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Sonia Shah does this masterfully in her book *The Fever: How Malaria Has Ruled Humankind for 500,000 Years*, adding yet another work to the growing pile of contemporary writings on medicine.
Shock tobacco users

- India now has the third largest warnings in the world after Nepal and Vanuatu.
- India has moved to the third rank among 205 countries with 85% implementation of pictorial warnings on tobacco products packs.
- In September, India will follow the World Health Organisation’s Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) guidelines by using scarier images to shock tobacco users.
Substance and optics of the summit- Wuhan

- Wide range of subjects discussed, from
  - Bilateral
  - Regional
  - Global challenges

- **Bilateral front, they decided to** “issue strategic guidance to their militaries to strengthen communication”, essentially to avoid another Doklam-like situation

- Both sides addressed measures to better balance the ballooning trade deficit

- Discussed a **joint project in Afghanistan**.

- Finally, they attempted to reduce the heat over unresolved issues such as
  - China’s block on India’s NSG membership bid or
  - UN’s terror designation for Pakistan-based groups, and
  - India’s opposition to the Belt and Road Initiative
  - Tibet issue
Two neighbours have been to war only once;

Since the Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility was signed in 1993,

Neither side has fired a weapon along the 3,500-km boundary

Wuhan summit has recommitted India and China to managing bilateral relations in a manner that creates the conditions for the "Asian Century"

Summit was a much needed one and has added to the ongoing attempts to bring the bilateral relations between the two Asian giants back on track

India China relations have been under great stress in recent years.

The 2017 military standoff at the Doklam tri-junction

Wuhan summit was preceded by the visits of Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to China for Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meetings

Reflecting a positive rethink on bilateral ties and a desire to avoid future military standoffs.

While tensions with Pakistan wouldn’t be costly for the BJP from an electoral point of view, a ‘failed China policy’ could potentially be used by the Opposition to take on Mr. Modi

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Food first

- There is no substitute for hot-cooked meals to address poor child nutrition
- Raising nutritional standards for young children has become a policy imperative only in recent years, with the National Food Security Act, 2013
- Newly-formed inter-ministerial National Council on India’s Nutrition Challenges has chosen to continue the current practice, overruling the Minister for Women and Child Development, Maneka Gandhi, who proposed distribution of packaged nutrients to beneficiaries
- Food and Public Distribution Minister Ram Vilas Paswan’s emphasis on strengthening these legal guarantees by providing more nutritious hot cooked meals and rations with the help of local self help groups
If the ICDS scheme, now called the Anganwadi Services Scheme, is to achieve better outcomes, it must focus on the provision of physical infrastructure and funding. Besides closer monitoring of the nutrition mission. Theoretically, the mission covers every child, but in practice it is not accessible to all. Centre recently launched POSHAN Abhiyaan, an integrator that will build capacity. National Family Health Survey-4 shows drop in underweight and stunted children under five years of age compared to the previous survey, but the absolute numbers are still high. POSHAN Abhiyaan should rigorously measure levels of access and quality of nutrition, and publish the data periodically.
Pyongyang’s next steps

- **North Korea and South Korea** have jointly declared that the Korean War will be finally over.
- North Korean leader **Kim Jong-un** and South Korean President **Moon Jae-in**, who met for the first time on Friday
- **Optimistic** phrases such as “a new history begins now” and “the Korean people cannot remain separated”
- **Summit between the U.S. and North Korea** will take place as scheduled.
- **Differences between** on the question of denuclearisation
- The Indian template Denuclearisation is key to the whole process as it means different things to different people.
- For the **U.S., the models are Iraq, Libya** surrendered their nuclear assets in return for peace and normalisation.
- **But North Korea seems to have another model in mind**; an Indian model nuclear deal in which it gets recognised as a “technologically advanced responsible state” on the basis of certain strategic assurances.
North Korea sought to leave the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) regime.

The direct threat that they faced from the U.S., South Korea and Japan must have resulted in the aggressive approach, but now that North Korea has established its nuclear capability, it is inclined to negotiate.

India’s nuclear test of 1974, China since 1964 and the danger of China passing nuclear secrets to Pakistan.

U.S., which initially had refused to be dragged into a discussion and only wanted to punish India.

Mr. Kim is obviously hoping to reach a similar agreement with the U.S. to legitimise his Nuclear arsenal and earn a designation similar to India’s “technologically advanced responsible state”.

Indian model will help North Korea in restoring peace in the Korean Peninsula and having a cooperative relationship with the U.S. and the rest of the world.

Some amount of domestic reform at home, in terms of civil liberties, make its case better.
Page-1- India, Pak. To take part in war games

In a first, arch rivals India and Pakistan will be part of a multi-nation counter-terror exercise in Russia in September. It will also be joined by China and several other countries.

The exercise will take place under the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), a China-dominated security grouping which is increasingly seen as a counterweight to NATO
North Korea plans to shut n-site in May
To invite experts from the South, U.S.
Page-1- All villages electrified, says PM Modi

All villages in India have now been electrified, PM Narendra Modi announced on Sunday.

The milestone was achieved 12 days ahead of the 1,000-day deadline set by Mr. Modi on August 15, 2015.

On Saturday evening, Leisang in Manipur’s Senapati district became the last village to be connected to the national grid.

As per official data, there were 18,452 villages without electricity when the NDA government took office in May 2014.

4 crore rural and urban households by March 2019 under the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) initiative.
Page-7- Nutrition panel drops Maneka proposal
Rejects idea to replace ready-to-eat food rations with energy-dense nutrient packets for beneficiaries
National Council on Nutrition (NCN) has unanimously rejected Union Minister for Women and Child Development (WCD) Maneka Gandhi’s proposal to replace ready-to-eat food as takehome dry rations with energy-dense nutrient packets
Prelims Focus Facts-News Analysis

➢ ‘U.S. will quit Iran deal if there is no progress in talks’

➢ Koreas unite behind one time-zone
➢ Kim says the North’s clocks would be moved 30 minutes forward to show the same time as the South

➢ Foreign fund flow till Apr. the lowest since 2011
✓ Supreme court of India
✓ Initially very first supreme court of judicature at Calcutta was founded by regulating act of 1773.
✓ Initially the constitution of India provided for a supreme court with a Chief Justice and 7 judges but at Present strength is 31 (1 Chief justice+ 30 judges).

✓ Indian rupee sign (₹)
✓ It is the currency sign for the Indian rupee.
✓ Designed by Udaya Kumar
✓ It was presented to the public by the Government of India on 15 July 2010.
"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle."

Green city, clean city,
My dream city.

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Grow Trees

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