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PIB SUMMARY OCTOBER 2019

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS’ WELFARE

- **First ever India-International Cooperative Trade Fair** was organized in New Delhi from 11th to 13th October, 2019. The main objective of the fair is to promote cooperative-to-cooperative trade within India and abroad.
- Two diagnostic kit namely - **The Bluetongue sandwich ELISA (sELISA) and the Japanese Encephalitis IgM ELISA Kit** has been developed under Make in India by ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Fertilizer Application awareness Program** was inaugurated in Pusa, New Delhi in order to disseminate knowledge to farmers on optimum usage of fertilizer nutrition based on various parameters to sustain agricultural productivity.
- **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** has approved Minimum support price for Rabi crops of 2019-20 according to which wheat farmers will get more than double the average cost of production.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

- Two **Government to Business (G2B) MoUs** were signed between India and Bangladesh on the occasion of India-Bangladesh Business Forum in New Delhi.
- **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** signed a MoU with Union Bank of India (UBI) and Federal Bank in order to offer an array of services including transfer of funds through GeM pool accounts (GPA).
- **World Coffee Conference (WCC) and Expo** will be held in Bangalore from September 7-12, 2020. It is the first time that this conference will be held in Asia.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- **Sixth edition of Dilli series seapower seminar** was concluded at the Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala.
- Indian Air Force **BrahMos unit** was successfully fired at Tros island in Andaman & Nicobar on 21st October, 2019.
- **73rd Infantry Day** was celebrated on 27th October, 2019.
- White water rafting expedition called **Rudrashila** was flagged at Jodhpur Military station.
- **The bilateral training exercise of Indo-French Joint Exercise – Shakti 2019** will be held in **Rajasthan** from 31st October to 13th November, 2019.

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

- Ministry has called for the inclusion of petroleum products under GST regime.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

- **One Nation One Fastag Conference** was inaugurated by Shri Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi on 14th October, 2019 in order to bring a unified electronic tolling solution across the country.
• Chenani Nashari tunnel in J& K has been renamed after Dr. Shyam Prasad Mukherjee. It is 9km long and is the largest state of art tunnel in the country which connects Udhampur to Rambar in Jammu.

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

• 5th National Council on India’s Nutritional challenges was held in New Delhi on 10th October, 2019 in order to provide direction to address India’s nutritional challenges in a co-ordinated intersectoral manner.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

• People and Books Programme was organized by Sahitya Akadami in Cuttack, Odisha.
• A 2000 year old brick structure and a Vishnu sculpture was unearthed in a latest excavation by Archaeological Survey of India in Gottiprolu, Andhra Pradesh.

MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

• As an homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th Birth anniversary, young students from Delhi NCR created two Guinnese Book World records
  1.) Environmental sustainability learned by the largest number of students at one place.
  2.) The largest number of assembly and lightening of solar lamps.
• 2nd Assembly of International Solar Alliance (ISA) was hosted by the ministry on 31st October, 2019 in New Delhi for emphasizing the increasing importance of solar energy.

MINISTRY OF TOURISM

• Nationwide Paryatan Parv 2019 was inaugurated in New Delhi to promote tourism with a theme-Dekho apna Desh and Tourism For all.
• Ministry has organized first of its kind Adventure trekking training course in Ladakh to promote tourism activities and develop basic skills of Trekking.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

• Ministry has released a special commemorative coin on Paramhansa Yogananda on the occasion of his 125th Birth anniversary on 29th October, 2019.
• A 165 million US$ loan agreement has been signed between Government of Odisha and World Bank for supporting climate resilient agriculture.

MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

• Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde, Judge of the Supreme court has been selected as the next Chief Justice of India.
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- Ministry is going to organize *Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Parv* from 31st October to 3rd November, 2019 to showcase and promote the communication and artistic skills of students.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- 29th BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India and China) Ministrial meeting on climate change was held in Beijing, China on 25th and 26th October, 2019.
- Ministry has approved the setting up of a new regional center of the GB Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and development at Ladakh.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

- Vigilence Awareness week was observed from 28th October to 2nd November, 2019 with the theme-Integrity: a way of life

MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

- Shri Pramod Kumar Das has been appointed as the secretary of the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) conducted whole genome sequencing of 1008 Indians for study of biomedical applications. The experiment has been conducted as a part of IndiGen Genome Project.
- Global Bio-India 2019 Summit will be held in New Delhi from 21st to 23rd November, 2019.

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

- Ease of Doing Business-Radio frequency Identification based port Access Control system has been inaugurated at Kolkata Dock system.

MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

- International Conference on Neurological disorders and therapeutics was organized in Ahmedabad in order to explore new ideas for research and treatment of neurological disorders.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

- India has been ranked 63rd in World Bank’s Doing Business report. In last five years, India has improved its rank by 79 positions.
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

- Kartarpur Sahib Corridor agreement has been signed between India and Pakistan in order to facilitate pilgrims to visit Gurudwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur.
- Shri Girish Chandra Murmu took oath as the first Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir on 31st October 2019.

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

- One Touch ATVM has been launched by the ministry for fast ticketing at 42 Suburbsn stations of Central Railways.
- Ministry has signed a MoU with Indian School of Business (ISB) for strategic partnership in various aspects of education and research.
- 9 Seva service trains were launched in order to provide connectivity to the far-flung areas where stoppage of premiere trains are not possible.
- Run for unity Event was organized by the ministry on the occasion of National Unity day on 31st October, 2019.

PRESIDENT’S SECRETARIAT

- President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone for Shri Sathya Sai Sanathana sanskruti Project at Sai no sato which will be developed as a temple on the basis of akshardham to promote Indian culture.

CABINET

- Cabinet has approved revival plans of BSNL and MTNL and in principle merger of the two.

AYUSH

- 4th Ayurveda Day was celebrated throughout the country on 25th October, 2019.
- A MoU has been signed between India and St. Vincent for cooperation in the field of traditional systems of medicines.

MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- A MoU has been signed between India and Kuwait in the field of accounting, finance and audit knowledge base.

MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Ministry has unfolded plan to set up **14 Authorized World Skills India Training Centers (AWSITC)** across 9 cities including Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Indore, Mumbai, Pune and Trivandrum in media and entertainment sector.