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# AGRICULTURE CURRENT AFFAIRS DECEMBER-2018

- **The 13<sup>th</sup> Confederation of Indian industries Agrotech India-2018** was inaugurated in Chandigarh on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 by President Ram Nath Kovind. **The theme was-Technology in Agriculture: Increasing farmer's income.**
- World Meteorological Department has declared 2018 as the Fourth hottest year recorded.
- **Global Agriculture Food Summit-2018** was held in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- **World Soil day** was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> December.
- The Cooperative department of Punjab has decided to merge 20 District Central Cooperative Banks with the Punjab State Cooperative Bank.
- World Bank has provided a financial assistance of \$210 million for the initiative-State of Maharashtra's Agribusiness and Rural Transformation (**SMART**) on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018.
- **Shahpurkandi dam project** on River Ravi in Punjab has been approved by the Centre with the financial assistance of Rs.485.38crore for over 5 years from 2018-19 to 2022-23.
- Foundation stone of **Pusa Haat** was laid at ICAR Agricultural Technological Information Centre (ATIC) in New Delhi on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018.
- According to a study by Global Carbon Project, **India ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in the emission of Carbon di oxide** in the world and accounts for 7% of the global Carbon di oxide emission in 2017.
- In order to boost rooftop Solar power capacity projects, NABARD has signed a loan agreement of \$100million with Green Climate Fund (GCF), on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.
- **First International Confrence on Sustainable Water Management** was held in Mohali, Punjab on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018.
- NABARD has developed a portal-**ENSURE-under National Livestock Mission** for improving the practice of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- Ministry of Commerce and Industry has released India's first Agriculture Export Policy 2018 which aims to propel India to become a \$5trillion economy by 2025.
- **Jharkhand has been selected by the Union Ministry of Agriculture for Krishi Karman Award in the category of Rice** and this award will be awarded in February-209 and carries a cash prize worth Rs.2crore.
- ICAR has approved the registration of 15 new breeds of livestock and poultry in 2018.
- Maharashtra Government has approved a sum of Rs.4089crore for the **Thembu lift irrigation project on River Krishna.**
- Jharkhand Government has launched a scheme **Mukhya Mantri Krishi Yojana** to help medium and marginal farmers to double their income by 2022.
- Odisha Government has announced **Krushak assistance for livelihood and Income augmentation (KALIA) scheme** with an outlay of Rs.10000crore to empower small, marginal and landless farmers and labourers.

- **Oil and Natural gas (ONGC) has set up the centre for Agricultural Research and Training in Telangana in collaboration with Eklavya Foundation.**
- **National Farmer's Day was celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> December** on the occasion of Birth Anniversary of Indian Farmer's leader and 5<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of India Chaudhary Charan Singh. His statue was inaugurated in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

