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MINSITRY OF AGRICULUTURE

HORTICULTURE CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (CDP)

- Aim: To ensure the advanced growth of horticulture.
- This Programme will address all major issues related to the Indian horticulture sector including pre-production, production, post-harvest management, logistics, marketing and branding.

AMBITAG

- It was developed by IIT Ropar.
- It is mainly used as temperature data logger for cold chain management.
- It is used to find whether the item is usable or perished because of temperature variation.

NEW APPLE VARIETY "HRMN 99" DEVELOPED

- Farmers of Himachal Pradesh has developed a self-pollinating variety of apple that does not require long chilling hours for flowering and fruit setting.
- It was verified by the National Innovation Foundation (NIF).
- It can be identified by the striped red over yellow skin colour during maturity.

INDIA AND ISRAEL SIGNED A THREE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM FOR COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE

- Agriculture Ministry collaborated with Mashav, leading Israel's largest G2G cooperation, with 29 operational Centres of Excellence (COEs) across India in 12 States.
- This is to implement best practices in agriculture and train farmers.

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HONEY TESTING LABORATORY PROJECT

- As the part of World Bee Day celebration, Agriculture Minister launched the Honey Testing Laboratory Project.
- The day is celebrated in to raise the awareness of the importance of bees and beekeeping.
- World Bee Day 2021 theme: “Bee Engaged – Build Back Better for Bees”.

PRIME MINISTER

STATEHOOD DAY OF GOA

- Statehood Day of Goa is celebrated on May 30th.
- PM greeted the people of Goa on this behalf.

STATEHOOD DAY OF SIKKIM

- Statehood Day of Sikkim is celebrated on May 16.
- PM greeted the people of Sikkim on the behalf.

INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

- International Nurses Day will be celebrated every year on May 12.
- The theme for this year’s International Nurses Day is “Nurses: A Voice to Lead – A Vision for Future Healthcare.”

CELEBRATED GOPAL KRISHNA GOKHALE JAYANTI

- Gopal Krishna Gokhale Jayanti on May 9.
- Gopal Krishna Gokhale is one of the social reformer and on the moderate side of the Indian National Congress during the Independence Struggle.

INDIA-UK VIRTUAL SUMMIT STRENGTHENS STI COOPERATION

- The prime ministers of India and the UK met virtually in May 2021.
- It has to Enhance cooperation between India and the UK on strengthening the role of women in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine).

INDIA – UK VIRTUAL SUMMIT ‘ROADMAP 2030’

- As the part of the summit, ‘Roadmap 2030’ was adopted to enhance the bilateral ties to a ‘Comprehensive Strategic Partnership’ between two countries in various areas.
- The key areas covered in this summit includes people to people contacts, trade and economy, defence and security, climate action and health between the two countries.

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MINISTRY OF CULTURE

VIRTUAL VESAK GLOBAL CELEBRATIONS ON BUDDHA PURNIMA

- The Vesak Global is celebrated by Ministry of culture in collaboration with International Buddhist Confederation (IBC).
- The Vesak Global is celebrated to honour the Buddha's birthday or Jayanthi.
- The day falls on the full moon day in the month of Vaiśākha, which falls in April-May.

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY FALLS ON MAY 18TH

- The theme for International Museum Day 2021 is "The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine."
- This day is observed in order to raise the importance of museums among the people.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PM-CARES FOR CHILDREN SCHEME

- PM-CARES for Children Scheme launched with the aim to support & empower the COVID-19 affected children.
- It will pay the cost on the uniform, textbooks and notebooks for children enrolled in private schools.
- The interest on the loan taken by the children for higher education or professional degree will be paid by PM CARES.
- Premium amount for the children enrolled under Ayushman Bharat Scheme, till the age of 18 years will be paid by PM CARES.

VACCINE ADMINISTRATION FOR COVID-19 (NEGVAC)

- There are many new recommendations of NEGVAC which are to be accepted by the Ministry of Health.
- For COVID19 positive patients, the COVID-19 vaccination is to be deferred by 3 months after recovery.
- COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all lactating women.

ESANJEEVANI

- It is a National Telemedicine Service (eSanjeevani) during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- It nearly served crores of patients across the country.

CLINICAL TRIALS FOR COVAXIN FOR 2 – 18 YEAR-OLDS

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- DCGI (Drug Controller General of India) approves Phase II/III clinical trial of COVAXIN in the age group of 2 to 18 years.
- In the trial, the vaccine will be given by intramuscular route in two doses at day 0 and day 28.

MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

GREEN ZONE SITES APPROVED FOR NPNT (NO-PERMISSION-NO-TAKEOFF) COMPLIANT DRONE OPERATIONS

- Ministry of Civil Aviation has granted permission of “No-Permission-No-Takeoff” (NPNT) compliant drone operations at 166 additional green zones to facilitate, smoothen, and promote drone operations in the country.
- The approved sites allow drone usage up to 400 ft Above Ground Level (AGL).
- Flying in these approved ‘green-zones’ will require only intimation of the time and location of the flights via the Digital Sky portal or the app.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED YUVA

- YUVA (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) to train young and budding authors (below 30 years of age) and make them write globally.
- The young authors will be trained by eminent authors/mentors with the stipend of Rs. 50000/month for 6 months.

MONETARY ASSISTANCE THROUGH DBT UNDER MID DAY MEALS SCHEME

- Monetary Assistance to 11.8 crore eligible students will be benefited under Mid day meals scheme even if the schools are not opened.
- The money will be transferred directly into bank account by Direct Bank Transfer(DBT)
- To implement this scheme Central Government will allocate Rs.1200 crores to State Government and UT.

MYGOV LAUNCHES INNOVATION CHALLENGE

- MyGov launches innovation for creating Indian Language Learning App.
- All Indian citizen should learn simple sentences of any Indian language and acquire working knowledge of a language.
- The challenge is for Indian individuals, start-ups and companies who are good in UI/UX designers.

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MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE

BAL SWARAJ (COVID-CARE LINK)

- National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) asks States/UTS to Upload Data of Children in the Bal Swaraj portal who have Lost Both or Either of the Parent to Covid-19 On Online Tracking Portal “Bal Swaraj (Covid-Care)”.
- Its main aim is to restore the children to their parent/guardian/relative and its subsequent follow-up.

TELE COUNSELLING THROUGH SAMVEDNA

- SAMVEDNA tele counselling service for Children to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic.
- It gives psychological support to children to address their stress, anxiety, fear and other issues during the coronavirus pandemic.
- The counsellors have been trained by the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry from NIMHANS.

MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND IT

NATIONAL AI PORTAL (INDIAAI) CELEBRATES ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 28

- The portal was launched in May 2020.
- It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and IT and NASSCOM.
- It is to nurture the AI(Artificial Intelligence) innovation in India and to enhance the life of the people in India through AI.

RIGHT TO PRIVACY IN WHATSAPP

- The government of India has stated that “Right to Privacy as a fundamental right” and all Indian citizen will come under this right.
- It is committed to maintaining law and order and ensuring national security.
- This Right of privacy will not impact the normal functioning of WhatsApp in any manner and for the common users, there will be no impact”, said by the IT Minister.

MINISTRY OF AYUSH

AYUSH CLINICAL REPOSITORY (ACCR) PORTAL

- This portal will serve as a platform to support both Ayush practitioners and the general public.
- The portal is expected to help in data mining the strengths of Ayush systems for the treatment of various disease conditions.

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CAMPAIGN OF AYUSH 64 & KABASURA KUDINEER

- Kabasura Kudineer is a traditional syrup water used in Siddha system to treat respiratory problems.
- This campaign is to distribute AYUSH 64 & Kabasura Kudineer to most areas in India to prevent COVID-19 and help in recovery of COVID-19 affected people.

MINISTRY OF POWER

NATIONAL MISSION ON USE OF BIOMASS IN THERMAL POWER PLANTS

- Ministry of Power decided to set up a National Mission on use of Biomass in coal based thermal power plants.
- This is to address the issue of air pollution due to farm stubble burning and to reduce carbon footprints of thermal power generation.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IS OBSERVED ON 22 MAY ANNUALLY

- The theme of the 2021 International Day for Biological Diversity is “We’re part of the solution”.
- It is a UN-sanctioned international day for the promotion of biodiversity issues.

MINISTRY OF SPORTS

KHELO INDIA CENTRES

- Sports Ministry open up 143 Khelo India Centres across the 7 Indian States include Maharashtra, Mizoram, Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur.
- The total cost for the program is Rs.14.30 Crores.

SPORTS AWARDS 2021

- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports invites nominations for Sports Awards 2021.
- The government gives Sports Awards every year to acknowledge achievements in the sports field by Indian sportspersons.

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

HALLMARKING OF GOLD JEWELLERY IN INDIA

- Hallmarking of gold Jewellery to begin from 15th June.
- It is process of jewellers selling gold jewellery and artefacts to register with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and sell only hallmarked gold jewellery & artefacts.

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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

GI CERTIFIED SHAHI LITCHI FROM BIHAR

- Shahi litchi was the 4th agricultural product to get GI certification from Bihar after Jardalu mango, Katarni rice and Magahi paan.
- GI certificate of Shahi Litchi is held with the Muzaffarpur-based Litchi Growers Association of Bihar.

GI CERTIFIED GHOLVAD SAPOTA (CHIKOO) FROM MAHARASHTRA

- The Gholvad Sapota or Chikoo, grown in Gholvad Village of Maharashtra and it is known for its sweet and unique taste due to the Calcium rich soil of Gholvad.
- GI certification of Gholvad Sapota is held by the Maharashtra Rajya Chikoo Utpadak Sangh.

MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

E-COURT SERVICES MOBILE APP

- Supreme Court's E-Committee released a manual for its free "e-Courts Services Mobile App" in 14 languages.
- The App itself has crossed 57 lakh downloads.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

DRDO DEVELOPS COVID-19 ANTIBODY DETECTION KIT

- The antibody detection kit is named 'DIPCOVAN'
- The DIPCOVAN kit can detect both spike as well as nucleocapsid (S&N) proteins of SARS-CoV-2 virus.
- It requires only 75 minutes to conduct the test.
- The DIPCOVAN kit has a shelf-life of 18 months.

DECOMMISSIONING OF INS RAJPUT

- It was commissioned in 1980 and was the first destroyer of the Indian Navy.
- It was the lead ship of the Kashin-class destroyers built by the USSR.

SAMUDRA SETU II

- Samudra Setu II is the COVID relief operation carried out by the Indian Navy.
- The Navy has deployed nine warships as part of the operation to supplement the oxygen requirement in the country.

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- Indian Naval Ships Airavat, Kolkata and Trikand reach India with Liquid Medical Oxygen and Critical Medical equipment/supplies from Singapore, Kuwait and Qatar.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

DIVYANG MITRA' I.E. FRIENDS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- It's main aim is to rehabilitation of persons with disabilities with community efforts within six month.
- It has been designed to improve the knowledge and skills among Anganwadi workers to enhance their ability to successfully discharge their duties in training persons with disabilities in society.

TOLL FREE HELPLINE FOR ELDERLY PERSONS ELDERLINE

- The toll free helpline number 14567 for elderly persons called ELDERLINE is expected to become operational in all states by the end of May 2021.
- This is to to address the problems faced by elderly people in the during the time of covid pandemic.

NITI AAYOG

AIM-ICDK WATER INNOVATION CHALLENGE

- Innovators from India have to participate in global Next Generation Water Action program hosted by International Water Association and Denmark Technical University.
- The aim of the AIM-ICDK Water Innovation Challenge is to create Next Generation Water Action (NGWA) or Water Innovation Challenge

CONNECTED COMMERCE REPORT

- NITI Aayog and Mastercard Release Report on 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat'.
- The report identifies the hindrances for full digital financial literacy in India and who to make financial services accessible by 1.3 billion citizens in India.

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

NEW MULTIPLEX RT-PCR KIT

- Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), has developed the new multiplex RT-PCR kit.
- This kit has a higher accuracy of detecting covid-19 across the various mutant strains of the coronavirus.

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SUTRA MODEL FOR CHARTING TRAJECTORY OF COVID-19

- It is to predict the COVID spread in India using graphs.
- It was designed by Scientists from the IITs of Kanpur and Hyderabad
- They have used 'Susceptible, Undetected, Tested (positive), and Removed Approach' (SUTRA) model to predict the COVID graph in India.

MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS AND MICROSOFT SIGNED MOU

- The MoU with the purpose of digital transformation of tribal schools, especially Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) and Ashram Schools, etc.

MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS

NATIONAL PROGRAMME ON ADVANCED CHEMISTRY CELL BATTERY STORAGE

- The goal is to create Indian battery storage strategies to capture International markets and attract new firms from global market which mainly depend on China's one plus strategy.
- Initial fund of Rs. 18,100 Crore for building Tesla-style battery manufacturing factories.
- Final plan is to set up 50 giga watt hour (GWh) manufacturing capacity for advance chemistry cell batteries by with total investment of Rs 45,000 crore.

PRESIDENT

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DAY

- India celebrates May 11 as 'National Technology Day'.
- This day honours the achievements and contributions of Indians in the field of science and technology.
- President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Govind, presented awards to scientists and honours them for their achievements.
- The National Technology Day 2021 theme is "Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future".

MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

GREEN URJA AWARD BY INDIAN RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (IREDA)

- The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) has awarded with "Green Urja Award"
- ICC is ranked under Leading Public Institution in Financing Institution for Renewable Energy this year.

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

SECTION 142 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY CODE, 2020

- Under the Section 142 of the Social Security Code, 2020 will enable the Ministry to collect Aadhar details for the database of beneficiaries under various social security schemes.

MINISTER OF FINANCE

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK'S ANNUAL MEETING 2021

- Finance Minister participated in Asian Development Bank's annual meeting 2021 as the part of "Governor's Seminar".
- It's main purpose is the "Cooperation for a Resilient Future".

MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING

PRODUCTION LINKED INCENTIVE (PLI) SCHEME FOR THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

- The main objective of the scheme is to make Indian Brands Food available in Global market.
- This PLI is a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

