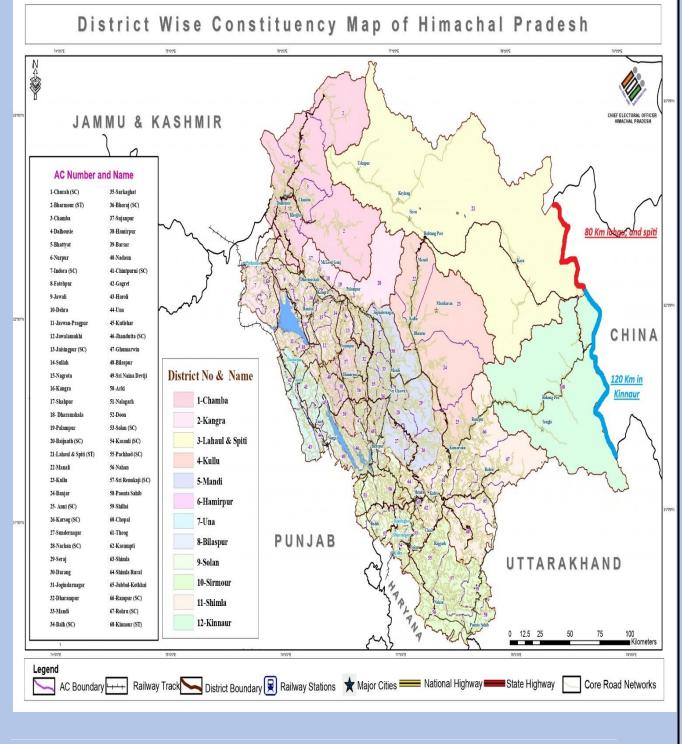
There are four strategic pillars of TB control and Elimination in India

DETECT – Treat – Prevent – Build



Chinese drones seen spying in Kinnaur District over Rishi Dogri and Shipki La in Pooh subdivision

- China might use these drones to carry espionage because of ongoing projects in the region pertaining to construction of road till the line of Actual control (LAC) with China.
- The hill state of Himachal Pradesh shares a 240-kilometre porous border with China includes 160 Km in Kinnaur and 80 Km in Lahaul and Spiti.



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CM inaugurates New tertiary Cancer hospital building at IGMC in Shimla.

Built at a cost of Rs. 13.50 crores, the facility aims to enhance cancer treatment capabilities of the state.

