

• If a patient in home isolation sees that his/her oxygen level is fluctuating between 93 to 97 quite often then the CRP is recommend to know the inflammation level in the body.

7. d

Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) Grants

- The grants are released as per the recommendations of the Finance Commission in monthly instalments to meet the gap in Revenue Accounts of the States postdevolution (of the divisible tax pool of the Centre).
- The 15th Finance Commission has recommended post devolution revenue deficit grants amounting to about Rs. 3 trillion over the five-year period ending FY26.
- The number of states qualifying for the revenue deficit grants decreases from 17 in FY22, the first year of the award period to 6 in FY26, the last year.
- Over the five-year period, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhand and West Bengal are recommended to be provided with the deficit grants.
- The Ministry of Finance has accepted the recommendation.

Article 275 of the Constitution

- It provides for the payment of such sums as Parliament may by law provide as grants-in aid to such States as Parliament may determine to be in need of assistance.
- The grants are paid out of the Consolidated Fund of India in each year, and different sums may be fixed for different States.
- These grants are to be of the nature of capital and recurring sums as may be necessary.
- These aim to enable that State to meet the costs of such schemes of development as may be undertaken by it with the approval of the Government of India for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes in that State or raising the level of administration of the Scheduled Areas there in

- to that of the administration of the rest of the areas of that State.
- Grants are primarily intended to correct Inter-State disparities in financial resources and to coordinate the maintenance and expansion of the welfare schemes of the State Governments on a uniform national level.

8. c

Conflict and Conservation Report

- It is released by International Union for Conservation of nature (IUCN) release a report titles.
- It focuses on the complex relationships between nature and armed conflict.
- Objective of the report us to help bring the importance of nature conservation into mainstream political and economic decision making.
- Major threats posed by the conflict are as follows
- Direct killing of wildlife for food
- 2. Degradation of ecosystems
- 3. Disruption of conservation efforts
- Key highlights of the report are as follows
- 1. Armed conflicts were particularly prevalent in some of the world's more biodiverse regions
- 2. Conflicts were less frequent within the boundaries of natural reserves and other protected areas
- 3. Degradation of nature was associated with increased risk of conflict

9. d

Paediatric Task Force

- Recently, the Maharashtra government has constituted a nine-member committee called Paediatric Task Force.
- The task force has been set up under the chairmanship of Dr Suhas Prabhu in an attempt to brace for the next wave.
- The special paediatric task force will be responsible for procuring medicines for children, paediatric ventilators and building Covid-19 care centres for children.