

## VOCABULARY-I

- Vaper (n/-)**, person who vapes especially by using e-cigarettes.  
 The government has banned the consumption of vapers in any form.  
**Rigorous (adj/n-)** कठिन, extremely thorough and careful, meticulous.  
 The selection process is extremely rigorous and students need to work hard.  
**Cognisable (adj+)** सज़ेय, clearly identifiable, within the jurisdiction of court.  
 Rape, murder, kidnapping are all cognisable offences.  
**Deleterious (adj+)**, हानिकारक, harmful, damaging, detrimental.  
 Divorces often have deleterious effects on a child's upbringing.  
**Dangled (v-)** लटकना, hang or swing loosely, sway, wave.  
 Loose electric wires dangling from the walls, often cause severe accidents.

## VOCABULARY-II

- Peddled (v-)**, फेरी लगा कर बेचना, try to sell by going place to place, hawk, vendor  
 Karsanbhai Patel used to peddle samples of Nirma soap while going to office.  
**Protracted (adj-)** लंबा, prolonged, extended, lasting for a long time.  
 A protracted and bitter dispute over Singur land accusation came to an end.  
**Elude (v-)**, बचना, escape from/ avoid a danger/  
 Osama bin laden who had eluded capture for so long was finally killed.  
**Coalesce (v-)** संगठित होना, come together to form one thing or one system.  
 The theory is that galaxies coalesced from smaller grouping of stars.  
**Helm (n/v+)**, शासन, controlling ship/boat/organization.  
 With Mukesh Ambani at the helm Reliance Jio is certain of success.

Q.1 The national average wage of an MGNREGA worker is \_\_\_\_\_ per day.  
 1. ₹128 2. ₹148 3. ₹158 4. ₹178

Ans: 4

Q.1 MGNREGA budgetary allocation for the FY20 is -  
 1. ₹20000 cr 2. ₹60000 cr 3. ₹40000 cr 4. ₹80000 cr

Ans: 2

Q.1 MGNREGA scheme implemented by which Ministry ?  
 1. Ministry of Agriculture 2. Ministry of Panchayati Raj  
 3. Ministry of Rural Development 4. HRD Ministry

Ans: 2

Q.1 National Rural Employment Guarantee Act \_\_\_\_\_, is an Indian labour law and social security measure that aims to guarantee the 'right to work'.  
 1. 2005 2. 2006 3. 2002 4. 2010

Ans: 1

Q.1 In which year NREGA renamed as MGNREGA after amendment ?  
 1. 15th Aug 2009 2. 2nd Oct 2009  
 3. 26th Jan 2009 4. 19th Nov 2009

Ans: 2

Q.1 The foundation stone of the project was laid out by  
 1. 15th Aug 2009 2. 2nd Oct 2009  
 3. 26th Jan 2009 4. 19th Nov 2009

Ans: 2

Q.2 The fifth ruler of the Qutb Shahi dynasty, Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah, built the Charminar in \_\_\_\_\_ after shifting his capital from Golkonda to the newly formed city of Hyderabad.  
 1. 1555 2. 1599 3. 1591 4. 1595

Ans: 3

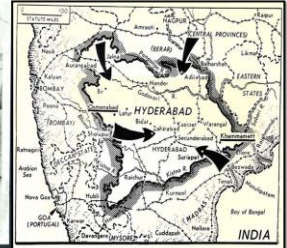
Q.3 One barrel is equal to how many liters in India ?  
 1. 100 2. 119 3. 159 4. 179

Ans: 3

- 1948 – Operation Polo is terminated after the Indian Army accepts the surrender of the army of Hyderabad.
- It was a **military operation** in which the Indian Armed Forces invaded the Nizam-ruled princely state, annexing it into the Indian Union.
- Nizam of Hyderabad - **Osman Ali Khan**
- November 1947**, Hyderabad signed a standstill agreement.
- The Indian prime minister **Jawaharlal Nehru** appointed a commission known as the **Sunderlal Committee**.
- Its report, which was not released until 2013.
- Hyderabad means "**Haydar's city**" or "**lion city**".



Nawab Mir Osman Ali Khan welcoming Sardar Patel at Airport in 1949. Major General J.N. Chowdhri is on right side.



## Malaria cases higher than last year: report

Around 100 cases reported in last two weeks, say civic bodies

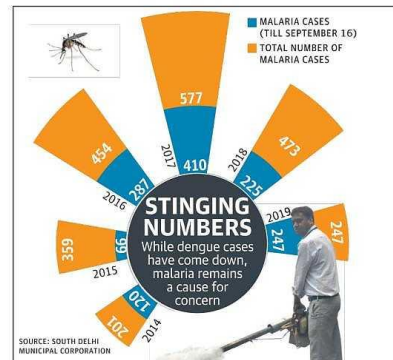
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 NEW DELHI  
 The number of malaria cases reported till September 16 this year is higher than those recorded last year, as per data released by the Delhi municipal corporations.

The data reveal that 247 cases of malaria were reported this year till the second week of September. Nearly 100 cases were reported in the past two weeks.

During the same period in 2018, there were 225 cases; 410 in 2017; 286 in 2016; 66 in 2015; and 120 in 2014.

### Main months

Additionally, a review of data since 2014 shows that a



## Deadly spread

Overcoming 'vaccine hesitancy' can reduce the global spread of measles infection

With a 30% increase in measles cases worldwide in 2018, the World Health Organization, in January 2019, included 'vaccine hesitancy' as one of the 10 threats to global health this year. The threat from vaccine hesitancy, which is defined as the "reluctance or refusal to vaccinate despite the availability of vaccines", only appears to have grown more dangerous to public health.

- After a surge in measles cases in 2018, there have been around 3,65,000 measles cases reported from 182 countries in the first six months of 2019.
- The biggest increase, of 900% in the first six months this year compared with the same period last year, has been from the WHO African region, with the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar and Nigeria accounting for most cases.
- There has been a sharp increase in the WHO European region too with 90,000 cases recorded in the first six months — more than the numbers recorded for the whole of 2018. The infection spread in the European region has been unprecedented in recent years — 1,74,000 cases from 49 of the 53 countries between January 2018 and June 2019.





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## **Smoke of the vaper**

**The ban on e-cigarettes will require rigorous implementation to be effective**

When alternatives are peddled as ‘the lesser evil’, virtue is artificially added as a measure of degrees. The evil is often clear and present, as in the case of electronic cigarettes, in all forms — Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS), vapes, and e-hookahs. The Centre’s move to ban these products shows a welcome intolerance of anything that impacts negatively on the health and wellness of the people of the country. The Cabinet recently cleared the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Ordinance, 2019. Now, any production, import, export, sale (including online), distribution or advertisement, and storage of e-cigarettes is a cognisable offence punishable with imprisonment or fine, or both. E-cigarettes, which were to aid smokers kick their habit, do not burn tobacco leaves. Instead these battery-operated devices produce aerosol by heating a solution containing among other things, nicotine. Nicotine is an addictive substance that may, according to studies, function as a “tumour promoter” and aid neuro-degeneration. Some other compounds in the aerosol are toxic substances that have known deleterious effects, and might just be less harmful than cigarettes, not harmless. Seven deaths have been recorded in the U.S. — the largest consumer of e-cigarettes in the world — where, New York recently banned the sale of flavoured e-cigarettes.

There is ample evidence on the harm of nicotine addiction — the reason that it is only approved under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act for use only in nicotine gums and patches. As the WHO’s Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) outlines, these devices can only be believed to succeed if smokers have moved on to an alternative nicotine source, and then stopped using that too; and the recruitment of minors into nicotine dependence eventually wanes to zero. There is evidence now that vaping, dangled as a cool, fun, activity, lures youngsters, and ironically, serves to introduce them to smoking. The FCTC also records that e-cigarettes are unlikely to be harmless, and long-term use is expected to increase the risk of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, lung cancer, and possibly cardiovascular disease and other diseases also associated with smoking. The urgency to act on this front is also justified by the number of users. As per figures submitted to Parliament earlier this year, e-cigarettes and accessories valued at about \$1,91,780 were imported to India between 2016 and 2019. The government, already on the right path, must go all out to ensure that its ban is implemented earnestly in letter and spirit, unlike the patchy execution of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act. It is essential to ensure this progressive ordinance does not go up in smoke.

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