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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMER WELFARE

1. VILLAGES OF EXCELLENCE

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- The Central Government will convert 150 villages around Centre of Excellence(CoE) into Villages of Excellence.
- This will be done in 12 states with technical help from Israel.

2. DRONE SUBSIDY

- Under Sub-Mission of Agricultural Mechanisation(SMAM), Union Minister of Agriculture has provided 100 percent grant upto Rs. 10 lakh to Agricultural Institutes for the purchase of Drone.
- This drones can be used for farming and its allied activities.
- The financial assistance and grants would be available until March 31, 2023.
- This is to promote precision farming in India and to make drone technology affordable to the stakeholders of farming sector.

PRIME MINISTER

1. PANDIT JASRAJ CULTURAL FOUNDATION

- Prime Minister Modi, virtually launched the Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation.
- This was on the Birth Anniversary of legendary Classical Vocalist late Pandit Jasraj on 28th January 2022.

2. INDIA-CENTRAL ASIA SUMMIT 2022

- PM Narendra Modi virtually hosted 1st India-Central Asia Summit 2022 with 5 Nations on 27th January 2022.
- The 5 nations are Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.
- This summit highlights the India's growing cooperation with Central Asian countries as a part of its "Extended Neighbourhood".

3. SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS PROJECT IN MAURITIUS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Mauritius Mr. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth jointly inaugurated the Social Housing Units Project in Mauritius.
- The total cost estimate of this project is \$44.995 million including grant assistance of \$20 million and Line of Credit support of \$25 million.

4. MSME TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

- PM Modi, inaugurated the MSME Technology Centre at Puducherry.
- The technology centre was built at a cost of Rs. 122 crore with a focus on the Electronic System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) sector.
- This will contribute to train around 6400 trainees per year.

MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

1. BRAHMOS EXPORT DEAL

- India and Philippines signed USD 374.9 million deal for BrahMos missiles.
- BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited(India) will supply shore based anti-ship variants of the BrahMos supersonic cruise Missiles.
- BrahMos is a joint product between India and Russia and it will be the 1st export order for the missile.

2. INS KHUKRI DECOMMISSIONED

- INS Khukri is decommissioned and need to be developed into a museum.
- This museum will be created by the Diu Administration.
- INS Khukri is an indigenous surface to surface missile fitted vessel of Indian Navy.

3. MULTIDIMENSIONAL ADVENTURE SPORTS EXPEDITION

- India's 1st Multidimensional Adventure Sports Expedition conducted in France.
- It was conducted in National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS).

MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

1. VISION DOCUMENT FOR \$300 BILLION

- Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, released 5 year roadmap and Vision document 2.0 for the electronics sector.
- It is named as the "\$300 billion sustainable Electronics Manufacturing & Exports by 2026".

2. E-GOVERNANCE 2021

- Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) with the state government of Telangana held the e-Governance 2021 at Hyderabad.
- The theme of this conference is "India Techade: Digital Governance in a Post Pandemic World".

3. DIGITAL GOVERNMENT MISSION

- Digital Government Mission is an initiative to speed up citizen services delivery through the help of advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML).
- The aim of this services is to offer government services to citizens without them having to apply or wait for it.

MINISTRY OF HOME AND COOPERATION

DISTRICT GOOD GOVERNANCE INDEX

- Ministry of Home and Cooperation released the India's first "District Good Governance Index".
- This report is prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.
- It is prepared for the 20 districts of UT of Jammu and Kashmir.
- With this, Jammu and Kashmir become the first Indian Union Territory with a Good Governance Index.

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATI RAJ

1. REVISED RURAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION (RADPFI) GUIDELINES

- Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj has released the revised Rural Area Development Plan Formulation and Implementation (RADPFI) Guidelines.
- He told Panchayati Raj Institutions to take RADPFI Guidelines as "Sankalp Patra" by leveraging an active ownership approach.
- All panchayati Raj Institution should have a vision for their respective panchayats for the next 25 years up to the Independence Century of India in 2047.

2. MOBILE HONEY PROCESSING VAN

- India's first Mobile Honey Processing Van was launched in Sirora village in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- This mobile honey processing unit can process up to 300 kg of honey in 8 hours.
- The cost of mobile van in Rs. 15 lakhs
- This van will benefit beekeepers in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Delhi, Punjab and Rajasthan.

NITI AAGYOG

BANKING ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN INDIA

- NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog in collaboration with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) India released a report title "Banking on Electric Vehicles in India"
- It has proposed the government to include Electric Vehicle (EVs) in the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) priority-sector Lending (PSL) guidelines.
- It is to boost retail lending for EVs and to support the decarbonization of road transport.

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

ROADMAP FOR ONLINE STORAGE MANAGEMENT (OSM)

- Department of Food and Public Distribution under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution developed a roadmap for the development of Online Storage Management (OSM).
- This is to ensure a single source of information for the food grains stored in India for the central pool through integrating State portals with the central portal.

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. MOBILE DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

- Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Science and Technology launched “Mobile Diagnostic Laboratory”
- This mobile laboratory will perform both the RT-PCR and ELISA for Northeast COVID-19 Testing.
- This initiative was launched in Mizoram in the virtual presence of Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister (CM) of Mizoram.

2. EXTENDING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH SRI LANKA

- On January 20, 2022 India-Sri Lanka 5th Joint Committee on S&T (Science & Technology) Cooperation held virtually.
- In that extending existing Science and Technology cooperation with Sri Lanka for 3 more years.
- This extension will focus on new areas such as waste-water technologies, biotech, sustainable agriculture, aerospace engineering, robotics, big data, etc.

3. GREEN FUELS

- India and Denmark initiate joint research and development on Green fuels
- These green fuels include Green Hydrogen.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR

1. REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

- Union Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav releases report on Q2FY22 of Quarterly Employment survey.
- According to this report, the estimated total employment in the nine non-farm sectors is 3.10 crore approximately.
- Also, the overall percentage of female workers stood at 32.1% higher than Q1FY22 when it was 29.3%.

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

1. EKTA NAGAR RAILWAY STATION

- Kevadiya Station is renamed as the “Ekta Nagar Railway Station” by Ministry of Railways.
- This railway station is in Narmada district of Gujarat.
- This railway station is the key to reach the world tallest “Statue of Unity”.

2. OPERATION MISSION AMANAT

- Indian Railways has launched “Operation Mission Amanat” for passengers to track and get back lost luggage.
- This will be done by Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Western Railway.
- The lost luggage and belongings along with photos are posted on the official website of the western railways.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

1. 16TH DIGITAL INDIA SUMMIT 2022

- Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal addressed 16th Digital India Summit 2022.
- This summit was conducted with the theme, “Supercharging Startups”.
- This 16th Digital India Summit 2022 is organized by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).
- A report titled “Creating 10 million Digitally Enabled Micro entrepreneurs” was released.

2. 6G DEVELOPMENT

- Centre sets up task force to explore 6G Development called Technology Innovation Group.
- This task force will research and development, manufacturing, prepare pre-standardisation and market readiness framework.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

1. INDIA STATE OF FOREST REPORT 2021

- Forest Survey Report 2021 released there is increase of 2,261 sq km in the total forest in 2 years.
- Andhra Pradesh has grown the maximum forest cover of 647 sq km.

2. NATIONAL TIGER CONSERVATION

- 19th Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority was held under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Bhupender Yadav.

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- Protection and conservation of 7 big cats including Cheetah species has to be preserved as this become endangered.
- Action plan to introduce 50 cheetahs in the next 5 years in various parks.

MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES

COAL TO METHANOL PLANT

- Union Ministry of heavy industries, Mahendra Nath Pandey dedicated India's first "Coal to Methanol Plant" in Hyderabad.
- It will be a pilot project in Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).
- This is to convert high-ash contain Indian coal to methanol through the gasification route.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

STAMP COMMEMORATIVE

- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya released the commemorative Stamp to mark 1 year of COVID-19 Vaccination Drive.
- 16th January 2022 marks the 1st anniversary of the COVID-19 vaccination drive.
- The stamp will have a denomination of 500 paise (Rs. 5) features a health worker inoculation a senior citizen with Covaxin.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

MADHAVBAUG'S POWER MAP

- Mr. Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Madhavbaug's Power MAP.
- This is the India's first Intelligent Chronic Disease Patients Habit Tracking System.
- It integrates various medical services and other specialized consultants through mibPULSE, health monitoring app built for patients.

MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEUSHIP

IGNOU VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship signs an MoU with IGNOU to link vocational education and training with higher education.
- This is to increase the number of people with relevant skills for financial success.
- Also to increase the vocational education to 50% by 2035.

MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

HELI-HUB AT GURUGRAM

- Gurugram is ready to set up with India's 1st Heli-Hub.
- This is done by Government of Haryana in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- It is done in 10-20 acres of land well connected with Dwarka Expressway and National Highway (NH 4).
- This was proposed under new Helicopter Policy of the Civil Aviation Ministry.
- The hub will serve Heliport, Hangars, repairs and other related services.

MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

ODOP BRANDS

- Six Food products of One District One Product (ODOP) brands under the Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme at Panchsheel Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The six food brands are Amrit Phal, Cori Gold, Kashmiri Mantra, Madhu Mantra, Somdana and the whole Wheat Cookies of Dilli Bakes.

MINISTRY OF POWER

UJALA SCHEME COMPLETES 7 YEARS

- UJALA Scheme completes 7 years and saves 48 billion kWh Energy Every Year.
- UJALA initiative is the zero subsidy domestic lighting program with more than 78 crore LEDs distributed across the country.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

1. NEAT 3.0 AND AICTE

- Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education launched NEAT (National Educational Alliance for Technology)3.0, a single platform to provide the best developed ed-tech solutions and courses to students.
- He also launched AICTE (All Indian Council for Technical Education) prescribed technical books in regional languages.

2. PADHE BHARAT

- Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education launched Padhe Bharat, a 100 days reading campaign.

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- This is to improve reading habits among students and to improve the learning levels of the students.
- To promote joyful reading culture for children including regional language.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

MEERA GAON, MERI DHAROHAR

- Ministry of Culture has partnered with Common Services Centres (CSC) to take cultural survey of villages as “Mera Gaon, Meri Dharohar”.
- This will train village level entrepreneurs in conducting the survey.

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

ENERGY TRANSITION ROADMAP

- Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas set up the Energy Transition Advisory committee (ETAC) headed by Tarun Kapoor, former Petroleum Secretary.
- This aims to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070.
- The team prepare step-by-step plan for transition from fossil fuels to clean energy roadmap.

