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MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

1. 11TH INDIA-OMAN JOINT MILITARY COOPERATION

- It is the Cooperation meeting between Ministry of Defense in India and in Oman.
- Main aim of the Meeting is to to expand the military cooperation between India and Oman.
- This meeting was held in New Delhi on February 1, 2022.
- Oman is India's closest defence partner in the Gulf region.

2. VAGIR

- Vagir is the fifth scorpene submarine of Project 75.
- It is a joint collaboration project done with India and France.
- It is one of the submarine under Project 75.
- Scorpene Class submarine are constructed in Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited.

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. SAFFRON BOWL PROJECT

- National Saffron Mission Comes under Ministry of Science and Technology.
- The aim of this mission is to identify new places in India for cultivation of Saffron.
- Under this Mission, few locations in Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya have been identified.
- This is done under the Saffron Bowl Project by the North East Centre for Technology Application and Research.

2. NEW METHODS TO TRANSFORM PHENOL

- Centre for Nano and soft matter sciences and CSIR – National Chemical Laboratory has found a new method to transform Phenol.
- Phenol can be transformed by oxidation through electrolysis.
- This will be helpful in manufacturing food preservatives, pharmaceuticals and polymers.
- It is safe for environment and better than conventional chemical methods.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

1. WORLD WETLANDS DAY

- World Wetlands Day is observed on the February 2 of every year.
- This year it is celebrated at the Sultanpur National Park.

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- The main vision to celebrate this day is to conserve the wetlands in India.

2. NATIONAL ADAPTATION FUND

- National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change is launched to boost climate finance in India.
- National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change comes under NABARD.
- This is centrally sponsored scheme.
- Central will fund 100% and it will help to improve vulnerable change in States and in Union Territories.

3. REINTRODUCTION OF CHEETAH

- Cheetah is the only carnivore become extinct from Independent India
- There is no cheetah in any National park or wildlife sanctuary in India.
- India Ministry have undergone talk with African government to bring 50 cheetahs to India.
- This is done to preserve seven major big cats including cheetah.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

1. MILLETS IN MID-DAY MEALS SCHEME

- Mid-day meals scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme under PM POSHAN.
- Centre will sponsor 60% of its share.
- Ministry has requested the state Government to explore the possibility of introducing millets under the PM POSHAN.
- This is done to improve the nutritional status of the children.

2. E-COUNSELLING FOR SAINIK SCHOOLS

- Sainik Schools comes under Ministry of Defence.
- These Sainik school are English medium residential schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) that offer admission at the level of Class VI and Class IX.
- This school prepare candidate to join National Defence Academy.
- e-Counselling for Sainik Schools will improve transparency in the admission process.
- Totally there are 33 sainik School in India.
- India aims to open 100 new sainik School.

3. BHASHA CERTIFICATE SELFIE

- Bhasha Certificate Selfie is to promote cultural diversity and multilingualism among youn spirits.
- Mainly this is to acquire basic conversational skills in Indian languages.
- This certificate aims to provide Bhasha Sangam Mobile App.

MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

SAHKAR SE SAMRIDDHI

- Sahkar Se Samriddhi is done to strengthen the cooperative movements in India.
- Ministry of Cooperation is planning for the New National Cooperation Policy.
- In order to strengthen this frame work, Sakhar Se Samriddhi is formulated to bring more transparency, modernisation and competitiveness in cooperative institution.
- Under this, all the central and state level cooperative institutions are included.

MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

1. ACTIVE PHARMACEUTICAL INGREDIENTS (API)

- Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) is done to increase the manufacturing of Pharmaceutical ingredients in India.
- To do this, Government has to increase in investments in pharmaceutical sector.
- To have financial incentive, this scheme linked to Production Linked Incentive Scheme.
- This scheme will enhance the domestic manufacture of pharmaceutical key starting materials and drug intermediates.
- To implement this scheme, 41 identified products are categorised.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

1. ELECTORAL BOND

- The Electoral bonds worth Rs 1,213 is sold in India.
- This Electoral Bonds are sold mainly by State Bank of India.
- Electoral bonds are used for electoral campaigns.

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

1. PENDING WAGES IN MGNREGA

- Pending wages that sum up to Rs 3,358 crore is not paid under MGNREGA.
- This pending is still in the states of West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- This is happened due to the reduced fund allocation for the MGNREGA scheme by 25% in comparison to the revised estimates for the current year.

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PRIME MINISTER

1. BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH BRITAIN

- Prime Minister Modi has signed Bilateral Agreement with Britain Prime Minister Boris Johnson.
- This main motto is for Free Trade Agreement(FAT) between India and Britain.
- The tenure of this agreement will last till next decade and mainly to transform the India-Britain Trade Relationship.
- Vision of this agreement is to double the bilateral trade by 2030, which was over £23 billion in 2019.

2. SWACHHTA SAARTHI FELLOWSHIP

- Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship is introduced to increase waste management among young Indians.
- This fellowship aims to empower young innovators to participate in community work of waste management, waste awareness campaigns and waste surveys.
- It's main aim is to reduce waste and to maintain greener environment in the country.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

CREATING GAINFUL JOBS

- India' employment population decreased from 55% in 2005 to 43% in 2020.
- Women workforce is only 20% in 2021.
- This move is to create gainful jobs to underemployed youth and women.

MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

INCENTIVES FOR ADOPTION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

- The scheme 100% funding from the government/non-profit will be provided for renewable research organisations
- 50-70% financial aid to industry, start-ups, private institutes, entrepreneurs and manufacturing units in renewable energy sector.
- Ministry also introduce Renewable Energy Research and Technology Development Programme to promote research and development on renewable energy.

MINISTRY OF TOURISM

PUNAURA DHAM

- Punaura Dham comes under the PRASAD scheme.
- PRASAD scheme full form is Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spirituality Augmentation Drive.

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- Punaura Dham is the birth place of Goddess Sita and had a Ram Janaki Temple and Sita Kund.
- Adding this will help to boost tourism sector in India.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

1. RASHTRIYA YUVA SASHAKTIKARAN KARYAKRAM

- Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram is a centrally sponsored scheme.
- The beneficiaries of the scheme include youth in the age group of 15-29.
- The major aim of the scheme is to motivate the youth to strive for excellence in their respective fields and engage them in the developmental process.
- It seeks to harness the immense youth energy for nation-building.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

1. TOWNS OF EXPORT EXCELLENCE

- 39 towns have been recognised under Towns of Export Excellence by Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- The eligibility criteria are that each town should have the good producing capacity of Rs. 750 crore or more.
- These selected towns can avail financial assistance under the Market Access Initiative Scheme, on a priority basis.

2. LAKADONG TURMERIC

- Lakadong Turmeric is listed under One District One Product.
- This is done under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- This is to resolve the connectivity issues faced by the farmers.

3. NATIONAL SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM

- National Single Window System is aimed at ease of doing business.
- The government's main priority is to promote business in the country.
- First Union Territory to implement this system is Jammu and Kashmir.
- This single window system acts as a portal that allows businesses to apply for clearances, track the process and address their queries.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS'S WELFARE

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DISASTER MANAGEMENT SCHEME

- The main aim of National Agriculture Disaster Management Scheme is to create awareness about climate resilient practices of agriculture.

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- This is mainly done to protect the interests of the farmers.
- It is done under the flagship network project called the National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA)
- The scheme will help the farmers in tackling the sudden climate change and how to handle the huge loss from the sudden climate change.

MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

KHWAJA MOINUDDIN CHISHTI

- Minister of Minority affairs offered “Chadar” in Rajasthan.
- Khwaja Muinuddin Chishti introduced the Chishti Order to the Indian subcontinent in Ajmer.
- He arrived in Delhi during the reign of the Iltutmish.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

1. PARVATMALA SCHEME

- Parvatmala Scheme is to develop Ropeway services in various states of India.
- This scheme mainly aimed at Hilly states including Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and the North East region of the country.
- Because hilly areas roads become inaccessible during sudden climate change or unpredicted weather condition.
- To overcome this problem Parvatmala Scheme is launched to increase connectivity in hilly areas.

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

1. AUTO FUEL VISION AND POLICY 2025

- Auto Fuel Vision and Policy 2025 main aim to enhance energy security and improve efficiency in the use of energy.
- It also lays a roadmap for auto fuel quality till 2025.

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE

NAI ROSHNI SCHEME

- This Scheme is to empower women in the Leadership Development.
- To empower women tools and technologies are provided improve their confidence in Leadership Development.
- This is done for the women in the age group of 18 to 65.
- Women will be selected from the minority communities and the 6 days program will be given.

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MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

NON-LAPSABLE CENTRAL POOL OF RESOURCE

- This objective of the NLCPR Scheme is to ensure the speedy development of North-Eastern Regions in India.
- This is mainly to develop the infrastructure in North Eastern India.
- Funds under the scheme are shared between the Central and State Governments on a 90:10 basis.

MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

NATIONAL AIR SPORTS POLICY

- National Air Sports Policy is to enhance safety in air sports and to create best talents from air sports.
- The policy mainly focuses on ensuring international best practices in safety
- The vision of this policy is to make India one of the top air sports nations by 2030.

MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCE

1. INTERNATIONAL MONSOONS PROJECT OFFICE

- International Monsoons Project Office will be opened in Pune, Maharashtra.
- The main aim is to integrated scientific approach to solve the seasonal variability of monsoons.
- It will help India to address monsoon issues in global level.

MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

BAMBOO CHARCOAL EXPORT

- Bamboo sticks are used in Agarbatti were 16%, the upper layers of the bamboo, is used for manufacturing bamboo sticks while the remaining 84% of bamboo is of complete waste.
- These bamboo waste has a great demand in foreign countries.
- These bamboo waste can be transformed into Bamboo Charcoal.
- The import of Bamboo charcoal cost around \$1.5 to 2 billion.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

RASHTRIYA VAYOSHRI YOJANA

- Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana is to provide daily living aids and assistive devices to senior citizens.
- The senior citizen data will be collected from Old Age Pension Scheme.
- The senior citizen should belong to the below poverty line.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

1. SUSTAINABLE CITIES INDIA PROGRAM

- Sustainable Cities India program is to make cities climate resilient.
- To make climate resilient cities through sustainable solutions.
- This is done with the help of World Economic Forum and the National Institute of Urban Affairs.

2. LAKSHYA ZERO DUMPSITE

- Lakshya Zero Dumpsite is financial aid done to make city completely free of garbage.
- First approval is made in Dadu Majra dumpsite in Chandigarh.
- This scheme comes under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

1. POSH WORKSHOP

- POSH means Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at work place.
- This workshop is conducted by Department of Legal Affairs under the Ministry of Law and Justice.
- Guidelines has defined for the act of sexual harassment legally.
- The complaints committee will take action based on the evidence collected.
- Misusing this POSH will lead to punishment accompanied by a fine.

NITI AAYOG

DECARBONISATION OF TRANSPORT

- In order to promote Green finance in decarbonisation of Transport, NITI Aayog has conducted this workshop.
- This will increase the use of electric vehicles.
- The green finance in transport industry will enable a low cost financing to produce electric vehicles.