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MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

1. GLOBALISE TO LOCALIZE

- Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State (MoS), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology published a report titled "Globalise to Localise: Exporting at Scale and Deepening the Ecosystem Are Vital to Higher Domestic Value Addition."

- This report was prepared by Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER).
- This report investigates how India can reach its goal of USD 300 Billion in electronics production and USD 120 Billion in Exports by 2025-26.

2. RS. 500 CRORE PUNE EMC

- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has approved a Rs. 500 crore Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) in Pune, Maharashtra.
- The EMC will be built in Pune's Ranjangaon Phase III on 297 acres of land.
- The project is expected to attract up to Rs. 2000 crore in investments.
- EMC 2.0 scheme was notified on 1st April 2020 with an implementation period of 8 years.
- The scheme is open for receipt of applications till 31st March 2023.
- The eligibility for EMC scheme is that the applicant should commit to a minimum investment of Rs. 300 crore, with financial support from the GOI limited to a maximum of 50% and a ceiling of Rs. 70 crore per 100 acres of land.

MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 7.6%

- National Statistical Office (NSO) has estimated the Unemployment Rate in India in April-June 2022 is 7.6%.
- This estimation was done based on the 15th Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) – Quarterly Bulletin (April- June 2022).
- The Unemployment Rate (UR) for people aged 15 and above in urban areas decreased to 7.6%.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

1. SMART SOLUTIONS CHALLENGE AND INCLUSIVE CITIES AWARDS 2022

- Smart Solutions Challenge and Inclusive Cities Awards 2022 is to address city-level accessibility and inclusion challenges faced by persons with

disabilities (PwD), women and girls, and the elderly.

- In Early Stage innovation category winner is Fifth Sense by Glovatrix Pvt Ltd that translates sign language gestures to speech and text using sensors and AI.
- In the Market ready solutions category, Mouseware by Dextroware Devices Pvt. Ltd. Was the winner. Mouseware is a head wearable device that enables hands-free control of computer and gadgets.

2. SWACHH TOYCATHON

- Ministry of Home and Urban Affairs Secretary, Manoj Joshi has launched Swachh Toycathon under the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav on MyGov portal.
- The main aim is to explore solutions for use of waste in the creation or manufacturing of toys.
- The Swachh Toycathon is a national competition for individuals and groups.
- It is based on 3 broad themes, Fun and Learning, use and enjoy and New and old.

MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

1. BULK DRUG PARKS

- Department of Pharmaceuticals approves the proposal of Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh for setting up Bulk Drug Parks.
- This initiative is to support the bulk drugs manufacturing in India.
- For Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh, the financial assistance for this project will be 70% of the project cost of common infrastructure facilities.
- For Himachal Pradesh, the financial assistance for this project will be 90% of the project cost of common infrastructure facilities.

2. PM-PRANAM SCHEME

- Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has proposed Pradhan Mantri Promotion of Alternate Nutrients for Agriculture Management Yojana (PM PRANAM).
- This scheme is to reduce the usage of chemical fertilizers.

- This scheme main aim is to increase the usage of bio-fertilizers and organic fertilizers as alternative sources of nutrients.
- This scheme aims to raise Rs. 2.25 lakh crore in 2022-23 that is 39% increase from Rs. 1.62 lakh core in 2021-22.

MINISTRY OF ROAD, TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

1. 1ST LNG FUELLED GREEN TRUCK IN INDIA

- Blue Energy Motors launched 1st LNG (Liquified Natural Gas) fuelled Green truck Manufacturing Plant in Chakan, Pune, Maharashtra, India.
- Blue Energy Motors signed an agreement with Fiat Powertrain Technologies, Italy to produce LNG powered engines with BS-6 Compliant.
- Blue Energy is has installed with the facility to produce 10,000 of these trucks annually.

2. INDIA'S 1ST DRONE PROTOTYPE FOR ORGAN TRANSPORTATION

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways (MoRT&H) Nitin Gadkari opened the first prototype of drone transportation of human organs to facilitate quick organ transplant in hospitals.
- MGM Health care of Chennai co-developed a drone technology capable of carrying organs up to a distance of 20 km initially.

3. EV BATTERY SAFETY NORMS

- The deadline of 1st October 2022 for Electric Vehicle (EV) manufacturers to adopt and comply with the new regulations on battery safety requirements till December 2022.
- The new regulations are related to battery cells, battery management systems, onboard chargers, designs of the battery pack and thermal propagation.
- Phase 1 will begin on 1st December 2022 and phase 2 will begin on 31st March 2023.

MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

COMPANY LAW COMMITTEE TENURE BY 1 MORE YEAR

- Ministry of Corporate Affairs extends Company Law Committee by One more Year up to 16th September 2023.
- The tenure has already been extended twice in September 2020 and in September 2021.
- This was originally constituted on 8th September 2019.
- This committee consist of 11 members under the Chairmanship of the MCA Secretary.
- The present Chairman of this Committee is Tarun Bajaj.
- This committee is to bring changes in the implementation of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Act 2008.

NITI AAYOG

1. 4TH PROGRESS REPORT ON POSHAN ABHIYAAN

- NITI Aayog released 4th Progress Report on POSHAN Abhiyaan.
- Full form of POSHAN is Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition.
- Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat are found to be the top 3 states in terms of total implementation among larger states at the national level in 2020.
- The report highlights that 12 of the 19 largest states had an implementation score of more than 70%.

2. HARIDWAR BEST ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT

- Haridwar is declared as the India's Best Aspirational District by NITI Aayog.
- This district has secured first rank in the Basic Infrastructure theme.
- It will also receive an additional allocation of Rs. 3 crores.

MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

75 TRIBAL DISTRICTS FOR TB INTERVENTIONS

- 75 Tribal districts where focused to make as TB-free districts.
- These 75 tribal districts where identified by the Central TB Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

- This will run for next few months under the Ashwasan Campaign.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

ATTRACT PPP PROJECTS IN AGRICULTURE

- Project Management Unit (PMU) has been launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in Agriculture.
- This will help in collaborative projects in agriculture by harnessing private sector investments and integrating government schemes and subsidies.
- The main objective of this PPP is to increase the income of small and marginal farmers.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

1. 2 YEARS EXTENSION ON SO₂ NORMS

- The deadline to install pollution control technologies and comply with SO₂ (Sulphur dioxide) emission norms has been extended from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2024.
- This is for thermal power plants within the cities with a population of more than 10 lakh and power plants within a 10-km radius of Delhi-NCR (National Capital Region).

2. ENVIRONMENT MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates Environment Minister's Conference in Gujarat.
- It is aimed to create synergy among the Central and State governments on various issues.
- In this conference, Guidelines for "Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan-Ranking of Cities" in which 131 cities across India for the implementation of City Action Plans prepared as part of National Clean Air Programme for the reduction of air pollution up to 40% by 2025-26.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

NATIONAL COOPERATION POLICY

- A 47 member National level committee for drafting of the National Cooperation Policy is documented.
- The committee Chairman is Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, former Union Cabinet Minister.
- The main aim of this policy is to realize the vision of "Sahakar Se Samridhi".

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

PRADHAN MANTRI SCHOOLS FOR RISING INDIA

- On the Occasion of Teacher's day, Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) was launched.
- Under this scheme 14,500 schools will be selected to develop and upgrade across India.
- These schools will be equipped with modern infrastructure including labs, smart classrooms, libraries, sports equipment, art room etc., which is inclusive and accessible.

MINISTRY OF TOURISM

INDIA TOURISM STATISTICS 2022

- Ministry of Tourism has released India Tourism Statistics 2022 on World Tourism Day on September 27, 2022.
- According to this report Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu had the highest number of foreign tourist visits, with 1.26 million and 1.23 million in 2021.
- India received 677.63 million domestic tourist visits in 2021, an increase of 11.05% from 610.22 million in 2020.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

SKILL TRAINING FOR PWDS

- Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Amazon Internet Private Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide skill training and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.
- This agreement will also generate better employment opportunities for PwDs by imparting job specific, practical and e-commerce skills in the supply chain sector to boost economic growth in India.

- This agreement was signed in the presence of the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

REPORT ON THE FOURTH ROUND OF QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

- Report on the Fourth Round of Quarterly Employment Survey provides a quarterly analysis of the employment scenario in India as on January 1, 2022.
- This is the part of the All India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES).
- AQEES in order to collect vital information regarding employment and related variables in the organized sector of the economy.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

AROGYA MANTHAN 2022

- Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organized Arogya Manthan 2022.
- This event is celebrated for 2 days in order to celebrate four years of the implementation of Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and one year of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

1ST OIL MARKETING COMPANY

- India has indigenously developed AVGAS 100 LL, a special aviation fuel meant for piston engine aircraft and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) at an event organised at Hindan Airforce Station, Ghaziabad, and Uttar Pradesh.
- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has become the first Oil Marketing Company to produce and market AVGAS 100 LL in India.
- This is to reduce dependency on imported fuels by promoting biofuel blending, green hydrogen and electric vehicles.
- Now, India is importing AVGAS 100 LL from European Countries.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

1. FOREIGN TRADE POLICY

- Government of India has extended Existing Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20) by another six months till March 2023 due to unstable global economic and geo-political circumstances.
- The existing Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) was set to expire on September 30, 2022 after being extended in April 2022.
- The FTP is to boost exports of Goods and Services as well as creating jobs and adding value for the nation.

2. INDIA'S TOP INVESTMENT DESTINATION

- Department for Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Andhra Pradesh has emerged as India's Top Investment Destination.
- It has attracted the share of investments worth Rs. 40,361 C
- core between January-July 2022.
- During this period, India's actual industrial investment amounted to Rs. 1,71, 285 Crore.

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ONE WEEK ONE LAB

- One Week One Lab campaign aims to showcase the breakthroughs and innovations in each of the 37 CSIR laboratories/institutes spread across India.
- This campaign was opened by Dr. Jitendra Singh, who is also the Vice President of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT

- Under this Special Assistance for Capital Investment for 2022-23, State Governments will get financial assistance in the form of 50-year interest free loan for capital investment projects.
- GoI has allocation Rs. 3000 Crore for Part V (Optical Fibre Cable) of the Scheme.

- It will be available to States for Capital projects on the OFC network.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

SIGNS CONTRACT WITH BAPL

- Ministry of Defence signed a contract with BrahMos Aerospace Pvt.Ltd (BAPL) for the purchase of additional dual role capable Surface-to-Surface BrahMos missiles.
- Its estimation is Rs. 1700 Crore under the “Buy-Indian” Category, giving more momentum to Aatmanirbharta in the defence sector.
- This BAPL enhances the new generation of Surface-to-Surface Missiles (SSMs) with increased range and dual function capability for land and anti-ship attacks.

MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

MOU FOR COOPERATION IN HEALTH SECTOR

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the healthcare sector is signed between National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) and Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone Limited (AMTZ).
- The main purpose of MoU is to create opportunities for MSMEs in the health sector to form global alliances to get access to the latest medical technologies and create skilled manpower.
- This MoU is signed in the presence of Narayan Rane, Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

PRESIDENT

PRADHAN MANTRI TB MUKT BHARAT ABHIYAAN

- President of India, Droupadi Murmu launched the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan.
- This is to eliminate Tuberculosis (TB) from the country by 2025.
- During this event President also launched the Ni-Kshay 2.0 initiative, a portal to provide a platform for donors to provide various forms of support to those undergoing TB Treatment.

MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

PRADHAN MANTRI MATSYA SAMPADA YOJANA

- Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana has completed 2 years.
- The scheme will create nearly 68 lakh jobs by the end of 2024-25.
- The main of this scheme is to bring Blue Revolution in India by developing the fisheries sector in a sustainable and responsible manner.

MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

MOU TO WORK TOWARDS SDGS

- Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the Institute of Rural Management Anand, Gujarat signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen Panchayati Raj institutions across India.
- This is to develop villages by Gram Panchayat Development Planning for Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI's).