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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 Rambhar 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 Guinness 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) Ministerial 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

- **Vigilance 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 Suburban 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 samskruti 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 Chandigadh, Chennai, delhi, Hyderabad, Indore, Mumbai, Pune and Trivandrum in media and entertainment sector.

