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Khelo India Para Games



Context

- Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, launched the first-ever **Khelo India Para Games 2023 logo and mascot Ujjwala in New Delhi.**

Key points

- 'Ujjwala'- a **sparrow**, was unveiled as the official mascot of Khelo India – Para Games 2023.
- The little sparrow symbolizes the pride of Delhi and its uniqueness portrays determination and empathy.
- Ujjwala, as the mascot of Khelo India – Para Games 2023, is a **reminder that strength comes in many forms** and the human spirit is unbreakable.

Madiga sub-categorisation

Context

- The Prime Minister set in motion a committee that will go into the issue of sub-categorisation of the Madiga community within the **Scheduled Castes.**
- It was a long-pending demand.

Issue

- The Madiga community constitutes **at least 50% of the total Scheduled Castes** in Telangana.
- The 2011 census puts the total SCs at a little over 15% of the population of the State.
- For years, the Madiga community has said that the benefits of reservation under the SC category have been cornered by the **Mala community**, with the Madigas being left out.
- The Madigas have been struggling since 1994 for sub-categorisation

About Madiga Community

- Madiga is a **Telugu caste**, mainly living in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka, with a small minority in Tamil Nadu.
- Madigas are historically associated with the work of tannery, leatherwork and small handicrafts.
- Today, most are **agricultural labourers.**



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## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

**Generic drugs for 4 rare diseases made available in India**



### Context

- Providing relief to patients with rare diseases across India, the Union Health Ministry has made available generic drugs to support the care and treatment of four ailments: **Tyrosinemia-Type 1, Gaucher Disease, Wilson's Disease, and the Dravet-Lennox Gastaut Syndrome.**
- The Ministry is also in the process of making available drugs for more rare diseases, including **Phenylketonuria and Hyperammonemia**

### About

- A rare disease is a **health condition of particularly low prevalence** that affects a small number of people.
- It collectively afflicts **6% to 8%** of the population in any country at any given time, so India could have 8.4 crore to 10 crore such cases
- Nearly **80% of these diseases** are **genetic** in nature.

**Gaucher's disease**

- **Gaucher's disease or Gaucher disease (GD)** is a genetic disorder in which **glucocerebroside** (a sphingolipid, also known as **glucosylceramide**) accumulates in cells and certain organs.
- The disorder is characterized by bruising, fatigue, anemia, low blood platelet count and enlargement of the liver and spleen, and is caused by a hereditary deficiency of the enzyme **glucocerebrosidase (also known as glucosylceramidase)**, which acts on glucocerebroside

**Wilson's disease**

- Wilson's disease is a **genetic disorder** in which excess copper builds up in the body.
- Wilson's disease is caused by a mutation in the Wilson disease protein (**ATP7B**) gene.
- Wilson's disease is typically treated with **dietary changes and medication.**

**Transshipment hub to come up in Andaman & Nicobar**

### Context


- A potential bulk cargo transshipment hub is envisioned in **Atlanta Bay near Diglipur in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.**
- A feasibility study is underway to develop it into a major harbor, considering its strategic location and available facilities.



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	<p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <p><b>Development of Indira Point as a Tourism Destination:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indira Point, the southernmost tip of India, is slated for development as a major tourism destination.</li></ul> <p><b>Strategic Harbor Development in Northern A&amp;N Islands:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Given its strategic location on the northern side of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, a <b>10m draft harbor is deemed essential.</b></li><li>• This development aims to promote high-end tourism and serve other crucial purposes in the region.</li></ul>
<p><b>Kim Jong-un celebrates North Korea's new 'space power' era</b></p> 	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• North Korean leader Kim Jong-un celebrated a “<b>new era of a space power</b>” with scientists and his family after the North successfully put a military spy satellite into orbit.</li><li>• Pyongyang's launch of the “<b>Malligyong-1</b>” was its third attempt at securing a military eye in the sky after many failures</li></ul>

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