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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE

- **Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela 2020** was inaugurated by the ministry on 1st March 2020 in New Delhi.
- **Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of milling copra** has been increased from rs.9521/quintal in 2019 to Rs.9960/quintal in 2020.
- MSP of Boll copra has been increased from Rs.9920/quintal in 2019 to Rs.10300/quintal in 2020.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

- Agricultural and processed food export development agency (APEDA) has signed MoUs with various agricultural organisations for the implementation of **Agri export policy (AEP)**.
- APEDA has signed a MoU with Small farmers' agribusiness consortium for expanding Farmers Producers organizations (FPO) network.

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- **Jeevan Kaushal curriculum** has been developed by UGC in order to upgrade life skills of indergraduate students.
- Ministry has started Comprehensive **school health programme (SHP)** in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Family welfare in order to promote health and well-being of students.
- Under **Samagra Shiksha**, an amount of Rs.15566.96lakh has been approved for state specific projects which aims to ensure equitable and inclusive education.
- National book trust, India is going to launch **Corona studies series book** to provide relevant reading material for all age groups for the post-corona readership needs.
- **Central Sankrit Universities Bill, 2020** was passed in Parliament through which three Sanskrit institutes will be converted into Central Sanskrit Universities.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- 360ft long **Bailey suspension bridge over Teesta river in Manshithang near Chungthang town** for the relief of the residents of Lachen in North Sikkim.
- A new explosive detector device-**RaIDer-X** has been developed by DRDO and IISc Bangalore and unveiled in Pune.
- Indian Navy mobilized **IL38** in order to transport face masks from delhi for Goa health workers.
IAFC-17 Globemaster took off for Hindane airbase for Tehran on 9th March, 2020.

AYUSH



- **6th International Day of Yoga** will be organized on 21st June, 2020 at Leh and will be led by Pradhan Mantri Narendra Modi.

MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- CCI has approved the **acquisition of Teesta Urja Ltd. by Greenko Mauritius.**
- CCI has approved the **acquisition of additional equity share in Hero Fincorp Ltd. by Otter Ltd. and linkinvestment trust.**
- Ministry has introduced **Companies fresh start scheme 2020** and revised **LLP settlement scheme 2020** in order to provide relief to law abiding companies in the wake of COVID-19.

MINISTRY OF COAL

- Parliament has passed the **Mineral laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020** which will help to transform Indian mining sector.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

- Ministry has amended the **Central motor vehicles rules 1988** in order to capture mobile number of the owner while availing any service related to the registration of the vehicles.
- In order to improve the connectivity in the National capital regional projects namely, **Eastern peripheral expressway (EPE) and Delhi Meerut expressway** have been taken up through National highways authority of India.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

- **National security guard (NSG) regional hub campus was inaugurated in Kolkata** which will help in ensuring the security of nation.

MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

- Ministry has inaugurated **Hunar haat at Ranchi, Jharkhand.**

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

- **EKAM fest** was organized by National handicapped financial development corporation (NHFDC) in New Delhi to promote craftsmanship and products of Divyang artisans and Entrepreneurs.

MINISTRY OF TOURISM



- **Multilingual incredible India website** was launched by the ministry in New Delhi which aims to project India as a must visit destination across the globe.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

- **Dholavira-A Harappan city and monuments and forts of Deccan sultanate** have been submitted for inclusion in the world heritage list for the year-2020.
- Ministry has organized **Jallianwala Bagh exhibition** in New Delhi on 11th March 2020
- **Indian culture portal** has been launched by the government to showcase rich cultural heritage of India.

MINISTRY OF POWER

- **Bureau of Energy efficiency (BEE)** launched star rating programme for deep freeze and light commanded air conditioners (LCAC).

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

- Under **Stand up India scheme**, bank loans between rs.10lakh to Rs.1crore will be given to atleast on SC/ST borrower per bank branch for setting up greenfield enterprises.
- **India has signed an agreement with Brunei** for exchange of information and assistance in collection with respect of taxes.
- As per the latest data, Rs.20000crore loans have been sanctioned under **Standup India scheme**.

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

- Under **National programme for dairy development (NPDD)**, 129 new projects have been approved with a total outlay of Rs.1535.17crore.

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

- The administrative block of the **Central administrative Tribunal** was inaugurated in Newv Delhi.

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Recent researches have revealed that **Biomethanation of rice straw can help to solve the problem of stubble burning**.
- Advanced Research center for powder metallurgy and new materials (ARCI) has developed **friction-reducing Nano-composite coatings to increase device life**.



CABINET

- Cabinet has approved **MoU between India and Cotedlvoire** for cooperation in the field of health.
- **Mega consolidation of public sector banks (PSBs)** has been approved by the cabinet which will be effective from 1st April, 2020.

MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

- **Janausadhi week** was celebrated across the country from 1st to 7th March, 2020 by organizing activities for creating awareness about health and hygiene.
- As a vision of Digital India, **HIL India in collaboration with Union Bank of India has launched Customer payment portal** in order to collect payment from customer through various online mode.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

- **226th meeting of the Central Board of trustees (CBT)** was held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Shri Santosh Kumar Gangawar.
Ministry of Shipping
- **Government of India proposed to develop port at Vadheva in Maharashtra** at landlord model by a special purpose vehicle under Companies act 013 in which Jawaharlal Nehru port trust will be the lead partner.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

- Ministry has launched **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package** which will provide an insurance cover of Rs.50lakh for 90days to 22.12lakh public healthcare providers.

MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

- **Wings India 2020** was launched in Hyderabad by Ministry of Civil aviation in collaboration with Airport authority of India and FICCI.
- Under **UDAN scheme, first ever Indore-Kishangadh flight** was flagged off from Indore to Kishangadh in Ajmer, Rajasthan on 16th March, 2020.

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

- ISRO is going to organize 36 missions including 10 earth observatory satellites in 2020-21.

