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Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

1. Revised Guidelines of Micro and Small Enterprises-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP)

- The aim of the scheme is to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of micro and small enterprises in the nation.
- It is a centrally sponsored scheme where Central Government will bear up to 60% to 70% of the total project cost.
- This Cluster included infrastructure development and the setting up of common facility centres.

2. Centre of Excellence for Khadi

- Minister Narayan Rane, inaugurates India's first Centre of Excellence for Khadi in New Delhi.
- This was setup by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT).
- The main aim of this is to design apparel, home furnishing and accessories for people of all generation.

Ministry of Science and Technology

1. First Biotech Park

- North India's First Industrial Biotech Park opened in Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir.
- It promotes green category businesses
- The Biotech Park will act as a hub for incubation of new ideas.

2. SSR & SRIMAN Guidelines

- Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) and Scientific Research Infrastructure Sharing Maintenance and Network (SRIMAN) Guidelines were launched.
- This is to harness the latent potential of the scientific community on a voluntary basis.

Ministry of Textiles

1. Cotton Council of India

- Cotton Council of India formed under the Cotton Corporation of India under the leadership of Suresh Bhai Kotak.
- This council is to added cotton value chain in India.

2. National Conference on PM MITRA

 A National Conference on PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Park (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme was recently held.

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- The scheme aims to to generate around 1 lakh direct and 2 lakh indirect jobs per park.
- PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Park.
- The PM MITRA scheme is inspired by the 5F vision Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign.

Ministry of Skill Development

Rural Tribal Technical Training Program

- India's 1st Rural Tribal Technical Training Program at the Centre for Research and Industrial Staff Performance (CRISP), Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- The project aims to train around 250 beneficiaries of 6 states of India.
- The beneficiaries will be trained in electrical and solar energy, agriculture, e-governance, etc.

Ministry of Education

National Council for Teacher Education

- National Council for Teacher Education is an online platform to train teachers in various education programs.
- This includes living application for courses to issuing recognition orders, which includes inspection of
 institutions.
- Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) would be processed through this launched portal.

Prime Minister

1. Foundation Stone for Various Projects

- PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for Tamil Nadu related Projects Rs. 31,500 crores in Chennai.
- It consists of five projects includes Madurai-Teni Railway Guage Conversion Project.

2. COVID Virtual Summit

- PM participates in the 2nd Global COVID Virtual Summit along with Joseph R. Biden Jr, President of United States of America.
- The theme of the Virtual Summit is "Preventing Pandemic Fatigue and Prioritizing Preparedness"
- The summit aimed to stimulate new actions to address the continued challenges of the COVID Pandemic and build a stronger global health security architecture.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

Wind-Solar Hybrid Plant

- Adani Green Energy Arm Commissions India's First Wind-Solar Hybrid Plant in Rajasthan.
- It is 390 Megawatt (MW) wind-solar hybrid power plant was commissioned in Jaisalmer.
- This project comes under Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)

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Ministry of Culture

250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy

- Raja Ram Mohan Roy is known for setting up the Brahmo Samaj (1828).
- G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister for Culture Virtually inaugurated the statue of Raja Ram Mohan Roy.
- The day also marked the 50th foundation day of Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate

1. India – UAE MOU on Climate Actions

- Bhupender Yadav, the Union Minister of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and H.E. Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Climate Envoy.
- This MOU to explore the way for strengthening bilateral cooperation in climate action.

2. 52nd Tiger Reserve in India

- Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan notified as 52nd Tiger Reserve in India.
- The approval was given by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).
- This is the 4th Rajasthan's Tiger Reserve.

Ministry of Ayush

MOU for Mutual Collaboration

- MOU is signed between Ministry of AYUSH and Department of Biotechnology.
- This MOU will enable the possibility to undertake innovative and research work in AYUSH medicine.
- This will also help to explore various Fundamental Principles of Ayush systems.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

1. National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5

- Recently, the Union Health Minister released National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5 data.
- National Family Health Survey (NFHS) -5 main aims is to provide essential data on health and family welfare for policy and program purposes.
- Also to provide information on important emerging health and family welfare issues.
- According to NFHS-5, 23.3% of women surveyed got married before attaining the legal age of 18 years, down from 26.8% reported in NFHS-4.

2. AB-HWC Assessment Report

- Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWC) in 18 states of India in New Delhi, Delhi.
- The assessment was done in two phases by Non-government entities. (GRAAM and Jhpiego)
- This assessment will help to find out special challenges in rolling out Ayushman Bharat Scheme in 18 selected India states.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

1. SWACHH SURVEKSHAN 2023

- Shri Manoj Joshi, the Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the 8th edition of Swachh Survekshan 2023(SS 2023).
- The Theme of SS2023 is Waste to Health.
- The main aim of Swachh Survekshan is to improve the sanitation condition in cities with large scale citizen participation.

2. BHARAT TAP

- Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, has launched the BHARAT TAP initiative at the Plumbex India exhibition in India.
- This show is for plumbing, water and sanitation-related products and services and create awareness with water efficient plumbing fixtures.
- BHARAT TAP is to provide low-flow, sanitary ware at scale and thereby reduce water consumption considerably.

Ministry of Commerce and Industry

1. Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal

- Foreign Investment Facilitation Portal (FIF Portal) is turned five years since 24th May 2017.
- Through this portal 853 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals have been disposed.
- It has been replaced Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) and it will process FDI in India.

2. Start-Up Bridge

- Union Minister Piyush Goyal and United Arab Emirates Minister of Economy Abdulla Bin Touq, launched India-UAE Start-up Bridge.
- The theme is "India UAE CEPA Unleashing the Golden Era".
- This is to strengthen startups and through this platform all information regarding the Indian and UAE Startup ecosystem will be easily accessible to entrepreneurs and stakeholders from both countries.

Ministry of Steel

Deadline for Ferro Scrap Nigam Ltd

- The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has extended the deadline for submission of bids for the strategic disinvestment of Ferro Scrap Nigam Ltd.
- The deadline has been extended to the month of June 6, 2022 and earlier it was May 5, 2022.
- It is the 100% subsidiary of MSTC Ltd Mini Ratna II Central Public Sector Enterprise in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh.

Ministry of Finance

1. 13th Annual Day of CCI

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participates in 13th Annual Day Commemoration of the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- This event was held in DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi.
- This commission was established for administration, implementation and enforcement of the Act.

2. New Government Guarantee Policy

- Finance Minister announced the New Government Guarantee Policy.
- This will replace a 12-year old policy and intends to incorporate all changes in General Financial Rules (GFR) and financial policies.
- The new Guarantee policy will increase the volume of sovereign guarantees during a financial year.

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy

Breed-Wise Report of Livestock and Poultry

- Shri Parshottam Rupala, Minster of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy has released the Breed-Wise Report of Livestock and Poultry
- This report is based on 29th Livestock Census of 2018-2019.
- According to this report the total number of indigenous cattle declined by 6% to 14.21 crore in 2019.

Ministry of Jal Shakti

NMCG Approves Rs. 600 Crore

- 42nd Meeting of the Executive Committee of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) under the Chairmanship of G. Ashok Kumar.
- 11 projects with the estimation of Rs. 660 Crores was allocated.
- This is to improve the water infrastructure projects along the river Ganga.

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

National Policy on BioFuels 2018

- Cabinet Chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved amendments to the National Policy on Biofuels 2018.
- The target of 20% ethanol-petrol blending advanced by 5 years to 2025-26 from 2030.
- This will drive more employment opportunities and to encourage more make In India projects.

Ministry of Communication

MOU in IoT/M2M

- Center for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and Vodafone Idea Limited signed a MOU to develop and deploy IoT/M2M (Internet of Things/Machine to Machine).
- C-DOT's indigenously developed one M2M based C-DOT Common Services Platform (CCSP) could benefit the IoT industry.

Ministry of Heavy Industries

Capital Good Scheme

- Ministry of Heavy Industries signes MoU with NRDC (National Research Development Corporation).
- This is to enhance various activities for smooth implementation of the Scheme for enhancement of competitiveness in the Indian Capital Goods Sector.
- The main aim is to make India a global Hub for the Manufacturing of Capital Goods Sector.

Ministry of Railways

1. Hyperloop Technology

- Ministry of Railways approves Collaboration with IIT-Madras on Hyperloop Technology.
- Hyperloop is a high speed transport system.
- The cost estimation of the collaboration is Rs. 8.34 Crore.

2. Local Gears

- Centre for Development of Telemactics and Ministry of Railways signed an MOU to provide locally and indigenously affordable telecom equipment and services for various railway operations.
- The total cost of this project is Rs. 2100 crores.
- This financial support is provided to Railways by C-DOT.
- This will help to boost the Make in India initiative of the Government and build the digital divide in the country.

3. Gati Shakti Directorate

- Ministry of Railways has set up Gati Shakti Directorate in order to implement PM Gati Shakti.
- Gati Shakti is a multi-modal connectivity with close coordination of various ministries, including Railways, Waterways and Roadways,
- The main aim of this scheme is to provide integrated and seamless connectivity for the movement of people, goods and services from one mode of transport to another.

Ministry of Tourism

Yuva Tourism Club

• Ministry of Tourism is planning to form Yuva Tourism Club in various CBSE Schools.

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- This is to develop soft skills like team work, management and leadership.
- It also promotes responsible tourism practices and concern for sustainable tourism.
- Yuva Tourism Clubs provide national integration and spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

NITI Aayog

Collaboration with World Economic Forum

- NITI Aayog, Think Tank of India Collaborates with World Economic Forum to focus on better utilizing emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), IoT to benefit small and marginal farmers.
- This will help them to boost their incomes.
- These farmers lack credit history and women farmers lack land holding, so they are borrowing loans at higher rates than banks offer.

