

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 21, 2024

AWARDS

- **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar**
- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has presented the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 19 children for their exceptional achievements.



- ✓ The children, comprising 9 boys and 10 girls, hail from 18 States and Union Territories, including two aspirational districts.
- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2024 will be given in six categories — art and culture (7), bravery (1), innovation (1), science and technology (1), social service (4), and sports (5).
- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, a government initiative, aims to recognize and celebrate the exceptional achievements of children aged 5 to 18 years.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **India's First Indigenously Developed Hepatitis A Vaccine**

- ✓ Indian Immunologicals Ltd launched India's first indigenously developed Hepatitis A vaccine, **Havisure**.



- ✓ India's first indigenously developed Hepatitis A vaccine, **Havisure**, has been launched by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Indian Immunologicals Ltd (IIL).
- ✓ The vaccine is effective in preventing the Hepatitis A disease and is recommended for children in routine immunization. The Hepatitis A vaccine is used to prevent infection caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV).
- ✓ Hepatitis A is a highly contagious liver viral infection. It mainly spreads through the ingestion of contaminated food or water.

