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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE

- A high level committee for North-eastern states has been framed under PM-KISAN in order to consider proposals from Meghalaya on land use validation for beneficiaries.
- Government of India has ordered to wind up Adarsh credit cooperative society Ltd. Ahmedabad and has appointed a liquidator for the purpose.

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- **Mahila Kisan Sasaktikaran Pariyojana** has been implemented to empower women in agriculture by providing systematic investments in order to enhance their participation and productivity.
- According to the recent findings, **total value of organic products exported from India in 2018-19 is rs.5150.99crore.**
- **International seminar on climate smart farming system for BIMSTEC center** was held in **New Delhi.**

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

- **Comprehensive handloom cluster development scheme** has been implemented by the ministry in order to develop mega handloom clusters in clearly identifiable geographical locations in which Government of India will contribute upto Rs.40crore per cluster.
- According to RBI, **data credit expenses for textile sector has been increased from Rs.196818crore** in 2018 to Rs.203549crore in 2019.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

- **GeM Samvaad**, a National outreach program was launched by the ministry in order to facilitate on boarding of local sellers in the marketplace.
- **Afghanistan has become the first country to recognize Indian Pharmacopoeia.**
- 3rd edition of **National Public Procurement conclave** was organized by GeM in New Delhi from 5th-6th December, 2019.
- **Echo network** has been launched by the ministry for increasing awareness and research of Indian ecology and environment.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- **Pinaka missile system** was successfully flight-tested by DRDO off Odisha coast.
- An anti-hijacking exercise named **Apaharan** was conducted by Southern Naval Command at the port of Kochi.
- **Army day parade will be conducted on 15th January,2020** at Carippa Parade ground.
- **Army technology seminar** was conducted in New Delhi on 23rd December, 2019 with the theme-Technologies for Non-contact warfare.
- Cabinet has approved the **renaming of strategic tunnel under Rohtang pass** after the name of former **Prime Minister of India-Atal Bihari Bajpayee.**
- Ministry has launched **Def Expo 2020 mobile app** which has features like inform, engage and feedback to provide detailed information about day to day events.

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- The third chapter of **Manthan-Impeccable Academia** was inaugurated by the ministry in order to promote skill development in media and entertainment industry.

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

- Ministry has given **3-I Mantra for economic growth** according to which imagination, intellect and innovation will drive India towards \$5trillion economy.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

- **Ministry has launched a scheme for setting up of driving training centers** in order to provide quality training to commercial vehicle drivers.
- A pilot project has been launched at Hyderabad airport for using Fastags for parking purposes, ICICI tags will be used for this purpose.
- **Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2019** has been approved by the cabinet which has increased the limit of fine from Rs.10lakh to Rs.1crore.

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Phase-III of PM Gram Sadak Yojana** has been inaugurated by the ministry on 18th December, 2019 in order to further enhance connectivity of villages with hospitals, schools and agricultural markets. Phase-III aims at the consolidation of 125000meters through routes and major rural links which will also connect Gramin Agricultural markets (GrAMs).

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- Rs.3400crore has been allocated for **Poshan Abhiyan** for the year 2019-20 which is a part of Anganwadi service scheme.
- **Bhartiya Poshan Krishi Kosh** has been announced by the ministry along with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It has two components-Development of Food atlas and Documentation of promising practices for Jan Andolan for POSHAN Abhiyaan.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

- Ministry has allocated an amount of Rs.33crore for the central sector scheme for the rehabilitation of bonded labour.
- **Foundation stone of 100 bedded ESIC hospital has been laid in Vijaynagam, Andhra Pradesh** to provide better health care and services to the workforce of India.

MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

- **Ministry has announced that Indian Renewable Energy Development agency (IREDA)** is going to set up Green window to serve the unserved segments of renewable energy.
- According to recent reports, **47.86GW of renewable energy capacity** has been installed in the country in last six years.

MINISTRY OF TOURISM

- Cabinet has approved the allocation of Rs.627.40crore for **Swadesh Darshan scheme** during 2018-19.
- **Hornbill festival was organized at Kisoma, Kohima** in Nagaland on 4th December, 2019 with an aim to preserve the rich cultural heritage of Nagas.
- 17 sites in 12 clusters have been identified by the ministry for the development of iconic tourist sites.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

- Foundation stone of **Directorate General building of CRPF** was laid by Shri Amit Shah in New Delhi.
- Foundation stone of **Bharat Vandana Park was laid down in New Delhi** which will cover an area of 200acres and the cost of the project is Rs.550crore.
- **Citizenship Amendment Bill,2019** has been passed by the Parliament which seeks to grant citizenship to persons belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi, Christian and Jain communities on the ground of freligious persecution in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

- **Asian Development Bank has signed a loan agreement of \$490million** with the Government of India for Public Private Partnership in order to upgrade state highways and major district roads in Madhya Pradesh.
- Ministry has launched **eBkray** for facilitating the online auction of assets attached by banks.

MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- **Acquisition of share in My home industries has been approved by Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. This project is a part of My home group based out of Hyderabad, Telangana.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

- Ministry has inaugurated 2nd edition of **Eat Right Mela** in New Delhi on 26th December, 2019 to encourage people to have healthier diets.

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

- Ministry is going to launch **Tejas Express on Ahmedabad-Mumbai route**. It will be the second premium train to be run by IRCTC. Train will be flagged on 17th January, 2020.
- Ministry has signed a **MoU with University of Birmingham for the establishment of center of excellence** for next generation transportation systems.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- According to recent reports, the total forest and tree cover in the country is 24.56% of the total geographical area.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

- **Andhra Pradesh has got the top position in organizing Fit India School week** as a part of Fit India Movement.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

- Ministry has launched **National Broadband mission** which will enable fastrack growth of digital communication infrastructure.

MINISTRY OF POWER

- **29th National Energy Conservation Day** was inaugurated on 14th December, 2019 at Vigyanbhawan in New Delhi. Focus was given on the need for taking measures in order to reduce CO₂ emission to minimize the adverse impact of climate change.

DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY

- Department has signed a MoU with Kazakhstan for the supply of Uranium.

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EAST REGION

- **Hill area development program** has been launched in Manipur for a period of two years 2018-19 and 2019-20 with an outlay of Rs.90crore.

CABINET

- **Agreement of social security between India and Brazil** has been approved by the cabinet.
- Cabinet has approved the MoU between Central drugs standard organization and Saudi food and drug authority in the field of Medical products regulation.
- **Partial credit guarantee scheme** has been approved by the cabinet for the purchase of high-rated pooled assets from financially sound PSBs.