

	pandemic due to a limited area of spread.
<b>Endemic</b>	When the presence or usual prevalence of its infectious agent is constant within a given geographical area or population group.
<b>Syndemic</b>	A situation when two or more epidemics interact synergistically to produce an increased burden of disease in a population.

### SAANS CAMPAIGN

#### Why in News?

- Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched SAANS, a campaign aimed at reducing child mortality due to pneumonia.

#### About

- Campaign aimed at **reducing child mortality due to pneumonia**, which contributes to around 15% deaths annually of children under the age of five.

#### SAANS - 'Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully':

- Under the campaign, a child suffering from pneumonia can be **treated with pre-referral dose of antibiotic amoxicillin by ASHA workers**, and health and wellness centers can use pulse oximeter (device to monitor oxygen saturation).

#### Pneumonia:

- Infectious agents may include **bacteria, viruses and fungi**.
- Streptococcus pneumoniae** is the most common cause of bacterial pneumonia in children.
- Haemophiles influenzae type b (Hib)** is the second most common cause of bacterial pneumonia.
- Respiratory syncytial virus** is the most common viral cause of pneumonia
- Air sacs in an **infected individual's lungs** (alveoli) become inflamed due to deposits of fluid and pus, making it painful and difficult for them to breathe.

### SWASTHYA PORTAL

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- Ministry of Tribal Affairs** has e-launched it in collaboration with Piramal Swasthya, the Centre of Excellence, first of its kind comprehensive platform for health and nutrition related information of the tribal population of India.
- It has a dashboard, knowledge repository, partner segment, Sickle Cell Diseases (SCD) support corner + It encourages people with Sickle Cell disease or trait to register themselves.
- Other initiatives launched along with Swasthya Portal are:**
  - National Overseas Portal and National Tribal Fellowship Portal: to bring greater transparency and easy information to Scheduled Tribe (ST) students
  - "Empowering Tribals, Transforming India" Dashboard:** Online Performance Dashboard under Digital India to work towards empowering STs and will bring efficiency and transparency
  - ALEKH - e-newsletter on health and nutrition.

### JAYA JAITLY TASK FORCE

#### Why in News?

- The Women and Child Development Ministry has constituted a task force to examine issues related to age of motherhood, lowering Maternal Mortality Rate and improvement of nutritional levels.

#### The Terms of Reference:

- To **examine the issues related** to Infant Mortality Rate, Maternal Mortality Rate, Total Fertility Rate, Sex Ratio at Birth, Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and any other issues pertaining to health and nutrition.
- To **suggest measures** for promoting higher education among women.
- To **suggest suitable legislations and amendments** in existing laws and also chalk out a detailed roll-out plan with timelines to implement these recommendations.

### NASHA MUKT BHARAT CAMPAIGN

- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** has started it for 272 districts which are identified as most affected in terms of usage of substances, which are identified based on the

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