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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE

- **National conference on Crop Residue Management** was organized by the ministry in which over 1000 farmers participated from the states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi. The main aim of the conference was to ensure zero burning in villages in these states.
- Union minister of state of Agriculture and Farmers' welfare Shri Purshottam Rupala inaugurated the **National conference on agriculture for Rabi campaign 2019** in which he highlighted the record production of food grains (285 million tonnes).
- **Two new mobile app-CHC Farm machinery and Krishi Kisan app for geo-tagging was launched by the ministry.** It will help farmers to select and order the required machinery at feasible rates from custom hiring centres.

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

- Ministry launched Project **SURE on Sustainable Fashion Day at Lakme fashion Week** as a move towards sustainable fashion.
- 16 State Government has signed a MoU with Ministry of Textiles to take forward **Samarth-which is a scheme for capacity building in textile sector.**

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

- Ministry launched **Steel Import Monitoring system (SIMS)** which will give advance information about steel imports to Government and stakeholders.
- Ministry has **enhanced the insurance cover for banks upto 90% for the working capital loans.**
- **Export Credit Insurance Scheme (ECIS)** was launched by the ministry in order to boost exports.
- **16th session of Joint Economic Commission between India and Belgium Luxembourg economic union** was organized in New Delhi on 17th September, 2019.
- An **International Conference-cum-buyer-seller meet was organized in Agartala** by the Agriculture and processed food products Export development Authority (APEDA) in order to showcase the export potential of agri-products from North-east region.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- **Astra, which is an Air-to-air missile** was successfully tested on 16th September, 2019 off the coast of Odisha.
- **ISRO has signed a MoU with DRDO for the development of human centric system** for the human space mission in order to demonstrate its human space flight capabilities.
- **Sea phase of Maiden Singapore-India Thailand Maritime exercise (SITMEX-19)** was started in Andaman Sea on 18th September 2019.
- **RKS Bhaduria** has been appointed as the next **Chief of air staff.**
- **A MoU has been signed between DRDO and Central University of J&K to set up Kalam center for Science and Technology** which will undertake and facilitate multidisciplinary and applied research and technology.

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- **Indian Navy's first stealth frigate-INS Nilgiri** has been launched by the ministry on 28th September, 2019 at Mazagaon dock, Mumbai.

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- **Waste Management accelerator for aspiring women Entrepreneurs (WAVE Summit 2019)** was launched by the ministry in New Delhi.
- Second edition of **Joint International Hackathon-Singapore India Hackathon 2019** was hosted at IIT-Madras on September 28 and 29, 2019 with an objective to promote collaboration of Indian students with rest of the World.
- **National Educational Alliance for technology (NEAT) scheme** has been launched by the ministry for better learning outcome in higher education.

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

- **A joint statement has been signed between India and Russia in hydrocarbon sector for 2019-2024** which will serve as a major pillar for India-Russia strategic partnership.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

- Ministry has passed an order to link all vehicle data with **VAHAN** database in order to avoid harassment and inconvenience to citizens.

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)** which is a flagship scheme for pregnant and lactating mothers has achieved a milestone by crossing one crore beneficiaries and a total amount of Rs.4000crore has been disbursed under the scheme.
- **Ministry has declared the month of September, 2019 as Rashtriya POSHAN Maah** which is focused on social behavioural changes and counselling.

MINISTRY OF COAL

- Measures are being taken to ramp up the domestic coal production from the current level of 730 metric tonnes to 1140 metric tonnes in order to eliminate coal imports by 2023.

MINISTRY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

- **Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has signed a MoU with state Bank of India for providing e-payment services** to the ESIC Beneficiaries without any manual interventions.
- Pradhan Mantri Narendra Modi launched **National Pension scheme for traders and self-employed persons** in Ranchi, Jharkhand on 12th September, 2019. It is a pension scheme for vyaparis whose annual turnover does not exceed Rs.1.5crore and it guarantees a monthly pension of Rs.3000 after attaining the age of 60 years.

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- Ministry has announced that insured persons of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) from newly implemented area will get treatment under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).
- **ESIC is going to set up 100 bedded hospital at Srinagar and 30 bedded hospital at Leh.**

MINISTRY OF TOURISM

- The second edition of **India Tourism Mart-2019** was inaugurated in New Delhi. It is a tourism and hospitality buyer-seller meet in which 240 International delegates from 51 countries and 160 exhibitors from across the country participated.
- **World Tourism Day was celebrated on 26th September, 2019.** Theme for this year was **Tourism and Jobs-A better future for all.**

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated **India's second multi-model terminal on Ganga at Sahibganj in Jharkhand** on 12th September, 2019. This terminal will create employment opportunities in the region and will open up industries of Jharkhand and Bihar to the global market and will provide Indo-Nepal-Bangladesh and North-east cargo connectivity through waterways.

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- **The first indigenous fuel cell system** was unveiled by the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind on 26th September, 2019. It has been launched by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in partnership with Indian industries under India's flagship program called New Millenium Indian Technology Leadership initiative (NMITLI).

ELECTION COMMISSION

- **Voluntary code of ethics will be observed by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)** in the General election of Haryana and Maharashtra and also in all future elections. It will be conducted with the help of social media platform like Facebook, whatsapp, twitter etc. by creating awareness about the electoral laws.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

- **TB harega Desh jeetega campaign** was launched by Dr. Harshvardhan for eradicating TB in shortest time from the country.
- **Electronic cigarettes** which are battery operated devices and produces aerosol on heating has been prohibited by the Cabinet.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

- Foundation stone of **Janganana Bhawan** was laid by Shri Amit Shah in New Delhi.

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- Government of India has instituted the highest civilian award- **Sardar Patel National Unity Award** for contribution to unity and integrity of India.
- **Emergency response support system-E-beat Book and E-saathi app** was launched by Shri Amit Shah to facilitate citizen centric services of the Chandigadh Police.

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT

- **India Water Week-2019** was inaugurated by the President of India-Shri Ram Nath Kovind on September 24, 2019 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The theme for 2019 is-Water Cooperative-coping with 21st century challenges and it was organized by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCE

- **A cyclonic storm called HIKAA** hit North-eastern part and adjoining east central Arabian Sea on 23rd September, 2019.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that India is going to increase the share of non-fossil fuels to 175 GW by 2022 and will further increase it to 450 GW.
- India is going to host the second lead author meeting of the **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** at New Delhi from 30th September to 4th October, 2019.

MINISTRY OF POWER

- **A knowledge management portal –SIDHIEE** was launched by the ministry which will host useful information for early adoption of energy efficient technologies especially for Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred with Global Goalkeepers Goal Award 2019** by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for Swacch Bharat Abhiyan.

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

- Ministry launched the **Handbook on fisheries statistics-2018 according to which the average production during 2017-18 was 12.59 Metric tonnes** with a 14% growth in inland fisheries.

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

- **A pilot project called Industry-4.0** has been launched by the ministry for implementation at the modern coach factory at Raebareli.

MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- As a part of Skill India, **ministry has signed an agreement with Global IT Major IBM** for carrying out a nationwide **Train-the-trainer in basic artificial intelligence** skills.

MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

- **Ministry organized 11 days-Aadi Mahotsav at Noida, Uttar Pradesh** which focused at the role of tribal communities in the protection and promotion of the rare folk and art of the country.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

- Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman announced certain amendments in the Income tax act-1961 and Finance act-2019, according to which **Corporate tax rate has been reduced to 22% for domestic companies and 15% for new domestic manufacturing companies**. This step has been taken to boost the Make in India initiative.

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

- Ministry has launched **10 year Rural Sanitation strategy-2019 to 2029** which will focus on sustaining the sanitation behavior change that has been achieved under Swachh Bharat Mission.

