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NATIONAL NEWS

- The National Task Force for the novel coronavirus constituted by **Indian Council of Medical Research(ICMR)** has recommended the use of hydroxychloroquine for healthcare workers or persons staying with and caring for positive COVID-19 patients. This protocol has been approved by the Drug Controller General of India (DGCI), **V. G. Somani**.
 - The protocol has mandated that hydroxychloroquine is to be taken only for **prophylaxis** or prevention. Its use is restricted for emergency situations.
 - **Related Keys**
 - **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** Founded: 1911
 - **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** Headquarters: New Delhi.
- The National Centre for Disease Control provides four levels of Bio-Safety to be followed in India. There are four Bio-Safety levels. It includes
 - BSL-1 that are basic teaching laboratories.
 - BSL-2 offering diagnostic services
 - BSL-3 offers high containment special diagnostic services.
 - BSL-4 are those laboratories that handle dangerous pathogens.
 - **Related Keys**
 - National Centre for Disease Control Founded: 1909
 - National Centre for Disease Control Headquarters :New Delhi
- On March 23, 2020, Reliance had set up the first hospital of India that will operate exclusively to treat Corona Virus patients. The Reliance Group of Companies in collaboration with **Brihanmumbai Municipal corporation has set up a COVID-19 Centre at the Seven Hills Hospital in Mumbai**. The Negative Room Pressure technology is used to isolate patients.

- **Related Keys**

- The Negative Pressure Room is a technique in medical centres that prevent cross-contamination. This allows air to flow into the room and prevents air from escaping out of the room.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- On March 23, 2020, The Government of **Sri Lanka** has pledged to contribute **\$5 million** to the **SAARC** (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) **Corona Emergency Fund** proposed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on March 15, 2020 with an initial grant of \$10 million from India to deal with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

- **Related Keys**

- Sri Lanka Capitals– Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- Sri Lanka Currency– Sri Lankan rupee
- SAARC Establishment– 8 December 1985
- SAARC Headquarters– Kathmandu, Nepal

SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

- The World Health Organization recently launched a mega trial of four most promising corona virus treatments. **The organization focuses on repurpose drugs that have already been approved to be safe rather than finding new compounds from the scratch.**
- The WHO is testing four most promising treatments to combat the virus. It includes
 - Remdesivir, an anti-viral compound
 - Chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine, the Malarial medications
 - Combination of Lopinavir and Ritonavir, HIV drugs
 - Interferon-beta along with the combination of Lopinavir and Ritonavir

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Quarantine** – A period of isolation for people or animals that have been exposed to an infectious disease
 - Similar Words – detain, seclude.
 - Antonyms - connect, unite
- **Quorum** - the minimum number of members of an assembly or society
 - Similar Words – legal minimum, plenum.
 - Antonyms – inactivity, disassembly.


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