

# PIB Summary

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### MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

#### 1. SIGNS CONTRACT WITH BEL

- Ministry of Defense signed a contract between Bharat Electronics Limited Bengaluru and Hyderabad for the supply of Advanced Electronic Warfare Suite for Fighter Aircraft.
- They also will supply suite for Instrumented Electronic Warfare Range for the Indian Air Force.
- The Cost estimated for this contract is Rs. 3102 Crore.

#### 2. FAST TRACK PATROL VESSELS

- Ministry of Defense signed a contract with Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) to build 8 fast patrol vessels for Indian Coast Guard.
- The cost of this contract is Rs. 473 Crore.

### 3. SIGNS CONTRACT WITH L & T

- Ministry of Defense signs contract with L&T for Multi-purpose Vessels for Indian Navy.
- The contract budget is Rs. 887 Crores.
- This contract is signed under "Buy-Indian" Category.

## MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

### 1. TB CASES INCREASES IN INDIA

- TB Cases has increased in India to 19% for the year 2021.
- The report was submitted by the National TB Prevalence Survey in India 2019-21.
- Delhi has topped the TB Prevalence among India.

### 2. BRICS VACCINE R&D CENTRE

- BRICS Vaccine R&D Centre was launched by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.
- It also has a workshop on Vaccine cooperation through a video-conference in New Delhi.
- India plans to offer its robust vaccine manufacturing industry for developing vaccines in BRICS countries.

## PRESIDENT

### JAL SHAKTI ABHIYAN

- President of India Ram Nath Kovind Launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan.
- The theme is "Catch the Rain 2022".
- This year Jal Shakti Abhiyan will focus on springshed development, catchment area augmentation and gender mainstreaming.

## MINISTRY OF MINES

### MOU BETWEEN INDIA AND AUSTRALIA

- Ministry of Mines under Government of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Australia for joint exploration of Lithium and Cobalt.
- Both the Government has committed to invest USD \$6 million to explore these minerals for next 6 months.

## MINISTRY OF TELECOMMUNICATION

### RELEASES TEC REPORT

- Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) report had released by K. Rajaraman, Secretary of the Department of Telecommunication.
- The reports mainly focus on the hassle free rollout of 5G services.
- They also concentrate on the development of a standardized ecosystem for Smart cities in India.
- This report is released by the Respective divisions of Telecommunication Engineering Centre.

### MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

#### 1. WINGS INDIA 2022

- Wings India 2022 is a Asia's Largest Event on Civil Aviation held on March 24-27, 2022.
- It was held in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Theme of this event was "India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry"

#### 2. 220 NEW AIRPORTS

- Government of India has targeted to create 220 new Airports in India by 2025.
- The government also planned to develop 15 new pilot training schools.

### MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

#### SUJLAM 2.0

- Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launches Sujalam 2.0 Campaign for greywater management.
- Greywater refers to domestic wastewater generated from households or office buildings from streams without fecal contamination.
- Government is expecting people cooperation to manage this kind of water.

### MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

#### 1. INDIA-UAE TRADE PACT

- Union Minister Piyush Goyal signed Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- This trade agreement will come into force on May 1, 2022.
- This bilateral trade agreement will boost trade to USD 100 Billion over a 5-year period.

#### 2. EXTEND TIMELINE FOR CONVERTING DEBT INTO EQUITY

- Government of India extends the timeline for converting Debt into equity for startups to 10 years.
- Before this the time line for startups is 5 years.
- It is calculated from the day when initial convertible note was issued.

- This amendment was done by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade which comes under Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

### 3. GI TAG FOR HAND KNOTTED KASHMIRI CARPETS

- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has given GI tag for hand knotted Kashmiri Carpets.
- The registered carpets were certified starting from 2022.

### 4. NARASINGAPETTAI NAGASWARM GOT GI TAG

- Narasingapettai Nagaswarm from Thanjavur of Tamil Nadu got GI Tag.
- It was a Musical instrument and manufactured by Thanjavur Musical Instruments Workers Co-operative Cottage Industries Society Limited.

## MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN INS SHIVAJI

- INS Shivaji is recognized in Centre of Excellence in the field of Marine Engineering.
- INS Shivaji has three premier institutions viz. Center of Marine Engineering and Technology (CMET), Centre of Excellence (CoE) and Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense (NBCD) School.

## NITI AAYOG

### 1. EXPORT PREPAREDNESS INDEX 2021

- National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) in partnership with the Institute of Competitiveness to release the Export Preparedness Index 2021.
- Gujarat has retained the top position in the overall ranking with its total share in exports accounting for 20.83% as of 2020-2021.
- This index was released by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.

### 2. INDO-GERMAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT

- This project is aimed to increase to help women become more active in the economy as entrepreneurs, elimination the gender based obstacles.
- Theme: Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs and Start-ups by women (Her & Now)

## MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

### 1. START-UP VILLAGE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is signed between Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship(IIE), Guwahati, Assam and Ministry of Rural Development.
- This is to promote entrepreneurship among rural youths.
- This is to create employment opportunities in rural India.

### 2. CAPTIVE EMPLOYER

- Under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana, initiative called Captive Employer was initiated.
- This initiative will assure sustainable placements for rural poor youth.
- Training will be given for minimum 576 hours to a maximum of 2304 hours of skilling.
- This is to bridge the gap between skills and employment opportunity.

### MINISTRY OF AYUSH

#### MEDICINE CENTRE IN GUJARAT

- Government of India signed an agreement with the World Health Organization to set up the Global Center for Traditional Medicine in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- The investment for this center is USD 250 million.
- Treatments like ancient practices such as acupuncture, ayurvedic medicine and herbal mixtures.

### MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

#### DARE2ERAD TB

- Dr. Jitendra Singh launches Data driven research to eradicate TB.
- This mission name is Dare2eraD TB
- It is launched under the part of "STEP Up to End TB 2022".
- The aim is to reach the goal of TB free India by 2025.

### MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

#### SAI NCOE FOR MTB AND BMX

- India's first Mountain Terrain Biking(MTB) and Bicycle Motocross (BMX) centres to train athletes opened in India as Sport Authority of India(SAI) National Centre of Excellence(NCOE).
- It was opened in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

### MINISTRY OF FINANCE

#### RS. 1 TRILLION INFRASTRUCTURE LENDING



- Government of India has set a target of Rs. 1 Trillion Infrastructure Lending for the “National Bank for Financial Infrastructure and Development ”(NaBFID).
- This is to start sanctioning loans to the infrastructure sector in FY2023.
- Government of India has already infused Rs. 20,000 crore in NaBFID.

### PRIME MINISTER

#### 1. 2ND INDIA AUSTRALIA VIRTUAL SUMMIT 2022

- PM Narendra Modi and PM of Australia Scott Morrison hold the 2nd India Australia Virtual Summit 2022
- The main aim of the summit is to reaffirm the commitment of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
- Different MoU has been signed between India-Australia in telecom, mineral, defense program, etc.,
- Australian Government has infused Rs. 1500 crore to boost ties with India in the area of clean technologies and innovation.

#### 2. 14TH INDIA-JAPAN ANNUAL SUMMIT

- 14th India-Japan Annual Summit held in New Delhi, India on March 19-20, 2022.
- Prime Minister of Japan Fumio Kishida, visited India in person.
- Both sided finalized 7 loans from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) worth Rs. 20400 crores for projects in connectivity, water supply and sewerage, horticulture, etc.

### MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

#### NAGALAND PAPERLESS STATE ASSEMBLY

- Nagaland becomes the first state in North East India to have paperless proceeding in the legislative state assembly.
- This is done under National e-Vidhan Application(NeVA).
- This operation is known as Ashta Lakshmi.
- Bihar Legislative Council is the first state in India to transit NeVA.

### MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

#### 1. MOU FOR ISRAELIAN FERTILIZER SUPPLY

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Israel and India for fertilizer supply for 5 years.
- Muriate of Potash will be bought from Israel Chemical Limited to Indian Potash Limited.

### 2. LINEAR ALKYL BENZENE MANUFACTURING

- Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd (TPL) became World's First linear alkybenzene (LAB) manufacturing company to receive the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification.
- The certification is in line with the requirements of the Linear Alkyl Benzene (Quality Control) Order, 2021.

### 3. STRENGTHENING PHARMA INDUSTRY SCHEME

- Government releases norms for strengthening of pharma industry.
- The total financial outlay of Rs. 500 crore for the period of 5 years.
- The scheme will support and strengthen the existing pharma clusters and MSMEs.
- This will help India in becoming a global leader in Pharma sector.

## MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCE

### INDIA'S ARCTIC POLICY

- Dr. Jitendra Singh launched India's Arctic Policy in New Delhi.
- India is one of the 13 nations holding Observer status in the Arctic Council.
- This is to understand the impact of climate change in Arctic and deepen's India's participation in climate, economic and energy security related issues.

## MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

### 1. MSME INNOVATIVE SCHEME

- Narayan Tatu Rane launched MSME Innovative Scheme.
- This scheme will contain incubation, design and Intellectual Property Rights.
- To launch this, MSME Idea Hackathon 2022 has been conducted.

### 2. CREDIT GUARANTEE SCHEME

- Government extends Rs. 20,000 crores subordinate debt for stressed MSME's till march 2023.
- This is to provide credit facilities to Special Mention Account and Non Performing Assets Account who are eligible for restructuring.

## MINISTRY OF POWER

### POLICY ADVOCACY ARM

- Power Foundation a society to act as the top policy advocacy arm for the power and allied sectors.
- This can help in developing business ideas and solutions for India's Energy transition journey.

- The Director General of this arm is Sanjiv Nandan Sahai, former Power Secretary.

### MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

#### SMART GRID KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

- India gets Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Centre in Manesar.
- This is located within the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Manesar, Haryana.
- This is to demonstrate and advancement of frontier smart grid technologies.

### MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### 1. MOTOR VEHICLE AGREEMENT

- Motor Vehicle Agreement is done between Bangladesh, India and Nepal.
- The MVA aims to boost regional trade and people-to-people connectivity by fostering greater sub-regional cooperation.
- The pending ratification of the MVA by Bhutan was finalized.

#### 2. OPERATION GANGA

- Operation Ganga devises plan to evacuate 15,000 Indians from Ukraine.
- Air India flights has helped to reach India due to Russia-Ukraine War.

### MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

#### INDIA WATER PITCH

- India Water Pitch Pilot Scale Start up Challenge launched under AMRUT 2.0.
- This is to address challenges in the urban water sector, under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 at the India water Pitch-Pilot Scale Start-up Conclave.
- The aim of this event is to push startups in the water sector.
- The champions who are chosen will receive funding support of Rs. 20 lakhs in three installments.

### MINISTRY OF TOURISM

#### E-MARKETPLACE

- E-Marketplace is a digital platform to provide web and mobile app facilitators that connect customers and the service providers.
- This platform will support to get business opportunities from tourism.

- This platform is launched by Incredible India Tourist Facilitators (IITF) or Incredible India Tourist Guides (IITG).

### MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

#### 13 MAJOR RIVERS THROUGH FORESTRY INTERVENTION

- Government of India has created a Detailed Project Reports (DPR) on Rejuvenation of 13 major rivers through forestry interventions.
- The budget outlay of the DPRs is Rs. 19,342.62 Crore.
- The target of the project is to create green cover expansion for upcoming 10 years and 20 years under Amrit Kaal.

### MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

#### MV RAM PRASAD BISMIL

- The longest Vessel MV Ram Prasad Bismil sailed on the river Brahmaputra.
- The motor vessel is 90-meter long heavy cargo movement which started from the Haldia Dock, Kolkata, West Bengal and reached Pandu Port, Guwahati Assam successfully.
- This is to barge operation between Kolkata to Guwahati via the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route.

### MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

#### NATIONAL RAIL PLAN

- Ministry of Railways has released National Rail Plan for India-2030.
- This is for development of a futuristic railway system by 2030.
- To do this vision project, 58 supercritical projects of a total length of 3750 km costing Rs. 39,663 crore and 68 Critical Projects of a total length of 6913 km costing Rs. 75,736 crore.

### MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORTS AND HIGHWAYS

#### GREEN HYDROGEN CAR

- India's first Green Hydrogen Car is launched by Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari.
- This was powered by Hydrogen and designed by Toyota and named as Toyota Mirai.
- This is the first project in India to create a Green Hydrogen based ecosystem by raising awareness about Green Hydrogen and FCEV technology.

### MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

#### LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP 2009

- Ministry of Corporate Affairs amended the Limited Liability Partnership 2009 on 4th March 2022.
- This is to address the concerns of entities facing bankruptcy proceedings.
- It primarily deals with solvency statements and certificates of truthfulness.

### MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

#### DONATE A PENSION

- Donate a Pension program comes under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana.
- The pension fund to their support staff is to be contributed by the people itself is the main aim.
- The support staff are domestic workers, drivers, helpers, care givers, nurses in their household or establishment or any other eligible unorganized workers.

### MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

#### SAGAR PARIKRAMA

- Sagar Parikrama is an initiative to solve the concerns of the fisherman community in Gujarat.
- This initiative understand challenges, experiences and aspirations of the fisherman community and to solve the concerns of the fisherman.
- It also focuses on to extend seafood exports from the country.

### MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

#### MODERNIZATION PLAN IV

- Modernization Plan IV for Central Armed Police Forces Scheme (CAPF) scheme was initiated.
- This is to improve the overall operational efficiency and preparedness of the CAPFs.
- The financial outlay of this scheme is Rs. 1,523 Crore.
- This scheme will be implemented from 1st February 2022 to 31st March 2026.

### MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

#### 1. NIC TECH CONCLAVE

- 3rd Edition of NIC Tech conclave has been organized in New Delhi in 3rd to 4th March 2022.
- The theme of NIC Tech Conclave 2022 is "Next Gen Technologies for Digital Government"

- This conclave is mainly focused on the Emerging technologies applicable especially in e-Governance.

### 2. APPSCALE ACADEMY

- Google partnered with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to help India Startups to build 100 high quality global apps and games.
- This will help them grow into successful global business.

## MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

### RS. 5 LAKH INSURANCE FOR OSC WORKERS

- Union Minister Smriti Irani has announced Rs. 5 lakh Insurance for One Stop Center(OSC) Workers.
- This initiative will help distressed women and fund will be provided from Nirbhaya Fund.
- She also launched “Stree Manoraksh Project” to improve the mental health of women in India.

