



Surrogacy Insurance Limit Raised | Madhya Pradesh | 07 Sep 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the Madhya Pradesh government has increased the insurance coverage for surrogacy policies for women to Rs 10 lakh.

Key Points

- The government has raised the insurance coverage for surrogacy from **Rs 2 lakh to Rs 10 lakh for women undergoing surrogacy**.
- In MP126 institutions **ART (Assisted Reproductive Technology Bank, ART Level -1 Clinic, ART Level -2 Clinic and Surrogacy)** are registered under the **State Assisted Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Regulation Act 2021**.
- **Surrogacy**: It is an arrangement in which a woman (the surrogate) agrees to carry and give birth to a child on behalf of another person or couple (the intended parent/s).
 - A surrogate, sometimes also called a gestational carrier, is a woman who conceives, carries and gives birth to a child for another person or couple (intended parent/s).
 - **Altruistic Surrogacy**: It involves no monetary compensation to the surrogate mother other than the medical expenses and insurance coverage during the pregnancy.
 - **Commercial Surrogacy**: It includes surrogacy or its related procedures undertaken for a monetary benefit or reward (in cash or kind) exceeding the basic medical expenses and insurance coverage.
- The Centre modified the [Surrogacy \(Regulation\) Rules, 2022](#), allowing surrogacy with one gamete from the intending couple and permitting single women to use self-eggs and donor sperm.

Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021

- **Provisions:**
 - Under the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021, a woman who is a widow or a divorcee between **the age of 35 to 45 years or a couple**, defined as a legally married woman and man, can avail of surrogacy if they have a medical condition necessitating this option.
 - The intended couple shall be a legally married Indian man and woman, the man shall be between the **ages of 26-55 years** and the woman shall be between the **ages of 25-50 years**, and shall not have any previous biological, adopted, or surrogate child.
 - It also bans commercial surrogacy, which is punishable with a jail term of 10 years and a fine of up to **Rs 10 lakhs**.
 - The law allows **only altruistic surrogacy** where no money exchanges hands and where a surrogate mother is genetically related to those seeking a child.



Major Defence Procurement Approval | Jammu & Kashmir | 07 Sep 2024

Why in News?

Recently, [India's Defence Council](#) approved military hardware procurement worth **Rs 1.45 lakh crore**, emphasizing indigenous suppliers for modernizing the forces.

Key Points

- **Indigenous Procurement Focus:** 99% of the funds will be spent on indigenous suppliers.
- **Major Approvals:**
 - 1,770 Future-Ready Combat Vehicles (FRCVs) for the [Indian Army](#)
 - Construction of seven additional [Project-17B](#) stealth frigates for the navy.
 - Acquisition of 26 [Rafale-M](#) fighters for [INS Vikrant](#)
- **Additional Procurements:**
 - Air defence fire control radars.
 - Equipment for cross-country mobility, such as forward repair team (tracked) vehicles.
 - Upgraded capabilities for the [Indian Coast Guard](#), including Dornier-228 aircraft and next-generation patrol vessels.
- **Procurement Categories:**
 - [Indian-IDD](#) (Indigenously Designed, Developed, and Manufactured)
 - **Buy (Indian):** Includes products with 50% or 60% indigenous content, depending on design and development.
- **Self-Reliance Measures:**
 - Phased bans on imports of weapons and subsystems.
 - Increased [FDI](#) limit from 49% to 74%.
 - Separate budget allocation for locally made hardware.
- [2024-25 Defence Budget:](#)
 - Total allocation of Rs 6.22 lakh crore.
 - [Capital expenditure](#) of Rs 1.72 lakh crore, with Rs 1.05 lakh crore earmarked for domestic procurement.

Defence Acquisition Council

- The DAC is the highest decision-making body in the **Defence Ministry** for deciding on new policies and capital acquisitions for the three services (**Army, Navy and Air Force**) and the **Indian Coast Guard**.
- The Minister of Defence is the Chairman of the Council.
- It was formed, after the Group of Ministers recommendations on 'Reforming the National Security System', in 2001, post Kargil War (1999).

UP Boosts Football Development | Uttar Pradesh | 07 Sep 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the [Uttar Pradesh](#) government announced significant plans to [enhance football](#) infrastructure and promotion across the state.

Key Points

- UP government to build **18 new football stadiums** across all state commissariats.
- Football grounds to be developed in all **827 blocks of the state** to encourage more tournaments.
- **KD Singh Babu Stadium, Lucknow** was renovated in 19 days to host the **Kolkata Derby**.
 - The **Kolkata Derby** is a football match between **East Bengal and Mohun Bagan**, two of the most popular teams in India. The rivalry between these two clubs is over **100 years old** and is considered one of the biggest local sporting rivalries in the world. The derby is known for its **intense action and passionate fans**.
- UP aligns with [Khelo India initiative](#), ensuring government backing for sports development in the state.



Khelo India Initiative

- Khelo India is a scheme envisioned by the Prime Minister in 2017-18 to give a platform to **grassroots athletes and build sports infrastructure** across India, resulting in turning India into a sporting nation.
- The Khelo India Scheme is the flagship **Central Sector Scheme** of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

