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NITI AAYOG

1. FUTURE PENETRATION OF ELECTRIC TWO WHEELERS

- National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog and Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) has launched report on Future Penetration of Electric two wheelers.
- This report was prepared based on “Agent-Based Model” scenario.
- The report forecasts 100% penetration of electric two-wheelers in the Indian Market by FY 2026-27.

2. TAKE HOME RATION

- NITI Aayog and World Food Program released report on Take Home Ration.
- This report is a collection of good and innovative practices used by the States and Union Territories

(UTs) to implement the Take Home Ration (THR) value chain.

- The report was released by Suman K. Bery, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.

3. HARNESSING GREEN HYDROGEN

- A new report titled “Harnessing Green Hydrogen: Opportunities for Deep Decarbonisation India” co-authored by the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI).
- This green hydrogen will be used to achieve India’s net zero ambitions by 2070.
- It also boosts India’s economic Development.

4. MITIGATION AND MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19

- NITI Aayog releases “Mitigation and Management of COVID-19: Compendium of Ayush-based practices from Indian States and Union Territories”
- This report provides information focused on practices adopted by various states and Union Territories of India for strengthening India’s fight against COVID -19 using Ayush resources and interventions.

5. NET ZERO GHG EMISSIONS ROADMAP

- NTPC signed a statement of Intent (Sol) with National Institute for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog to develop a net zero Greenhouse gas (GHG) emission roadmap for NTPC.
- This will help to reduce the carbon footprint for achieving the targets for emission and energy modelling.
- This includes the development of scenarios for 2030, 2037, 2047 and 2070.

6. INDIA INNOVATION INDEX 2021

- NITI Aayog has released the 3rd edition of India Innovation Index 2021.
- Karnataka topped the India Innovation Index 2021 and also held its top spot in the India Innovation Index in the Major States category for the third year in a row.
- It is followed by Telangana and Haryana.
- Manipur has emerged as the best performer in the North-Eastern and hilly states.

MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

1. RS. 86,824 CRORE INVESTMENTS PROPOSAL

- Government has approved a total of 314 applications under a Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme till May 31, 2022 for Electronics manufacturing.
- As on May 31, 2022 incentives of Rs. 1,774,47 crores have been disbursed to 114 applicants out of 314 applications with proposed investments of Rs. 86,824 crore.

2. CENTRE FOR DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

- SAP Labs India and National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology have partnered to develop the SAP Centre for Digital Government.
- This is to enhance digital government capabilities in India.
- It seeks to encourage the use of technology-based solutions in India's public service sector through specially curated digital upskilling programs for government officials.

MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

1. TRAINING TO BOOST CAPITAL GOODS SECTOR

- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship along with Ministry of Heavy Industries has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to offer skill development training in the capital goods sector.
- The main objective of this training is to encourage technology development and infrastructure creation in India.
- This training will provide several engineering trades through Qualification Packs.

2. 7TH ANNIVERSARY OF SKILL INDIA MISSION

- The 7th Anniversary of Skill India Mission was observed on 15th July 2022.

- The aim of this mission is to enable youth to take up training in order to secure a better livelihood.
- Every year around 1 crore youths are trained under Skill Indian Mission.

MINISTRY OF STEEL

PM GATI SHAKTI PORTAL

- Ministry of Steel has joined the PM Gati Shakti Portal and uploaded the geo locations of projects
- The aim is to identifying and bridging missing infrastructure connectivity gaps.
- PM Gati Shakti is a National Master Plan for Infrastructure development launched by Prime Minister in October 2021.

MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

PRADHAN MANTRI FORMALISATION OF MICRO FOOD PROCESSING ENTERPRISES

- The centrally sponsored Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises
- Scheme, under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, has completed two years (2020 - 2022).
- The main aim is to empower the unorganized Micro Enterprises to fulfil the aim of formalizing the food processing sector in India.
- The cost estimated for this scheme is Rs. 10,000 crore for over a period of five years.

MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

UDYAMI BHARAT

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has participated in the "Udyami Bharat" programme.
- The key features are
- Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme
- Capacity Building of First Time MSME Exporters (CBFTE) Scheme
- The new feature of the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme – PMEGP is to ramp up the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

ELIMINATE TB IN INDIA BY 2025

- Memorandum of understanding was signed between Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Panchayati Raj to eradicate Tuberculosis (TB) in India by 2025.
- The main aim is to promote mass awareness to end stigma and discrimination associated with TB in rural regions.

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DELTA RANKING

- Jharkhand Tops in Delta Ranking
- Union Ministry of Rural Development has released the delta ranking of Shyama Prasad Mukerji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)
- In that Jharkhand secured the first position in ranking with a composite score of 76.19 in the month of June 2022.
- Jharkhand was followed by Puducherry.
- The main aim of this mission is to stimulate local economic development, enhancing basic services and creating well-planned Rurban clusters.

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

1. INDIA ANIMAL HEALTH SUMMIT 2022

- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala inaugurated First India Animal Health Summit 2022.
- The main aim is to use of Ayurveda for ensuring better animal health.
- The summit is to understand the significance of animal health towards the broaden of India's food and nutrition security.
- It also boosts rural incomes and overall economic development.

2. NDDB'S SUBSIDIARY FOR MANURE MANAGEMENT

- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched NDDB's subsidiary for Manure Management.

- NDDB MRIDA limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary company of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).
- This is to enhance manure management initiatives across India.

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD MEMORIAL AWARD IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- Dr. Jitendra Singh Union Ministry of Science and Technology announced the setting up of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award in public Administration.
- This award is given in the field of academic excellence.

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

1. FIRST NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY RANKING

- First Edition of the "State Ranking Index for NFSA: Creating resilient food systems to optimize the delivery of benefits – June 2022" was released.
- Odisha tops the First National Food Security ranking in General Category states.
- Tripura is best among the smaller states.
- Following Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh emerges as Top 3 states among General Category states.

2. JAGRITI MASCOT

- Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has launched "Jagruti" a mascot for empowering consumers and generating awareness for their rights.
- The tagline is "Jago Grahak Jago".
- The aim of this campaign is to strengthen the consumer awareness campaigns in the field of digital and multimedia and to find solutions for problems faced by the consumers.

3. RIGHT TO REPAIR

- Department of consumer Affairs sets up committee to develop comprehensive framework on Right to Repair.
- This is to emphasize the LiFE (Lifestyle for the Environment) movement through sustainable consumption.
- This is also to emphasize electronic waste (e-waste) reduction and fosters sustainable use of products.

PRIME MINISTER

1. DIGITAL INDIA WEEK 2022

- PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated Digital India Week 2022 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- It is organized by Ministry of Electronics and Informational Technology.
- The theme for Digital India Week 2022 “Catalyzing New India’s Techade”
- The Digital India Mela has more than 200 stalls showcasing Digital India solutions for facilitating “Ease of Living”.

2. SPRINT CHALLENGES

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled “SPRINT Challenges” addressing the Naval Innovation and Indigenization Organization (NIIO) Seminar named “Swavlamban”.
- The SPRINT Challenges aims to boost the usage of indigenous technology in the Indian Navy.
- The Seminar was organized by the NIIO and Society of Indian Defense Manufacturers (SIDM).

3. BUNDELKHAND EXPRESSWAY IN UP

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 296 km long Bundelkhand Expressway at Kaitheri Village in Uttar Pradesh.
- It passes through 7 districts of Uttar Pradesh and developed by Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority.
- It was constructed at a cost of around Rs. 14,850 Crore.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

1. STATES STARTUP RANKING 2021

- Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry has released the 3rd edition of the State’s Startup Ranking 2021.
- It was organized by the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- The best performer states are Gujarat and Karnataka in Category A and Meghalaya in Category B.
- These states are best states in supporting Startup Ecosystem.

2. ROSCTL SCHEME TILL MARCH 31, 2024

- Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) approved the continuation of the Scheme, Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) with the same rates.
- RoSCTL was extended till March 31, 2024.
- The extension of RoSCTL scheme is to increase exports and generate employment in the textile industry.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION

1. AGREEMENT BETWEEN ITI AND BSNL

- Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications has signed an agreement with Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) Limited and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to fund pilot projects.
- These pilot projects come under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).
- They will fund the pilot projects of E-band, Long-Term Evolution (LTE) including integration of 4G and 5G prototypes.

2. PHILATELY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

- Department of Posts has launched a philately scholarship scheme – “Deen Dayal SPARSH (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude and Research in Stamps as a Hobby) Yojana”.
- The main aim is to foster interest in philately among students from class VI to IX.
- The study and collection of postage stamps is known as Philately.
- This hobby will help young age children to relax and de-stress.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

1. MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE MORE EFFECTIVE

- A Committee of 29 member's panel to make Minimum Support Price more effective.
- This committee will be headed by Former Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Agarwal.
- This committee will help to find solution to make the Minimum Support Price (MSP) more effective and transparent and to promote zero-budget based farming.

2. E-NAM POP

- Centre launches e-NAM POP to facilitate farmers to sell produce outside their state borders.
- This platform is to promote trade and marketing of agriculture produce for getting better prices of agriculture commodities to farmers.
- It will enable participation of all stakeholders, and can facilitate the Indian Farmers to see their produce beyond their state boundaries.
- It will create an efficient and effective "One Nation One Market" ecosystem.

3. IRRI SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL CENTRE (ISARC)

- Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on the commencement of Phase-2 activities of IRRI South Asia Regional Centre (ISARC).
- MoA has been signed by Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare and International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).
- It is to boost food and nutrition security in the South Asian region.

4. AGRICULTURE CENSUS 2021-22

- Narendra Singh Tomar launched the country's Eleventh Agricultural Census 2021-22.
- This census aims to collect data on a variety of parameters, including operating holdings.
- For the first time, data will be collected using smartphones and tablets.
- The fieldwork for the Eleventh Agricultural Census (2021-22) will commence in August 2022.

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PERSONS

NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

- National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions is designed by Capacity Building Commission.
- The main aim is to enhance their quality and capacity of training delivery and to streamline standards for training.
- The few areas to focus included Training Needs Assessment (TNA), Faculty Development, Collaboration with Different Institutes, Digital Readiness, etc.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

1. HAR GHAR TIRANGA CAMPAIGN

- Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign is carried out under "Azad Amrit Mahotsav".
- Under this program, the tricolor (Indian National Flag) will be flown atop more than 20 crore houses across the country from 13th to 15th August 2022.
- This will be done by public participation while government and private establishments will be also being involved.

2. RANKING OF CENTRAL MINISTRIES PORTAL

- The Ministry of Home Affairs website ranked first under the Central Ministries Portal.
- It was done by e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment.
- The Digital Police Portal is ranked number 2 under the Central Ministry Services Portal.

3. DELIMITATION OF MUNICIPAL WARDS

- Ministry of Home Affairs has 3 members delimitation commission to Delimitation of Municipal Wards in Delhi.
- This move will set the stage for the 2022 Civic Elections in Delhi, which would be the city's first civic elections since the amalgamation of 3 corporations in May 2022
- This will provide civic services to approximately 20 million citizens of Delhi.

4. FLAG CODE OF INDIA 2022

- Ministry of Home Affairs has amended the Flag Code of India 2002.
- This flag code allow the tricolor to be displayed in open and on individual house or buildings throughout the day and night.
- Previously, the flag could only be hoisted between sunrise and sunset.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

DWARKA EXPRESSWAY

- Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announced the Dwarka Expressway.
- It is the India's first Elevated Urban Expressway will become operational by 2023.
- The Dwarka Expressway, also known as the Northern Peripheral Road, is a part of Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Mumbai arm of Golden Quadrilateral.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

RANKING OF HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON PERFORMANCE

- Ranking of Higher Educational Institutions on Performance was released by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Education.
- This list was prepared by National Institutional Ranking Framework.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras of Chennai, Tamil Nadu with a score of 87.59 is in 1st position in overall category for 4th consecutive year.
- It was followed by Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru, Karnataka and IIT Bombay in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

1. PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY AUDIT

- An Apex committee for performance and Efficiency Audit with Defense Secretary as Chairman.
- The main aim is to conduct performance and efficiency audits of various aspects of its activities.

- The major shift from existing transaction-based compliance audits to outcome based performance and efficiency audits.

2. PROCUREMENT PROPOSALS WORTH RS. 28,732 CRORE

- Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) headed by Union Minister Rajnath Singh has approved arms procurement proposals worth Rs. 28,732 Crore.
- This was sanctioned under Buy Indian Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured and Buy Indian Categories.
- This approval will provide further boost to AtmaNirbharta in Defence.

3. 75 NEWLY DEVELOPED AI ENABLED DEFENSE PRODUCTS

- Union Minister Rajnath Singh, launched 75 Newly developed AI enabled defense products
- This was launched in the "Artificial Intelligence in Defense" Symposium and Exhibition 2022.
- This will create new business prospects and showcase India as a global hub for AI.

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

1. GUIDELINES FOR MISSION SHAKTI SCHEME

- Mission Shakti Scheme is to strengthen interventions for women safety, security and empowerment.
- Under the guidelines, the women helplines (WHL) running under 181 number will be integrated with Emergency Response Support System number 112 for all emergency assistance and with One Stop Centre (OSC) and other platforms like 1098 Child Line.
- It will be applicable with effective from April 1, 2022.

2. GUIDELINES FOR MISSION VATSALYA SCHEME

- Ministry of Women and Child Development, issued guidelines for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Mission Vatsalya".

- It is formerly known as Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme 2009-10 for the welfare and rehabilitation of children.
- The primary objective of Mission Vatsalya is to ensure that every child in India has a healthy and happy childhood.

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

TARANGA HILL-AMBAJI-ABU ROAD NEW RAIL LINE

- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, has given its approval to the Taranga Hill-Ambaji-Abu Road New Rail Line
- The Taranga Hill-Ambaji-Abu Road New Rail Line is intended to increase connectivity and mobility, leading to the overall socio-economic growth of the region.
- The total length of the new rail line will be 116.65 km and with an estimated cost of Rs. 2798.16 Crore.
- It is expected to be completed by 2026-27.

MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

1. SAFE USE OF CHEMICALS AT WORKPLACE

- The seminar on "Safe Use of Chemicals at Workplace" was organized by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC).
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between DCPC and International Labour Organization (ILO) for the International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC).
- The main objective of this MOU is to promote the safe use of chemicals in the workplace.

2. SCHEMES TO STRENGTHEN MSME IN PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR

- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizer formally introduced 3 sub schemes to strengthen Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the Pharmaceutical industry.
- The parent scheme "Strengthening Pharmaceuticals Industry" (SPI).

- The SPI scheme is allocated an amount of Rs. 500 crore for 5 years.
- The scheme call for the establishment of clusters of Effluent Treatment Plants (ETP), Common Research Centres and Technology Upgradation for pharma MSMEs.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

1. CLEARANCE FOR HIGHWAYS WITHIN 100 KM

- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has made amendments to environmental impact assessment rules for exempting highway projects.
- The highway projects related to defense and strategic importance within 100 km of the Line of Control (LOC) or border from the requirement of environmental clearance.
- The notification also exempts from the environmental clearance for the projects related to the expansion of airport terminal buildings without increasing its existing area.

2. INDIA-NAMIBIA SIGN AN MOU ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

- Government of India and Republic of Namibia has signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Wildlife Conservation and Sustainable Biodiversity Utilization.
- The MoU will allow cheetahs to be transported to India for historic reintroduction.
- This is the first intercontinental translocation in the world.
- This will emphasis on the conservation and restoration of Cheetahs, which were listed as extinct in India in 1952.

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

BAL RAKSHA MOBILE APP

- Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) inaugurated the Vaccination Centre for Children.
- He launched the BAL Raksha mobile app, at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in New Delhi.

- The app aims at creating awareness of pediatric preventive healthcare through Ayurveda intervention amongst parents.

MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

YOUTH IN INDIA 2022

- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has released a report titled “Youth in India 2022” stating that the population share of the youth has started declining as the share of the elderly is expected to steadily surge during 2021-2036.
- The report is based on data given by the Technical Group on Population Projections that was established by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.