



# PIB Summary

February 2020



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### MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE

- Cabinet has approved **Revamping of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and Restructured weather based crop insurance scheme (RWBCFS)** in order to address the existing challenges in implementation of crop insurance schemes.
- CCEA has approved **the scheme for Formation and promotion of FPOs** to form and promote 10000 new FPOs in country.
- **Soil health card day** was observed throughout the country on **19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Advance estimates of production of major crops for 2019-20 has been released.**
- **According to which**  
Foodgrains-291.95MT  
Rice-117.47MT  
Wheat-106.21MT

### MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

- Finance Ministry has announced **NIRVIK scheme** in the Union Budget 2020-21 which will provide insurance cover for exporters and reduce premium for small exporters.
- Finance ministry has announced setting up of investment clearance cell to provide End to end facilitation and support to youth sovereign wealth fund of foreign Government in priority sector to get 100% tax exemption in interest.
- **APEDA has signed a MoU for liason office in Guwahati** in order to provide food processing and organic agricultural exports in North-east states.

### MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- **Institute for defence studies and analyses** has been renamed as Manohar Parikar institute of Defence studies and Analyses.
- **INS Jamuna** has initiated joint hydrographic operation off Sri Lanka.
- Foundation stone of **Thal sena bhawan** was laid at Delhi cantt by Shri Rajnath Singh.
- Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force has jointly commenced for **5<sup>th</sup> edition of Ex-Indradhanush** at Air force station on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- Ministry has launched **Higher Education leadership development program** for administrators which is a joint initiative of UGC and British council.
- **The exhibition on clean air technology** was inaugurated by the ministry at IIT Delhi.

- **Matribhasa Divas** was celebrated by the ministry on **21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020**. Theme-**Celebrating our multilingual heritage**.

### MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

- Shri Nitin Gadkari has reaffirmed India's commitment to drastically reducing road accidents by the year 2030.

### MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Ministry has inaugurated the **4<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Shyama Prasad Mukharjee Rurban mission** with the theme '**Aatma gaon ki, suvidha sheher ki**'.
- Rs.1.20lakh crore has been allocated by the Finance ministry for the department of Rural development in Union Budget 2020-21.

### MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- **Ministry has partnered with Ministry of skill development and Entrepreneurship** for skilling of women and children which will enable Indian women to play pivotal role in India's economy.
- According to the **Oxford poverty and human development initiative report**, India and Cambodia has reduced their multidimensional poverty index values the fastest as a result of which there are 271million fewer people in poverty than in 2006 in India.

### MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

- **New pension scheme** has been introduced for unorganized sector which envisages minimum ensured monthly pension of Rs.3000 after attaining the age of 60years.

### MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

- The **contribution of renewable energy sources has been reported to be around 21% of total electricity demand** in 2021-22.
- It has been reported that total of 7591.99MWof renewable energy has been commissioned in 2019-20.

### MINISTRY OF TOURISM

- The two day meet on **destination management and community participation** was inaugurated in Gujarat.
- **7 projects worth Rs.594crore has been sanctioned for J&K and Ladakh** under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD scheme.
- **Incredible India 2.0 campaign** has been initiated which focuses on niche tourism products including Yoga, wellness, luxury and wildlife.

### MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

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- **Patrol vessel-ICGS Varad** was offshored by the ministry on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. It will enhance coast guard's capability to monitor and maintain digital Indian maritime borders.
- Offshore patrol vessel- **VAJRA** was launched in Chennai.

### MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

- Under the '**Unit**' scheme of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sampada Yojana, total of 32 projects have been sanctioned with an investment worth Rs.406crore.
- Ministry has launched **Market intelligence and early warning system (MIEWS) portal** for monitoring the price of Tomato, Onion and potato.

### MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

- **24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Eastern zonal council** was held at Bhubneshwar on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.
- **1<sup>st</sup> National conference on coastal disaster risk reduction and resilience 2020** was organized by the National Institute of Disaster management.

### MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- International center for genetic engineering and biotechnology has developed a method to improve growth rate and sugar content of a marine microorganism called *Synechoccus sp.*
- **National Science Day was observed on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 with the theme Women in Science.**

### MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

- A **program for capacity building of scheduled tribe representative in local self Government and 1000 spring initiatives** was organized in Bhubneshwar.

### NITI AAYOG

- Atal Innovation mission and NITI Aayog has partnered with NASSCOM in order to roll out artificial intelligence modules in Indian schools.

### CABINET

- Cabinet has approved the issuance of an order for adaptation of central laws in the Union territory of the J& K under section 96 of the J & K Reorganisation Act, 2019.

### CABINET COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

- CCEA has approved the creation of **National Technical textiles mission** with a total outlay of Rs.1480crore which will help in positioning the country as a global leader in technical textiles.

## MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND IT

- Government of India is going to organize mega event-**RAISE 2020-responsible artificial intelligence for social empowerment 2020** from April 11-12, 2020 in New Delhi. It is India's 1<sup>st</sup> Artificial Intelligence.

## MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

- **1<sup>st</sup> Khelo India winter games** was inaugurated in Leh, Ladakh on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

## MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

- Corporates have joined Ganga rejuvenation efforts in a big way with the theme '**Har kaam desh ke naam**'.
- A tripartite MoU has been signed between **National Mission for clean Ganga, Uttarakhand Government and Ganga Indorama trust of development of Ghats at gangotri and Badrinath.**

## MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCE

- **International conference on ensemble methods in modeling and data assimilation** was organized at Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIET

- Ace Badminton player **PV Sindhu** has been felicitated with **Padma Bhushan**.

## PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

- First ever **Khelo India University games** was inaugurated at **Cuttack, Odisha** on February 22, 2020.