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MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

1. PHARMA SAHI DAAM 2.0 APP

- The Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched the Pharma Sahi Daam 2.0 App during the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA).
- 'Pharma Sahi Daam' is an app for checking prices of Scheduled / Non-Scheduled medicines instantly while purchasing the medicine.
- Now the present Pharma Sahi Daam 2.0 app will have updated features like speech recognition, Share button bookmarking medicines along with direct complain lodging facilities directly from the customers are added.
- The app will be available in two languages. Hindi and English

2. ONE NATION ONE FERTILIZER

- One Nation One Fertilizer Scheme will be implemented from 2nd October 2022.
- All types of fertilizers in India will come under the Brand name "Bharat".
- The objective of this scheme is to control black advertising by fertilizer companies and bring transparency in the system.
- All the private and public players will have to name their products as Bharat. Eg. Bharat Urea, Bharat DAP, Bharat MOP and Bharat NPK

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

INDIAN E-PASSPORTS

- Government of India is planning to launch E-passports in next 6 months.

- The passport will have e-chip embedded and contains the details of the applicant and it will be kept digitally in the chip.
- The e-passport operation is done by Indian Government along with the TCS, India's largest software exporter.
- This e-passport will be launched by the end of the year 2022 or by the first week of January 2023.

MINISTRY FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

AZADI QUEST

- Azadi Quest is a mobile game that tells the story of heroes of the Indian freedom struggle from every corner of India.
- The games are available for Android and iOS devices.
- This is will be available worldwide from September 2022.
- This is designed to engage players of all ages and harness the power of interactive entertainment as an educational experience.

NITI AAYOG

HARIDWAR AS BEST ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT

- NITI Aayog has declared Haridwar city of Uttarakhand as the best aspirational district based on five parameters.
- Haridwar also has secured first position in Basic Infrastructure theme.
- Now an additional allocation of Rs 3 crore will be made for the development of this city.
- Aspirational district programme was launched in January 2018 by NITI Aayog.
- It aims to effectively transform some of most underdeveloped districts of our country.

PRIME MINISTER

1. SMRITI VAN

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated the 'Smriti Van' memorial built on the Bhuj city in Kutch district of Gujarat.
- This is built as the memorial built in memory of the 2001 Gujarat earthquake victims.
- It was built over 470 acres on Bhujio Hill near Bhuj city.

2. KUTCH BRANCH CANAL

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones of Kutch branch canal of the Sardar Sarovar Project.
- The total length of this canal is about 357 km.
- This canal, it will help in providing irrigation and drinking water to Kutch in all 948 villages and 10 towns of Kutch district.

3. ATAL BRIDGE

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Atal Bridge'.
- It is built over the Sabarmati River in Ahmedabad city of Gujarat.
- It was named after the former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- The total cost of construction of this bridge is Rs 74.29 lakh crore.
- This bridge is about 300 meters long and 14 meters wide.

MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

TB FREE DISTRICTS

- 75 Tribal Districts was identified for TB interventions.
- These districts were selected by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Central TB Division.
- These districts will have better TB testing infrastructure and to improve the delivery of TB services.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

1. BATTERY WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES 2022

- Battery Waste Management Rules 2022 will replace the Battery (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001.
- These rules are applicable to all types of batteries such as electric vehicle batteries, portable batteries, automotive batteries and industrial batteries.
- EPR (Extended Manufacturer Responsibility) mandates the collection of all waste batteries and sends them for recycling/renewal, and prohibits their disposal in landfills and incineration.

2. 11 MORE WETLANDS

- India has added 11 more wetlands in the Ramsar Sites list.
- 4 sites have been added from Tamil Nadu, 3 from Odisha, 2 from Jammu & Kashmir and one each from Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra.
- Total number of Ramsar sites in India stands at 75, covering an area of 13 lakh 26 thousand 677 Hectare.

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

ARTH GANGA

- A new initiative named 'Arth Ganga' under the Namami Gange program was initiated by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- The aim of this initiative is to boost economic activities along the banks of river Ganga.
- This programme will also help local people to sell local produce, medicinal plants and Ayurveda.
- Arth Ganga will work under 6 levels.

MINISTER OF DEFENSE

INDIA-TANZANIA TASK FORCE

- Bilateral talk was held between Minister of Defense Rajnath Singh and Dr. Sturgomena Lawrence Tax, Minister of Defense, Tanzania in New Delhi.
- This task force will hence Defense cooperation between two countries for the next five years.

MINISTER FOR COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

1. GATI SHAKTI LINKED TO GEOSPATIAL MAPS

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal announced that the Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti National Master Plan will now be linked to geospatial maps.
- This will reduce the unnecessary cost escalation.
- Currently, 1,000 geospatial maps have been formed for forests, wildlife sanctuaries, highways and railway infrastructure, power plants and industrial zones in India.

2. NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AWARENESS MISSION (NIPAM)

- The National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) was launched on December 8, 2021.
- This scheme has met its goal of training one million students on July 31, 2022, before the deadline of August 15, 2022.
- Intellectual Property includes Patents, Designs and Trademarks.
- This awareness will help students to get their patents and designed registered.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

1. AYUSHMAN BHARAT CARD UPGRADATION

- Ayushman card will be co-branded with the state logo will be released soon.
- This card will also include the name of state-specific health schemes as well as the flagship health scheme of the Centre.
- This initiative is mainly to prevent confusion among the citizens.
- The card will be in two languages, English and the local language.

2. HEALTH SERVICES TO TRANSGENDERS

- Under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), National Health Authority (NHA) decided to provide holistic health services to transgenders.
- To become eligible, Transgender should have Transgender Certificate issued by the National Portal for Transgender Persons,
- Every eligible person gets a health insurance cover of up to Rs 5 lakh every year.

3. PAALAN 1000 NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

- Paalan 1000 National Campaign was launched by Bharati Pravin Pawar (Union Minister of State for Health)
- First 1000 day acts as a solid platform for physical, emotional, mental, cognitive and social health of the child.
- This campaign primarily focuses on children's development in first two years.

MINISTRY OF ROAD, RAILWAY, AND SHIPPING

1. MOU FOR MULTI MODAL LOGISTICS PARKS(MMLP)

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between RVNL(Rail Vikas Nigam Limited), IWAI (Inland Waterways Authority of

India), and NHLML(National Highways Logistics Management Limited).

- The objectives of the MoU is to reduce logistics costs in the country and to improve the standards in the country with international standards.
- MMLPs will have cargo terminals, material handling facilities, warehouses, container terminals, and cold storage and will maintain cargo movements such as parking, custom clearance, maintenance of trucks, etc.
- The parks will be accessible through rails and roads.

2. SWITCH EIV 22

- Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari recently launched India's first AC double-decker electric bus named 'Switch Eiv 22'
- It was developed by Ashok Leyland in Mumbai.
- This electric double decker serves as an ideal solution for urban commuting.
- It also holds more seats compared to single decker bus, hence reduces depot size.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

1. NAMASTE SCHEME

- NAMASTE Scheme is to provide safety and dignity to sanitation workers across urban India.
- This is to increase occupational safety for sanitation workers by providing them with safety gear and machines.
- The main aim is to attain zero fatalities in sanitation work across India.
- It is jointly done by "Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment" and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs".
- It is a centrally sponsored scheme.

2. SMILE-75

- SMILE stands for "Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise".
- The main aim is to provide the rehabilitation of person practicing the act of begging.
- Under this ,75 Municipal Corporations have been considered.
- This is done to have municipal areas free of begging.

MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

1. GRAMEEN UDYAMI PROJECT-PHASE 2

- Grameen udyami project second phase was started in Ranchi (Jharkhand).
- The aim is to promote skill development and entrepreneurship among tribal youth.
- Phase 2 was launched by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in partnership with Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society.

2. MOU TO TRAIN CIVIL SERVANTS

- MoU was inked between Microsoft, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Capacity Building Commission (CBC).
- Microsoft will give training to over 2.5 million civil servants in India for using the Microsoft digital tools.
- This will help to deliver last-mile social welfare services.

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. HYDROGEN FUEL CELL BUS

- Union Minister of Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh recently launched India's first truly indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus.
- It was developed by KPIT-CSIR in Pune.

- This bus has zero emissions compared to a diesel bus.
- A normal diesel bus usually emits 100 tonnes of CO2 annually.
- At the same time, hydrogen fuel cell vehicles will prove to be excellent means to eliminate on-road emissions in the region.

2. START-UP LOAN FOR COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC

- Start-up loan of Rs 1.15 crores was approved by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh to commercialise “compostable” plastic.
- This is to eliminate single use plastic and replace it with compostable plastics
- Compostable plastics will compost in soil and will not affect the environment.

MINISTRY FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

AQUA BAZAR

- Aqua Bazar is the Online Market Place feature introduced in the “MatsyaSetu” mobile.
- It aims to connect all stakeholders in the aquaculture sector.
- The app was developed by the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar
- In this app, fish farmers can sell fish seeds, feed, medicines, etc.,

MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS

SAFAI MITRA SURAKSHIT SHEHAR

- 500 cities across India have declared themselves as ‘Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar’
- This is to promote sustainable sanitation practices under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban.
- This transform every ‘manhole’ into a ‘machine hole’.

- This, it will help in eliminating manual scavenging.

MINISTRY OF HOME

NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGIES CONFERENCE 2022

- Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home, inaugurated and addressed the “National Security Strategies Conference 2022”
- This conference discusses about the robust human intelligence to fight terrorism.
- This Conference was being attended by 600 officers from India.

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

AYUSH GRID PROJECT

- Ayush Grid Project will digitise Ayush Sector, for a period of 3 years.
- Ayush Grid Project is a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY).
- MeitY will provide technical support, including adoption of emerging technologies, for the Ayush Grid project.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION’S REGIONAL STANDARDIZATION FORUM

- International Telecommunication Union’s Regional Standardization Forum for Asia and Oceania region was inaugurated by Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chauhan, in New Delhi
- The theme of the forum is “Regulatory and Policy aspects of Telecommunications”.

- This forum aims to Harness Technologies for Digital & Financial Inclusion in Emerging Markets and to evolve Data Value Chain and Digital Health.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

1. INDIA KI UDAAN

- India ki Udaan is to celebrate evergreen spirit of India and its achievements in last 75 years.
- Ministry of Culture has launched “India ki Udaan” initiative in association with Google.
- The Theme of the India Ki Udaan ‘Unwavering and undying spirit of India over the past 75 years”.

2. BADHE CHALO CAMPAING

- Badhe Chalo Campaing aims to connecting with youth of India and infuse a deep sense of patriotism among them.
- This is to celebrate 75 years of India’s independence.
- The campaign aims to connect and bring the youth and people from all parts of India to one platform.