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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMER WELFARE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES"

- The theme of this conference is "Awareness about the nutritional benefits of fruits and vegetables for balanced and healthy diet and life style."
- This conference was by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

APPLE FESTIVAL

- Apple Festival in Kashmir was inaugurated by Union Agri Minister, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar.
- This to improve agriculture development in Jammu and Kashmir.
- The main aim is to increase the farmer's income.

MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

INVESTOR SUMMIT

- Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the Investor Summit.
- The theme of the summit is "Opportunities and Partnerships in Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices".
- Indian medical devices sector will grow from current 11 Billion USD to 50 Billion USD in future.

MINISTRY OF COAL

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING TO THE YOUTHS

- Skill development training to the youths in the nearby villages of Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited,
 Odisha.
- As the part of CSR Activity, they collaborated with Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET), Bhubaneswar to give training for the youths in mining areas.
- They have invested Rs1.38 crores for this project.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

PM GATISHAKTI NATIONAL MASTER PLAN

 PM GatiShakti National Master Plan is to increase the supporting mechanism for providing multimodal connectivity.

• This is to ensure logistics efficiency in trade which includes farmers, consumers, youth and those engaged in businesses.

UNITED STATES - INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL'S (USIBC) 46TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- United States India Business Council's (USIBC) 46th Annual General Meeting is attended by our Minister of Commerce, Mr. Piyush Goyal.
- In this general meeting, Minister of Commerce announced that Indian is changing from "Make in India" to "Make in India for the world".
- This meeting is to maintain free and open trade relationship between India and US.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

NEW SECRETARY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- K. Rajaraman takes charge as the Secretary for Department of Telecommunications.
- He was Former Additional Secretary, Investments & Infrastructure, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.

MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

MUKHYAMANTRI GHASIYARI KALYAN YOJANA

- Mukhyamantri Ghasiyari Kalyan Yojana is launched by our Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Mr. Amit Shah.
- Under this scheme, nutritious animal feeds are made in a scientific way.
- This will benefit 1 lakh farmers mainly women farmers in hilly areas.

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

WORLD STANDARD DAY

- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) celebrated World Standard Day in order to rise MSME industries to international Standard.
- This will help India to capture more National and International Market by following the agenda of Sustainable Development Goals.

MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT)

- Training of Trainers (ToT) it to strengthen the insolvency ecosystem in India.
- This is to train the insolvency professionals to act efficiently and use soft evaluations.

This program is given by Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAMAPPA - KAKATIYARUDRESHWARA TEMPLE IN PALAMPET

- Ramappa KakatiyaRudreshwara Temple in Palampet got the tag of UNESCO World Heritage Site
- This is the first UNESCO site from the State of Telengana.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

SARTHAK' WAS COMMISSIONED

- Indian Coast Guard Ship 'Sarthak' was commissioned and dedicated to the nation.
- ICGS Sarthak will be based at Porbandar in Gujarat and operate on India's Western Seaboard.

RS 423 CRORES CONTRACT WITH US GOVERNMENT

- Indian Navy signs a Rs 423 Crores contract with US Government to buy Arms.
- These arms includes weapons of P-8I Aircraft which is used for Long range Maritime Surveillance.

DR APJ ABDUL KALAM PRERANA STHAL

- 'Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Prerana Sthal' was inaugurated at Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam.
- It main aim is to motivate youths in R&D field to achieve more by following the foot steps of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

FOUR YEAR INTEGRATED TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

- This 4 year Intergrated programme offers bachelor's degree in B.A. B.Ed./ B. Sc. B. Ed. and B.Com.
- B.Ed is mandate in National Education Policy 2021.
- If a person wants to pursue in B.A. B.Ed./ B. Sc. B. Ed, he need to spend 5 years.
- By this programme he/she can save 1 year and start their career in teaching as soon as possible.
- The commencement of Four Year ITEP will be from the academic session 2022-23.

MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCE

SAMUDRAYAN AT CHENNAI

Samudrayan is the India's First Manned Ocean Mission.

This mission will be doing underwater research carrying out subsea activities.

MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS & IT

AI FOR DATE DRIVEN GOVERNANCE

- "Al for Date Driven Governance" means using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to take date driven decisions.
- Decisions can be done with power of evolving technologies in Al.
- It is about leveraging AI for Public Sector, Defence and Security, Postal Services and Future Cities.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

WETLANDS OF INDIA PORTAL

- Wetlands of India Portal is launched by our Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Mr. Bhupender Yadav.
- The portal is a single point access to all information relating to wetlands.

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

FIRST IVF BUFFALO CALF BORN

- India's First IVF Buffalo calf born at Dhanej in Somnath district of Gujarat.
- The Buffalo belongs to the breed namely Banni.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

\$100 MILLION LOAN FOR AGRIBUSINESS

- India signs \$100 million loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Agribusiness Development in Maharashtra.
- This is to boost farm incomes and reduce food losses in the State of Maharashtra.

\$4.5 MILLION FOR URBAN MOBILITY

- India signs \$4.5 million loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Urban Mobility in Mizoram.
- To avoid traffic congestion on narrow road widths, Urban Mobility have to be developed in Aizawl, Capital of Mizoram.

TAX INSPECTORS WITHOUT BORDERS (TIWB)

- Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) is launched in Seychelles in partnership with India.
- It aims to aid Seychelles in strengthening its tax administration by knowledge sharing and best audit practices.
- This programme is for the duration of 12 months.

NITI AAYOG

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR INDIA'S MISSING MIDDLE

- This report brings out the gaps in the health insurance coverage across the Indian population and offers solutions to address the situation.
- 30% of the population, devoid of health insurance, is termed as the "missing middle".
- This report tells the need of low-cost comprehensive health insurance product for the missing middle.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

JAN BHAGIDARI

- Jan Bhagidari is the cleanliness programs organised to clean India mainly using youth power.
- Under this scheme, 108 lakh kg of plastic wastes were collected in 30 days period.

MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

INDIAN TRIBAL ART AND CRAFTS IN CANADA

- GI-tagged tribal art and craft products from India is promoted at High Commission Office of India in Canada.
- The initiative will help connect tribal artisans from India with the market in Canada.

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

7 PM MEGA INTEGRATED TEXTILE REGION AND APPAREL (PM MITRA) PARKS

- 7 PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks with Rs. 4,445 Crore outlay.
- The main aim of this PM MITRA is to reduce logistics cost as the textile chain (all activities) takes place at one location.

MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP MELA 2021

- Under this mela, 51,000 apprentices hired across 662 locations in India.
- More than 5000 companies participated in this mela.
- They have been offered monthly stipends ranging from Rs.5000 to Rs. 9000 per month.

MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

MYPORT APP

- MyPort App is to monitor all port operation virtually.
- This app is aimed to promote transparency and easy access of port related information.

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

BIO-ECONOMIC HUB

- Northeast is to be developed as India's Bio-Economic Hub.
- The main aim to use genetic resources for the economic growth of the region.
- North Eastern India is the one of the hotspot in India for mega biodiversity.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS

SAFAI MITRAS

- Safai Mitras is a programme to honour sanitation works in their respective areas.
- 15 lakh Safai Mitras and Swachhta Warriors across the country will be felicitated by the Urban Local bodies.

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

MYPARKINGS APP

- This app helps to book online parking slots and reduce stress and help people plan their trips better.
- It also helps reduce pollution from vehicles by minimising the time spent searching for parking spots.

MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

WORLD'S LARGEST NATIONAL FLAG

- World's largest National Flag made of Khadi cotton fabric is displayed at Leh.
- It is to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, most eco-friendly fabric in the world.

MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

VISHWAKARMA VATIKA

- Vishwakarma Vatika will be set up at Hunar Haats to preserve traditional art and crafts of India.
- It is to protect India's old and traditional culture of arts and crafts, especially hand made.

MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

ONE SUN ONE WORLD ONE GRID

- One Sun One World One Grid Northwest Europe Cooperative Event is a green grids initiative.
- It is to create world with zero emission and at the same time reduce the high cost of solar energy storage.

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

UFILL

- UFill is the technology to fill the fuel automatically by the people using technology.
- It was introduced by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).
- It will ensure their customers to have complete control over time during fuel filling.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

INAUGURATION OF KUSHINAGAR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- Inauguration of Kushinagar International Airport is done under UDAN scheme and it's inaugurated by Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi.
- It is opened to develop Buddhism in India.
- It is to connect the Lord Buddha teachings with their devotees.