PIB SUMMARY-JUNE 2019

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

- Information and Broadcasting Minister, Shri Prakash Javedkar flagged off 17 digital service news gathering (DSNG) vans for DD News.
- A MoU has been signed between Prasar Bharti and Bangladesh TV as a part of which BTV World, a channel owned by Bangladesh TV will be shown by Doordarshan.
- “70 sall Azaadi, Yaad karo kurbaani” Patriotic film festival was organized in order to mark 70 years of India Independence.
- Publications are going to bring out the Hindi adaptation of popular ‘Geet Ramayana’.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

- Second Anniversary of The Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL) was celebrated on 12th June, 2019.
- Draft National logistics Policy commerce and industries has been reviewed in order to give highest priority to logistics sector.
- The Mumbai office of the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFI) has set up a call center to address the doubts and grievances of exporters and importers.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- Shri Rajnath Singh has been appointed as the Defence Minister.
- A technology demonstrator vehicle has been launched by DRDO from Dr. Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha in order to prove a number of critical technologies for upcoming missions.
- India’s fifth Indian Coastguard Recruitment center will be opened in Uttarakhand.
- Vice Admiral K Tripathi has taken the charge as Commandent of Indian Naval academy.
- Memorandum has been approved by the Cabinet for the collaboration between India and Kryzakstan on joint research work on high altitude Biology and Medicine.
- The oldest Naval Air ‘Squadron’ has celebrated its diamond Jubilee.
- K Natarajan has taken the Charge as the new Director General of Indian Coast Guard.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

- Shri Amit Shah has taken the charge as New Union Home Minister and Shri G. Kishan Reddy and Shri Nityanand Rai has taken the charge as the Minister of State.
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal has taken the charge as Union Human resource Development Minister.
- Shri Sanjay Sharma Dhote has taken the charge as the Minister of state for HRD.

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

- A total of 723crore connections have been released under Prime Minister UJWALA scheme till date.
- Pradhan Mantri Ji-Van Yojana has been approved to provide Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to second generation Bio-Ethanol manufacturing projects in order to increase the availability of ethanol for Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme.

MINISTRY OF POWER

- The implementation of Payment security mechanism has been approved for the purchase of Power by DISCOM.

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

- Shri Suresh Angedi has been appointed as the Minister of State of Railways.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

- General V K Singh has taken the charge as Minister of State for Road transport and Highways.
- Nitin Gadkari has decided to remove the requirement of minimum qualification for transport vehicle driver in order to benefit skilled persons of economically backward areas.
- Notification has been issued by the Ministry for the exemption of battery operated vehicles from paying registration fees.
- 28 ring roads have been identified under the Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I. Under this project, State Government will bear 50% of the total cost.
- The Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I has been approved with an estimated outlay of Rs.535000crores under which a total of 24800km length of national highways have been considered.

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- National workshop on Experience sharing under Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission was inaugurated by Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Rural development, Panchayati Raj and Agriculture and Farmers’ welfare. The Vision of this Rurban Mission is to reduce the Rural-Urban divide.
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

- Water storage level of 91 major reservoirs of the country has gone down by 1 percent.
- Ganga Quest 2019 awards were presented by Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Sekhawat on 5th of June, World Environment Day, in an event organized by National Mission on Clean Ganga.

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- The aim of ‘Beti Bachao Beti padhao’ scheme is to address the critical issue of declining child sex ratio by preventing gender biased sex selective elimination.
- Portals like ‘Track child’ and ‘Khoya Paya’ has been developed by the Ministry to track missing and found children.
- Schemes like ‘Janani suraksha Yojana’ and ‘Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram’ are being promoted to reduce Infant Mortality rate and Still birth rate.
- National Commission for Protection of Child right (NCPCR) has commissioned the mapping of child care institutions.

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- The India Sweden collaborative Industrial Research and development programme was launched by Professor Ashutosh Kumar, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology. It will focus on Niti aayog’s National Policy on Artificial intelligence ‘AI for All’.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

- Director, Scholar, writer and Actor, Shri Girish Karnad Passed away.
- Sahitya Akadami Fellowship was given to Jayanta Mahapatra and Padma Sachdev.
- Kookborak-chokma-Mog poetry festival was organized in Agartala by North-east center for oral literature.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

- The All India Consumer Price index for Industrial workers has increased by 3 points and has pegged at 312.
- World day against Child Labour was celebrated on June 12th 2019. Theme-“Children should not work on the field, but on dreams”.
- Government has reduced the rate of employees state insurance contribution from 6.5% to 4%.
• A three member committee has been framed to resolve the unforeseen disputes between solar/ wind power developer and Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd. (SECI).
• Power Minister participated in **G20 Ministrial meeting** on energy transition and global environment for sustainable growth in Japan.
• Ministry is going to remove the priority sector lending limit on renewable energy which will encourage PSBs to lend more and more for Renewable energy projects.

### MINISTRY OF TOURISM

• **Shri Prahlad Patel** has taken the charge as the **Minister of state for tourism**.
• Under **Swadesh Darshan scheme**, theme based circuits are being developed which includes eco-circuit and Heritage circuit.
• **Under PRASHAD scheme**, **41 religious sites** are being developed under which Integrated development of Kedarnath and Badrinath Dham has been sanctioned.
• Development projects for **Chitrakoot and Ayodhya** have been implemented under Ramayana circuit in Uttar Pradesh.

### MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS’ WELFARE

• **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** has taken the charge as the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers’ welfare
• **Shri Purshottam Rupala and Shri Kailash Choudhary** has taken the charge as the minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers’ welfare.

### DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY

• Foundation day of Homi Bhabha National Institute was celebrated on 3rd June, 2019 in Mumbai.

### MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

• **Shri Mukhtasar Abbas**, Minister for Minority Affairs addressed the inauguration of Haj deputationists training programme in **New Delhi on June 25, 2019**.

### DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

• First meeting of Ganganyaan National advisory council was held at ISRO HQ, Bengaluru.
• A **Memorandum of Understanding** was signed between **India and Tunisia** for cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.