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World Development Report 2023

The World Development Report 2023 was recently released by World Bank

- It is an annual report released by World Bank.
- This Report provides a comprehensive analysis of international migration and its potential to serve as a force for growth and shared prosperity in all countries.
- It proposes an integrated framework to maximize the development impacts of cross-border movements on both destination and origin countries and on migrants and refugees themselves.
- The framework rests on a Match and Motive matrix.
- **Match** - How closely migrants' skills and attributes match the needs of destination countries.
- **Motive** - What motives underlie their movements.
- **Key Findings** – A large share of migrants and refugees live in low- and middle-income countries.
- The report finds that 120% income gain for Indians going to work overseas compared to a 40% rise in case of internal migration.
- **Top Migration Corridors** - India-US, India-GCC and Bangladesh-India, Mexico-US, China-US, Philippines-US and Kazakhstan-Russia.
- The share of working-age adults will drop sharply in many countries over the next few decades.
- Mostly developing and poor countries like India are witnessing a rise in young population, while the developed countries have crossed that phase as depopulation has set in.

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Thirunelly Temple

The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) has urged the government to conserve the historically significant structures including the 600-year-old 'Vilakkumadom'.

- Thirunelly temple is dedicated to Lord Maha Vishnu and is famous for paying homage to their ancestors.
- It is the only temple in the world where the devotees can perform all the rituals related to one's life, starting from birth to death and life after death.

- The rituals are performed on the banks of the stream ***Papanasini*** which flows down from Mount Brahmagiri.
- The *Vilakku Maadam* and the *Karingal Paathi* in this temple are testimony to the exemplary artistic skills of that time.
- Vilakkumadom in this temple refers to a traditional lamp sculpted from stone and *Karingal Paathi refers to a* granite water channel.

- **Chuttambalam** (also known as Nalambalam) is a building constructed around the sanctum sanctorum of Kerala temples.
- It is the outermost periphery of the temple through which the devotees circumambulate the main shrine.

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Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme

Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Minority Affairs opened a MahilaSamman Savings Certificate (MSSC) account by visiting SansadMarg Head Post Office

Salient features of the scheme

- It is a one-time new small savings scheme for women and girl child.
- It was announced by the Union government in the Budget 2023- 24.
- The scheme will offer a maximum deposit facility of up to Rs.2 lakh in the name of women or girls for two years at a fixed interest rate.
- The 2-year tenure scheme offers an attractive interest rate of 7.5% compounded quarterly with flexible investment.
- It also has partial withdrawal options with a maximum ceiling of Rs 2 lakh.
- The Mahila Samman Savings Certificate scheme was announced to commemorate the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

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Shingrix Vaccine

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Pharma has announced the launch of Shingrix vaccine in India for the prevention of shingles (herpes zoster) and post-herpetic neuralgia in adults aged 50 years and above.

Shingles

- Shingrix is the world's first non-live, recombinant subunit vaccine to be intramuscularly in two doses.
- Shingles is caused by the reactivation of the varicella zoster virus (VZV), same virus

that causeschickenpox.
- Those suffering from diabetes, heart disease and kidney diseases are at an increased risk of developing shingles because of weakened immunity.
- It was approved by the US Food and Drug Administration and European Commission.

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SWAGAT Initiative

Gujarat government is celebrating SWAGAT Saptah, on successful completion of 20 years of the initiative.

About the initiative

- The main purpose of this programme was to act as a bridge between the citizens and the government using technology by solving their day-to-day grievances.
- SWAGAT brought about a transformative impact in the lives of people and became an effective tool to solve woes in a paperless, transparent and hassle-free manner.
- The uniqueness of SWAGAT is that it helps common man air his grievances directly to the Chief Minister.
- It is held on the fourth Thursday of every month wherein the Chief Minister interacts with citizens for grievance redressal.
- It is ensured that every applicant is informed of the decision. Proceedings of all applications are available online.
- More than 99% of grievances submitted till date have been resolved.
- The SWAGAT Online Programme has been given various awards over the years, including the United Nations Public Service Award in 2010 for improving transparency, accountability and responsiveness in public service.

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