



## WCD Ministry is all set to set up One-Stop Centres

GS PAPER-1, Social Issues

Source- The Hindu

Context:

The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, is to set up One-Stop Centres (OSCs) in 10 missions across 9 countries. It will be set to curb the cases of violence against women.

In which countries OSCs will be set up

One OSC will be set up each in Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, UAE, Qatar, Canada, Australia and Singapore. TWO OSCs will be set up in Saudi Arabia. Apart from that, 300 OSCs will be set up across India.

Who will operate the OSCs

All OSCs will be supported by the Women and Child Development Ministry while, Ministry of External Affairs will operate it.

Existing OSCs

Currently, about 701 One Stop Centres are operating in the country since 2015 across 35 states & Union Territories. Through these centres, three lakh women have been provided assistance since 2015.

-Khyati Khare

# Ricochet Impact

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(GS PAPER-3, ECONOMY

SOURCE- FINANCIAL TIMES)

Context:

According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Emerging-market nations' struggle to move out of covid-19 pandemic-induced economic crisis can hurt developed nations. It said, the crisis has a "Ricochet impact" on the developed and advanced economies.

What is Ricochet Impact:

Ricochet means rebound, bounce, or skip off from the surface, particularly in projectile cases.

Key points:

IMF suggests that developed nations should do all to ensure better & equitable access to vaccines and equitable recovery. Poorer nations are facing the risk of increasing interest rates even though, their economies aren't growing.

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

- This international financial institution is headquartered in Washington, D.C. It comprises 190 countries.
- They work together to boost global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, promote high employment, facilitate international trade, and sustainable economic growth.
- It also takes measures to reduce poverty across the world.

- It was set up in 1944 but started functioning in 1945 at Bretton Woods Conference.
- The IMF plays an important role in the management of balance of payments issues and international financial crises.

## What's going wrong with India's Act East policy?(GS-2, International relations, Indian Express)

Context:- Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's recent remarks about a Singapore variant of Covid and his related critical comments should alert Indian policymakers and foreign policy analysts to a wider and larger challenge to India's standing in Southeast Asia.

Act east Policy, Major 3 development in last few years:-

- the rising profile of China combined with growing China-India tensions
- disappointment in the region with India's economic under-performance
- rising concern in the region with India's approach towards its minorities

Why Act east policy need new orientation:-

- Increase in the stature of china:-
  - After the global financial crisis 2007 china emerged as a giant.
  - Beijing Olympic games provided chinese diaspora in south east asia.
  - India's stay away from RCEP is some what gave slap to indian stature.

- Now what to:-
  - Maintaining a good relation with south asian country
  - More integration of indian economy with south asian tigers.

## **Slowing the pace of India's mucormycosis threat (GS-2, Governance, The Hindu, Health)**

Context:- The alarming rise in India recently in the incidence of mucormycosis — a rare fungal infection in the covid-19 patients.

Why:-

- COVID-19 medication included steroids which decrease the natural immune power.
- Self medication increases the blood sugar level.
- steroids, chemotherapy or immunotherapy, and solid organ or stem-cell transplantations
- common sites of presentation include rhino-cerebral involvement
- SARS-CoV-2 can potentially multiply in pancreatic cells and contribute to increased blood sugar levels
- Surgery for mucormycosis can be debilitating requiring major resections.

What is way forward:-

- Steroid use at home for COVID-19 should be only under the supervision of a health-care worker.
- The control of blood sugars during steroid intake
- monitoring of capillary blood glucose is essential
- a tele-consult with a doctor is advisable

- Patients on steroids for COVID-19 should report symptoms of mucormycosis at the earliest
- COVID-19 treatment experts and policy-makers may consider widespread training of health-care personnel

# One-state solution, the way forward in Palestine (The Hindu, International Relation, GS-2)

Context:- Israel and palestine dispute again surfaced as HAMAS attacked on israel. Israel retaliate and this dispute again got the attention of whole world

- Author says
  - Britisher in particular and European in general during the decolonisation took a path where theory divided the territory. Example india, Nigeria and palestine and among others.
  - In 1937 Birtishers decided to settle the jews in the territory of palestine or divided palestine. It was not acceptable to palestine.
  - After 1948 UN recognised Palestine and it some how forced israel not to have mass ethenic cleansing by the Israel to palestine.
  - Since 1960's a systematic cleansing was started where right of Palestinians were abducted.
  - In 1992 Oslo accord based on the two nation theory came into effect on the pretext that USA and Egypt agreed for two nation theory.
  - Now in 1995 Oslo-2 accord:- Westbank which is 60% now administered by the ISrael was to be

divided but illegal Jewish settlement turned the equation.

- Last week conflict is the testimony to this.
- Why two state nation theory can't be applicable according to author:-
  - It doesn't talk about the ethnic cleansing
  - It presumes that the movement in both the state is based on the nationalism
  - It doesn't ensure the right to Palestinians
- Way forward:-
  - The only alternative is to decolonise historical Palestine.
  - Dismantlement of colonialist institutions, fair redistribution of the country's natural resources, compensation of the victims of the ethnic cleansing and allowing their repatriation

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