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<p>Khelo India Para Games</p> 	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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. <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">'Ujjwala'- a sparrow, was unveiled as the official mascot of Khelo India – Para Games 2023.The little sparrow is a symbol of 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.
<p>Madiga sub-categorisation</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Prime Minister set in motion the process of setting up 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. <p>Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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 <p>About Madiga Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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.
<p>Generic drugs for 4 rare diseases made available in India</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Providing relief to patients with rare diseases across India, the Union Health Ministry has made available generic



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drugs to support the care and treatment of four ailments: **Tyrosinemia-Type 1, Gauchers 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 strategic location and available facilities.

Key Points:

Development of Indira Point as a Tourism Destination:

- Indira Point, the southernmost tip of India, is slated for development as a major tourism destination.

Strategic Harbor Development in Northern A&N Islands:

- Given its strategic location in the northern side of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, a **10m draft harbor is deemed essential.**



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- This development aims to promote high-end tourism and serve other crucial purposes in the region.

Kim Jong-un celebrates North Korea's new 'space power' era



Context

- North Korean leader Kim Jong-un celebrated a “**new era of a space power**” with scientists and his family after the North successfully put a military spy satellite into orbit.
- Pyongyang's launch of the “**Malligyong-1**” was its third attempt at securing a military eye in the sky after many failures

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