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PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT

- The Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum Complex, which was closed for public viewing due to COVID-19 since March 13, 2020, was re-open.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid down the six Light House Projects under the Global Housing Technology Challenge-India (GHTC-India), being executed with modern technologies in six states which will boost the housing construction sector in the country.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the 'National Environmental Standards Laboratory' and also dedicates 'National Atomic Timescale' and 'Bhartiya Nirdeshak Dravya' to the nation at the National Metrology Conclave on 4th January 2021. The National Atomic Timescale generates Indian Standard Time with an accuracy of 2.8 nanoseconds and Bhartiya Nirdeshak Dravya is supporting testing and calibration of laboratories for quality assurance, at par with international standards.
- On 5th January 2021, Prime Minister dedicated the Kochi - Mangaluru Natural Gas Pipeline worth Rs 4000 crore to the nation, this 450 km long pipeline has been built by GAIL (India) Ltd.
- For installation of additional 162 dedicated Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Medical Oxygen Generation Plants in public health facilities Rs 201.58 crore of The Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES) Fund Trust were allocated.

CABINET

- India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the National Centre of Meteorology (NCM), United Arab Emirates (UAE).

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

- Under MSP Schemes, Government continues to procure Kharif 2020-21 crops at Minimum Support Prices (MSP) from farmers. Paddy Procurement showed an increase of 24.93% from last year. More than 62.28 Lac farmers have already been benefitted from the ongoing Kharif Marketing Season 2020-21 (KMS) procurement Operations with an MSP value of Rs 92120.85 Crore.
- **Year-End review**
 - This year the Budget allocation has been increased by more than 6 times to Rs. 1,34,399.77 crore.
 - The Government launched Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) under this scheme Rs. 6,000 is transferred to the beneficiary farmer's account per year in three installments. With this initiative, more than 1,10,000 crore rupees have been released so far and 10.59 crore farmer families have been benefitted.
 - Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) has successfully completed 4 years of its implementation.
 - The Institutional credit for the agriculture sector increased from Rs. 7.3 lakh crore in 2013-14 to Rs. 13.73 lakh crore in 2019-20. Interest Subvention benefits have been extended to farmers for fulfilling the short term working capital needs in allied activities like Animal Husbandry and Fisheries.
 - Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) was launched which will be in effect for 10years to provide medium to long-term debt financing for investment in various projects for post-harvest management Infrastructure.
 - In the year 2020, National Bee and Honey Mission have been launched with the allocation of Rs 500 crore as a part of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.
 - Under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana additional 50.1 lakh hectare area has been covered under micro-irrigation.
 - Micro Irrigation Fund Rs 5,000 crore has been placed with NABARD to facilitate the States in mobilizing resources to increase the coverage under micro irrigation through special and innovation projects.

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- Crop insurance scheme - the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) successfully completed 5 years also under this scheme the average sum insured per hectare has increased from ₹15,100 during the pre-PMFBY Schemes to ₹40,700 under PMFBY.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

- For enhancing Quality and Productivity in Indian Industry, The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India is organizing Udyog Manthan - a marathon of focused sector-specific webinars in association with Quality Council of India, National Productivity Council, and Industry bodies.
- For strengthening strategic cooperation between India and Azerbaijan in export of Basmati Rice and to boost export potential of India's agricultural and processed food products, APEDA was organized a Virtual Buyer Seller Meet (BSM) in Azerbaijan.
- The two-day 'Prarambh', Startup India International Summit was held in New Delhi with the members of BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) countries participating in the inaugural event.

MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS & IT

YEAR-END REVIEW 2020

- DigiLocker, the digital platform for issuance and verification of documents issued by Government and private departments, achieved 5.19 crore registered users and more than 426 crore documents have been issued from 722 Issuer organizations.
- UMANG, a mobile app, which is a unified platform aggregating major govt services (center, state, and local bodies), a total of 2084 services are available and the app is integrated with Aadhaar, DigiLocker, Payment Gateway, etc.
- Aatmanirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge was launched for 9 categories like Business, eLearning, Entertainment, Games, Health etc.
- Digital Skilling initiative launched by MeitY and NASSCOM to cover 7 lakh IT professionals in the next 5 years.
- Jeevan Pramaan, a biometric-enabled digital service for pensioners for submitting their Digital Life Certificates (DLC) online, processed 4.31 crore DLCs till November 2020.
- GST e-invoice system, has completed the journey of three months and has enabled more than 37000 taxpayers to generate more than 1680 Lakh Invoice Reference Numbers (IRNs), from the NIC developed e-Invoice system.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

- Union Education Minister and Union Minister WCD and Textiles jointly launched Toycathon-2021 to conceptualize innovative toys based on the Indian value system which will inculcate positive behaviour and good value among the children.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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- The Union Home Minister released the inaugural issue of the “National Police K-9 Journal” on the subject of Police Service K9s (PSKs) i.e. Police Dogs, they can be used effectively to detect drugs and in the fight against terrorism.

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

- On 16th January 2021, the 51st International Film Festival of India started with the movie ‘Another Round’ by Thomas Vinterberg. The festival was closed on 24th January 2021 with the historical drama ‘Wife of a Spy’ by Kiyoshi Kurosawa.
- The 51st Edition of The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held in Goa from 16th January to 24th January 2021, and the Country in Focus is Bangladesh.
- To enhance cooperation in the field of Information and Communications Technologies, India and Japan signed a MoU.

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

- From freight loading, Indian Railways earned Rs. 11788.11 crores which is also Rs. 757.74 crores (6.87%) higher compared to last year’s earnings ((Rs. 11030.37 crores).

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) paid a dividend of Rs 5.625 crore to Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh. Rs six per share dividend has been declared by this company i.e., 60 percent of the equity share capital, which amounts to Rs 24.99 crore for the financial year (FY) 2019-20.
- To conserve water and protect the environment, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), and Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation (MAHA –METRO), signed an agreement for the implementation of its advanced biodigester Mk-II technology for the treatment of human waste in the metro rail network.

MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCE

- On 4th January 2021 India launched the 40th scientific expedition to Antarctica. This Indian Antarctic expedition began in the year 1981.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

- **Government of India (GoI) has announced the Sale (Re-issue) of Government Securities ----**
 - 3.96% Government Security, 2022 for a notified amount of Rs2,000 crore (nominal) through price-based auction,
 - 5.15% Government Security, 2025 for a notified amount of Rs11,000 crore (nominal) through price-based auction,
 - 5.85% Government Security, 2030’ for a notified amount of Rs 8,000 crore (nominal) through price-based auction, and
 - 6.80% Government Security, 2060 for a notified amount of Rs 6,000 crore (nominal) through price-based auction. The auctions were conducted by the Reserve Bank of India.

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- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$100 million loan agreement to modernize, enhance the quality and upgrade the power distribution system in Bengaluru city, Karnataka.
- West Bengal Government and the World Bank signed an agreement on a \$105 million project to improve the inland water transport infrastructure in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Andhra Pradesh Government and the New Development Bank (NDB) signed loan agreements of up to USD 323 million each for two projects named Andhra Pradesh Roads and Bridges Reconstruction Project which comprises widening 1,600 km of State Highways to double lane and reconstructing dilapidated bridges and Andhra Pradesh Mandal Connectivity and Rural Connectivity Improvement Project which comprises widening 1,400 km of district roads to double lane.
- Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh have become the first group of States to complete citizen-centric reforms i.e One Nation, One Ration Card Reforms, Ease of Doing Business Reforms, and Urban Local Bodies Reforms and for completing these the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has given additional financial assistance amounting to Rs.1004 crore under the newly launched Scheme of “Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure”.
- Telangana has become the 3rd State to successfully complete the “Urban Local Bodies (ULB)” reform, and become eligible to assemble Rs.2,508 crore through Open Market Borrowings.
- Government of India issued Sovereign Gold Bonds 2020-21 (Series X) for the period January 11-15, 2021 with an issue price of Rs 5,104 per gram.
- to support India's efforts at providing social assistance to the poor and vulnerable households, severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, The Government of Japan has given a loan amount of JPY 30 billion (approx. Rs. 2,113 crore)
- Manipur has become the 4th State to successfully complete “Urban Local Bodies (ULB)” reforms stipulated by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, and become eligible to assemble Rs.75 crore through Open Market Borrowings.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports has launched the Assam Rifles Public School (ARPS) in Shillong as a Khelo India Sports School and with this initiative, this school becomes the first Sports School under the Khelo India scheme.

MINISTRY OF POWER

- On 5th January 2015, Prime Minister launched the Government of India's zero-subsidy Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) and Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) successfully completed 6 years. Both the programmes are being implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), and have distributed over 36.69 crores LED bulbs across India under UJALA. 1.14 crore LED streetlights have been installed by EESL under SLNP.

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- The Minister for Science & Technology, Health & Family Welfare and Earth Sciences inaugurated the centralized network lab of Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) established at Translational Health Science & Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad.

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

- Government of India and Government of Japan has signed the Memorandum of Cooperation on a Basic Framework for Partnership for Proper Operation of the System Pertaining to "Specified Skilled Worker".

MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

- To encourage the use of Swadeshi products in the paramilitary forces, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) signed an MoU with ITBP for the supply of 1.72 lakh cotton durries every year.
- Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways & MSME launched an innovative new paint called "Khadi Prakritik Paint" which has anti-fungal, anti-bacterial properties developed by Khadi.

MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- To empower India's youth with skills, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) was launched Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 3.0, in nearly 600 districts making 300+ skill courses available to the youth.

CABINET COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (CCEA)

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade for Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of Jammu & Kashmir of Rs. 28,400 crore up to the year 2037.

MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

- To provide technical support in developing renewable energy projects, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NHPC Ltd.