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# MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

# 1. FIT INDIA MOVEMENT

• This movement is to spread awareness about fitness through various programs and activities.

- This program is aimed to make Fit India a people's movement.
- That means no separate fund is allocated for Fit India Movement.
- Various Age fitness protocols is introduced in this movement.

#### 2. KHELO INDIA CENTERS IN 267 DISTRICTS

- Khelo India is a sports strengthening program in our country.
- In order to train the athletes from the grassroot level, Union Sports Ministry have decided to appoint "Past Champion Athletes" as the coaches and mentors.
- At present, 360 Khelo India Centres in 267 districts of 26 states/UT's.

#### 3. WAKO BECOMES NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION

- World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO), is the International Federation for the sport of Kickboxing.
- WAKO is granted the position of National Sports Federation to develop the sport of Kickboxing in India.
- By this recognition, Government believe that Kickboxing will develop in a faster pace.

# **NITI AAYOG**

#### 1. RENEWABLES INTEGRATION IN INDIA 2021 REPORT

- It is joint program of NITI Aayog and IEA launch to find the challenges faced by the renewable-rich states.
- This is to efficiently integrate renewable energy sources from various resources and it needs a proper planning and institutional support.

### MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

### 1. FAST TRACK SPECIAL COURTS FOR RAPE CASES

- 1023 Fast track special courts for rapes cased is created under POCSO Act.
- It is to ensure safe and empowerment of women in India.
- An Investigation Tracking System for Sexual Offences to track the investigation process.
- A Database on Sexual Offenders are created.

#### 2. 'PM CARES FOR CHILDREN' SCHEME

- It is a web-based portal pmcaresforchildren.in to facilitate submission of applications, identification of children eligible to receive support under the 'PM CARES for Children' scheme.
- It is to support the children who has lost their parents during COVID-19 pandemic.
- Its main aim is to financially support the children with Rs. 10 lakhs till they reach the age of 23 years.

### 3. 24/7 HELPLINE FOR WOMEN AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE

- This helpline is to support women who are affected by violence with proper guidance to link them with appropriate authorities such as police, hospitals, District Legal Service Authority, psychological services etc.
- Women's 24/7 helpline number 7827170170.
- This helpline number is to improve the safety and security of women across the nation.

#### MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

#### 1. CONCESSIONAL LOANS TO ST PERSONS

- This concessional loans to ST persons for any income generation activities/self-employment.
- This is under Stand up India Scheme.
- The loan is provided by National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC)
- It is for identifying eligible ST entrepreneurs to avail this financial assistance.

# 2. COVID TEEKA SANG SURAKSHIT VAN, DHAN AUR UDDYAM

- This a COVID-19 vaccination awareness campaign in tribal areas.
- Tribal people are having lot of misconception about COVID-19 vaccination.
- In order to educate them, 45,000 Van Vikas Kendras are opened to promote COVID vaccines among 50 lakh tribals.

# MINISTRY OF TOURISM

# 1. MOU WITH YATRA.COM

- This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with YATRA.COM is to strengthen Hospitality and tourism industry of India.
- It is to encourage local tourism with safety measures amid COVID-19 Pandemic.

# MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

#### 1. PROCUREMENT CENTRES IN ALL COTTON GROWING STATES

- This measure is taken by Cotton Corporation of India.
- It aims to open more than 450 procurement centres in all cotton growing states (2020-2021)
- Rs. 26,000 crores are disbursed for this initiative.

#### MINISTRY OF STEEL

### 1. EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

- Ministry of Steel have taken initiative to facilitate steel business in India.
- It is to boost the production of specialty steel in India.
- Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS), a portal for advance registration of imports of steel.
- A new cell called Project Development Cell is opened in the Ministry of Steel to attract investments in steel sector.

#### 2. JUMBO COVID CARE HOSPITALS

- Jumbo Covid Care Hospitals are opened by Public Sector Companies in their steel plant during this Pandemic.
- This Jumbo hospital consist of 1554 beds in total.
- No fund is allocated for this hospitals by Central Government.

#### MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

### 1. SMILE - SUPPORT FOR MAGINALIZED INDIVIDUALS FOR LIVELIHOOD AND ENTERPRISE

This scheme is to take measures for welfare of beggars.

- Its main aim is to take welfare measures for persons who are engaged in the act of begging.
- It is a central sector scheme.
- As a pilot project, it is first implemented in 10 cities of India.
- This project is carried out by Central Government with NGO to provide shelter for destitute women and Children.
- It also ties up with Department of School Education and Literacy to enrol the children who are begging to complete their elementary school education.

#### MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

# 1. WEBINAR ON DIGITAL MEDIA ETHICS CODE

- This webinar is for digital news publishers, journalist and OTT platforms.
- In this webinar, they have discussed about the Code of Ethics for the publishers
- Three tier grievance redressal mechanism.
- Rules are laid for both tradition and digital media.

#### 2. RADIO VISHWAS BAGGED WITH NATIONAL AWARD

- Radio Vishwas is a Nashik based Community Radio.
- It used to run a program called "Shikshan Sarvansathi Programme"
- This is to help school students who have no smart phones to take online classes.
- This Radio has helped more than 50,000 poor students in Maharastra with free lectures.

# **MINISTRY OF LABOUR**

#### 1. BRICS LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT MINISTERS DECLARATION

- This meeting is to discuss global labour issue due to COVID-19 and to have effective cooperation between BRICS members on specific areas.
- Key issues like Participation of women in labour force, role in labour market, etc.,
- This is mainly to address the negative impact made by COVID-19 on labour market like unemployment issue and inequality.

# MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

#### 1. KHADI NATURAL PAINT

- Khadi Prakratik Paint is developed by Kumarappa National Handmade Paper Institue, Jaipur Rajasthan.
- This paint is made using cow dung.
- This is to promote local manufacturing and create local employment.
- It will generate great employment opportunity for the rural economy.
- After testing in the ISO certified test lab, this paint has satisfied all the parameters of the paint.

# MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

#### 1. CROP INSURANCE WEEK

- Crop Insurance Week is celebrated to create Crop Insurance Awareness Campaign under Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- This initiative is to cover all the districts under Kharif 2021 season
- Its main aim is to give special focus on 75 Aspirational/tribal Districts.
- Agri Minister launched PMBFY e-brochure, FAQ booklet and a guidebook to assist farmers regarding Crop Insurance.
- He also flagged off IEC vans to interact with farmers throughout this week.

#### 2. AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

- 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund' (AIF) is proposed in order to make modification in addition or deletion of beneficiary without affecting the Central Sector Scheme.
- The scheme period for Agriculture Infrastructure fund is changed from 10 to 13 years.

#### 3. KISAN SARATHI

- Digital Platform called "Kisan Sarathi" launched for farmers to get agriculture related information in their desired language.
- Its main motto is to get 'right information at right time'.
- Farmers can interact with the respective scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs), the nodal centres to get guided and right information.

# 4. BHARTIYA PRAKRITIK KRISHI PADHATI (BPKP)

- Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati is to encourage Natural Farming.
- To reduce dependency on purchased inputs and it will help to ease smallholder farmers from credits burden.
- To promotion of traditional indigenous practices, government is implementing Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP)
- It is a sub-scheme of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) since 2020-21
- The scheme mainly concentrates to remove all synthetic chemical inputs and promotes organic farming.

#### 5. PDDUUKSY SCHEME

- Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Unnat Krishi Shiksha Yojana (PDDUUKSY) was launched to organic farming using the village human resource under the guidance of trained professionals.
- At present, 100 centres to train rural Indian farmers in the field of Organic farming.
- This scheme was launched since 2018.
- Main focus is to help rural farmers with guided professionals in the centers.

### 6. MAHILA KISAN SASHAKTIKARAN PARIYOJANA (MKSP)

- Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP), provide more opportunities for women in agriculture and to empower them.
- The focus of MKSP is to adopt sustainable climate resilient agro-ecology and create women based skilled professionals in the field of agriculture.

#### MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### 1. OXYJANI

- OxyJani is a mobile group oxygen concentrator to be used by hospitals to overcome oxygen crisis.
- It is created by researchers from Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research.
- Oxygen crisis raised due to the Second wave of COVID-19.
- This created a need for medical oxygen with robust and fast portability.

#### 2. UV-C DISINFECTION TECHNOLOGY

- The UV-C Disinfection Technology is planned to install in the parliament ahead monsoon session and developed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- It is to installing the UV-C Disinfection Technology system in the Parliament to prevent the COVID-19 spread
- It can be used in auditoriums, large conference rooms, class-rooms, malls, etc. to provide a relatively safer environment for indoor activities amid the pandemic.

# **MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

# 1. INDIA JOINED THE OECD/G20 INCLUSIVE FRAMEWORK TAX DEAL

- India has joined this Framework to tackle the present day tax challenges.
- Presently tax challenges are arising from the digitalisation of the economy.
- This frame work is to create meaningful and sustainable revenue to market jurisdictions.
- This is particularly helpful for developing economies like India.
- It concentrates on additional profits and minimum tax rules.

#### 2. BHIM-UPI LAUNCHED IN BHUTAN

- Under India's neighbourhood first policy, Bhutan adopted UPI payments.
- Bhutan is the first country outside to adopt UPI standards.
- This pandemic created a need for digital transactions all over the world and Bhutan seeks India to satisfy its digital needs.

# 3. U.S.-INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL (USIBC)

- US India Business Council (USIBC) is addressed by our Finance Minister.
- It is roundtable on 'Maximizing India's Sustainable and Inclusive Growth as a Global Destination for U.S. Investment'.
- It is to enhance investment flow between India and United States.
- It is to make both countries more profitable and efficient.
- It also concentrates on business challenges faced by India and United States.

# 4. TAX EXEMPTION TO PEOPLE DUE TO COVID-19

- Amount transferred to a person through their employer or any other person for the treatment of COVID-19 during the financial year 2019-20 and subsequent years will be given tax exemption.
- The main aim is to remove the burden of tax during this COVID-19 pandemic.
- Tax exemption will be allowed up to Rs. 10 Lakh in aggregate for the amount received from any
  other persons and without any limit exemption is allowed for the amount received from the
  employer.

#### PRESIDENT OFFICE

# 1. PRESIDENT ACCEPTED CREDENTIALS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRY AMBASSADORS

- India assist many countries with vaccine due to the COVID-19.
- Recently India is considered as the "Pharmacy of the world".
- Recently 4 countries, Thailand, Romania, Kazakhstan and Turkey presented their credentials to our President.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT OFFICE**

#### 1. COVID-19 VACCINE FOR CHILDREN

- Vice President urged the scientists of India to produce COVID-19 Vaccine for Children and stress that it should be their main focus.
- He also advises leaders of various political parties to guide their respective states to take COVID-19 vaccine without any hesitation.

#### PRIME MINISITER OFFICE

#### 1. E-RUPI, A DIGITAL PAYMENT SOLUTION LAUNCHED

- Prime Minister launched the e-RUPI in order to have fast payment solution by avoid intermediary.
- It was designed by National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI)
- It is a QR code or SMS string-based e-Voucher, which is can be used in mobile phones.
- It can be used for many government welfare schemes like Aysuhsman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, fertilizer subsidies, etc.,

### **MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

# 1. WHO-GMP/COPP CERTIFICATION

- Government of India has applied for WHO-GMP/COPP certification for 18 Ayurvedic drugs.
- The drugs will be tested by Drug Controller General (India) and inspection will be carried on.
- This is to make Ayurvedic drugs popular among people.

#### MINISTRY OF SPACE

#### 1. EOS-03 IS SCHEDULED FOR LAUNCH

- EOS-03 is a Geo-Imaging Satellite, which will monitor the whole country 4 -5 times daily.
- It is planned to launch on third quarter of 2021-2022.
- It will help in identifying real time natural disasters like flood and cyclone.
- It will also monitor water bodies, vegetation and forest covers.

# MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

#### 1. 8 NEW ROUTES ARE OPENED

- 8 new routes were opened from Madhya Pradesh to Maharashtra and Gujarat.
- This service is done by M/S SpiceJet.
- The new routes will help to develop the tourism industry and improve economic activities in Madhya Pradesh.

#### MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

#### 1. WEBINAR ON "REALISING THE GOALS OF NEP 2020"

- NEP 2020 aims to provide high quality equitable and inclusive education.
- This webinar focus on 3 different areas
- Bring all under NEP 2020
- Focus on girl students
- Addressing the challenges and issues in achieving equitable and inclusive education.

#### 2. AMLEX - OXYGEN RATIONING DEVICE

- This device was developed to cut unnecessary oxygen waste by COVID-19 affected people.
- It was developed by IIT Ropar.
- This will supply oxygen for the patients during inhale O2 and trips the cylinder while the person exhales CO2.

### MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCE

# 1. RS.110 BILLION TARGET FROM "BLUE ECONOMY"

- The main aim is to provide clean drinking water and extracting minerals from the ocean floors.
- Deep Ocean Mission will create a supplementary income to the country.
- This mission is carried out with Indian Space Research Organisation.

#### MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

#### 1. GHARIB NAWAZ EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

- This is to enable youth from minority communities for skill based employment to provide short term job oriented skill development.
- Under this scheme, 'Garib Nawaz' skill development centres are opened to train them.
- The centres are opened for the purpose of developing skills among the minority youth.
- This scheme is implemented by collaborating with Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSD&E).

#### MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

#### 1. CYCLES4CHANGE CHALLENGE

- This to scale up the 11 selected cities to test, learn, and scale up different cycling-friendly initiatives.
- This is to successfully conduct the next stage of the first season of India Cycles4Change Challenge.

• The government has awarded 11 cities on the basis of India's Top 11 Cycling Pioneers.

# MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

## 1. 14 TIGER RESERVES GET GLOBAL CA/TS RECOGNITION

- Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards has recognised 14 tiger reserves in India as a good tiger reserves.
- CA|TS work for the check whether the management is successfully conserving the tigers globally.
- This is achieved in India by the traditional method combined with scientific approach and mainly people helping to preserve the tiger community.

# MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

#### 1. ONE HEALTH CONCEPT TO PRACTICALITY

- This is a panel discussion on "One health concept to practicality" to strengthen the management to have better animal health and reduce disease of animals at a national level.
- This is to obtain good health for people, domestic animals, wildlife, plants and environment.

## MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

# 1. 2 LAKH MICRO FOOD PROCESSING UNITS

- This to create/ upgrade 2 lakh micro food processing units with the estimated cost of Rs. 10,000 crores.
- It is a centrally sponsored Scheme.
- Its period is five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25.
- It will benefit 34 lakh farmers after the completion of this project.

#### MINISTRY OF IAL SAKTHI

#### 1. NEW WATER SECURITY PLAN

- This is central government initiative to stress the states to save water from pre monsoon and monsoon period.
- It is named as "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain".
- Its main focus on to renovate traditional water bodies such as bore wells, watershed development, wells, etc.,
- The main aim is to create intensive afforestation around water reservoirs.

# MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

#### 1. COMPULSORY EDUCATION OF PRISONERS

- This is to provide or organise workshops to educate prison inmates.
- This is done by the Indira Gandhi National Open University(IGNOU) for the education of inmates.
- This is mainly done to education of illiterate young offenders and adult prisoners shall be compulsory.

# MINISTRY OF PORT, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

#### 1. FERRY SERVICES IN COASTAL STATES

- Ro-Ro/Ro-Pax projects is started across several routes in India
- Ro-Pax is a roll-on-roll-off cum passenger ferry service launched by the Shipping Ministry.
- It is a water transport service project and its main aim is to reduce pollution from road transport.
- It is more economical and green ways compared to other means of transportation.
- It is also cost effective for both people and government.

# MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

#### 1. WEBINAR ON "WOMEN IN RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY"

- This webinar is to bringing more women in leading positions in the Renewable Energy sector.
- In addition to this, they will be making more entrepreneurial opportunities available to women.

# MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS

#### 1. INCREASE DEARNESS RELIEF TO PENSIONERS

- This implemented by the "Department of Pension & Pesnioner's Welfare".
- The rate is raised to 28% of the basic pension/family pension from the 17% previously.
- This will be effective from 01/07/2021.
- It will benefit all the pensioners and family pensioners of the Central Government.

# MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

# 1. ENTREPRENEURS CAN SET UP ETHANOL PLANTS

- Central government have given permission to set up ethanol plant in any part of the country.
- The entrepreneur's/project owners can set up this plant without any formal approval from the Government of India.
- Central government is not sponsoring this scheme but encourages people to set up ethanol plants in large numbers.

#### MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

#### 1. WI-FI AT ALL RAILWAY STATIONS

- Ministry of Railways have decided to provide Wi-Fi at all stations except halt stations.
- The Wi-Fi service is provided by the "RailTel" under the Ministry of Railways and it's a public sector undertaking.
- At present, 6045 stations have Wi-Fi and government is trying to extend this service to all stations in India.

# MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

#### 1. VINTAGE MOTOR VEHICLES

- Vintage Motor Vehicles can be registered with your old vehicle number in a easy way.
- Its aim is to preserve and promote the heritage of vintage vehicles.
- Vintage Vehicles should be 50 years old and there should not be any over damage.
- These Vintage vehicles cannot be driven on roads for regular/commercial purposes.

#### 2. GREEN NATIONAL HIGHWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT

- The Government had signed loan agreement with the World Bank to carry out this project in several states of India.
- To enhance safety and green technologies in road traffic.
- The National Highways of India carry about 40% of road traffic. However, several sections of these highways have inadequate capacity, weak drainage structures and black spots prone to accidents.

#### MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

- A new ministry called 'Ministry of Co-operation' has been created by the Central Government.
- It is created in the vision for 'Sahkar se Samriddhi'.
- This ministry will provide a separate administrative, legal and policy framework to start business in the country.
- It is created for the strengthening the **cooperative movement.**
- 'Ease of doing business' it to be developed by the co-operative society.

# MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

### 1. COWIN GLOBAL CONCLAVE

- Minster of Health addressed this Conclave as, "CO-WIN, a crown jewel of digital India Initiative."
- It creates transparency to monitor the supplies of vaccination facilities at the country level and track the vaccinated citizens along with the administered doses.

• India in a full swing to vaccinate all the adult population of India.

# **MINISTRY OF DEFENSE**

#### 1. INS TABAR

- INS Tabar started its exercises with the Italian Navy off Naples, Italy.
- INS Tabar is a Naval ship in Indian Navy built in Russia.

#### 2. AI POWERED GRIEVANCE MANAGEMENT APPLICATION

- It is done in the collaboration with the IIT-Kanpur.
- This is the first AI based system for the grievance redressal in the Government.
- Its main purpose is to identify repeated complaints or spams automatically and in a fast manner.
- It can reduce human interference and save time while addressing the complaints.

#### 3. INS AIRAVAT REACHES INDONESIA

- INS Airavat reaches Jakarta with covid relief supplies to Indonesia.
- It is an Indian Naval Ship in the Indian Ocean Region.
- India at present becomes the, "Pharmacy of the world" and helping its friendly or neighbourhood countries with COVID-19 essentials.