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NICRA

- National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) is a network project of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) launched in, 2011.
- The project aims to enhance resilience of Indian agriculture to climate change and climate vulnerability through strategic research and technology demonstration.
- The research on adaptation and mitigation covers crops, livestock, fisheries and natural resource management.
- The project consists of four components viz.
 1. Strategic Research.
 2. Technology Demonstration.
 3. Capacity Building.
 4. Sponsored/Competitive Grants.

India's Trillion-Dollar Digital Economy Report

- India's Trillion-Dollar Digital economy is a new report released by Ministry for Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY).
- The report finds that India can create up to \$1 trillion of economic value from the digital economy in 2025, with about half of the opportunity originating in new digital ecosystems that can spring up in diverse sectors of the economy.
- Currently, India's digital economy generates about \$200 billion of economic value.

HOPE portal

- National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations (NABH) has introduced an online portal called HOPE.
- HOPE - Healthcare Organizations' Platform for Entry-Level-Certification aims to promote quality at nascent stages by enrolling a wide range of hospitals across the country including Healthcare Organizations (HCOs) and Small Healthcare Organizations (SHCOs).
- It tries to create a momentum for HCOs and SHCOs that want to avail benefits associated with Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of

India (IRDAI) and Ayushman Bharat by getting themselves NABH certified.

- The IRDAI has mandated hospitals to ensure a quality healthcare ecosystem through NABH Entry-Level Certification Process.

NABH

- NABH, a constituent body of QCI, has been working to ensure reliability, efficiency and global accreditation in Indian healthcare sector using contemporary methodologies and tools, standards of patient safety and infection control.
- NABH accreditation provides assurance of quality and care in hospitals at par with international benchmarks.
- NABH has designed an exhaustive healthcare standard for hospitals and healthcare providers that have been accredited by ISQUA the apex international accreditation body.

Quality Council of India

- Quality Council of India (QCI) is an autonomous organization under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, established in 1997.
- It is the Quality Apex and National Accreditation Body for accreditation and quality promotion in India.
- The Council was established to provide a credible, reliable mechanism for third party assessment of products, services and processes which is accepted and recognized globally.

Mycetoma

- Recently group of experts from WHO called for a combined action to address Mycetoma disease.
- Mycetoma is a disease characterized by disabling deformities and associated with severe morbidity.
- It is an inflammatory disease of the skin, connective tissue, muscle and bone, results from infection caused by more than 70 bacterial or fungal microorganisms.
- The tropical disease is known to affect rural populations, particularly those who walk barefoot, like agricultural laborers and herdsmen.
- If not detected and managed early, this disease can cause limb deformity and, in advanced cases, lead to amputation and death.

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