- inputs received from Narcotics Control Bureau and a National survey.
- **Nodal agency**: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- It will run for 7 months in collaboration with State governments to contain drug demand and abuse.
- As per the **National Policy on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 2012**, different Departments/Ministries have been allocated different roles.

E-SANJEEVANI TELE-MEDICINE PLATFORM

Why in News?
- 1.5 lakh teleconsultations were recently completed on the "**eSanjeevani**" and "**eSanjeevani OPD**" tele-medicine.

About
- E-Sanjeevani is a **platform-independent, browser-based application** facilitating both **doctor-to-doctor** and **patient-to-doctor** tele-consultations.
- It aims to make healthcare services equitable by **bridging the digital divide** that exists in **both rural areas and isolated communities.**
- The application is based on **invite-system** which **restricts it to the actual beneficiaries of the application**.
- It has a **user-friendly interface** which facilitates both **tech-savvy** and **novice doctors/users** in the rural and urban environment to access the application.
- Types of telemedicine services: This eSanjeevani platform has enabled two types of telemedicine services viz. **Doctor-to-Doctor** (eSanjeevani) and **Patient-to-Doctor** (eSanjeevani OPD) **Tele-consultations**.
- Implementation: The former is being implemented **under the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centre (AB-HWCs) programme.**

AFRICA HAS BEEN DECLARED FREE FROM WILD POLIO

- Declared by the independent body, the Africa Regional Certification Commission. Now only the vaccine-derived polio virus remains in Africa.

- A region is certified as free of wild polio after three years have passed without the virus being detected in any of its countries.
- **Nigeria** is the last African country to be declared free from wild polio.
- Wild polio is still present in **Pakistan and Afghanistan**.

NATIONAL DIGITAL HEALTH MISSION (NDHM)

Why in News?
- The Prime Minister has launched the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) on the eve of Independence Day.

About NDHM:
- It is a **voluntary healthcare programme** that aims to **reduce the gap among stakeholders** such as doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers by **bringing them together and connecting them** in an integrated digital health infrastructure.
- It will be a major stride towards the achievement of the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3.8 of Universal Health Coverage**, including financial risk protection.
- **Components**: The mission comprises six key building blocks or digital systems namely **HealthID, DigiDoctor, Health Facility Registry, Personal Health Records, e-Pharmacy & telemedicine.**
- **Health Id**: It is a **14-digit serial number** which will be generated for each individual. The Id will be a repository of **all health-related information** of a person such as medical tests, previous prescriptions, diagnosis, treatments and all historical health records.
- **Implementation**: The **National Health Authority** (NHA) would design, build, roll-out and implement the mission.
- **Coverage**: The scheme would first be **tested in the Union Territories** of Chandigarh, Ladakh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.

National Health Authority (NHA):
- It is the **apex body responsible for implementing Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** (AB-PMJAY).