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MINISTRY OF AYUSH :

- Shri Shripad Yesso Naik took charge of the office of the Union Minister of State for AYUSH (I/C). He also holds the portfolio of the Union Minister of State for Defence. Shri Naik was Union Minister of State for AYUSH in the previous government.

DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

- India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C46) successfully launched the RISAT-2B satellite from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. This was the 72nd launch vehicle mission from SDSC SHAR, Sriharikota and 36th launch from the First Launch pad.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved that the ambit of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) would be comprehensively extended. With the extension of scheme, all land holding eligible farmer families (subject to the prevalent exclusion criteria) would avail of the benefits under this scheme. The revised Scheme is expected to cover around 2 crore more farmers, increasing the coverage of PM-KISAN to around 14.5 crore beneficiaries, with an estimated expenditure by Central Government of Rs. 87,217.50 crores for year 2019-20.

MINISTRY OF COAL

- Shri Pralhad Joshi took over as the new Minister of Coal. In addition to Coal Ministry, he has also been assigned the portfolio of Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Mines.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

- India and China signed a protocol for Export of Indian Chilli Meal.
- In order to strengthen Indo-Australian Cooperation and achieve development of 3D printing industry in both the countries, Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ) has recently organized a one-day workshop on Organ Bio Printing at the Kalam Convention Center, AMTZ Campus in Visakhapatnam.
- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways, Piyush Goyal, took charge as Commerce & Industry Minister. He was accompanied by Former Commerce & Industry Minister, Suresh Prabhu.

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

- Union Minister Shri Ram Vilas Paswan officially takes charge of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution for a second consecutive term.

MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- Shri Anurag Singh Thakur assumed charge of office as the Union Minister of State (MoS) for Finance & Corporate Affairs.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

- Shri Prahalad Singh Patel assumed charge as the Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- The first part of the Indo-French joint naval exercise, Varuna 19.1 conducted off the Goa coast from 1st to 10th May 2019.
- Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria PVSM AVSM VM ADC Takes Over as Vice Chief of the Air Staff.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted successful flight test of ABHYAS - High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) from Interim Test Range, Chandipur in Odisha.
- Shri Shripad Yesso Naik took over charge as Minister of State for Defence. Apart from Ministry of Defence, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik will also serve as Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Ministry of AYUSH.

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EAST REGION

- Dr Jitendra Singh took charge as Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER).

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- India CEO Forum on Climate Change organized by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), as the pioneering initiative of the government, inviting industry representatives, exchanged views on climate change issues and discussed opportunities to collaborate in regard to fulfilling India's national as well as international climate change commitments.
- 'Not all animals migrate by choice' campaign launched to raise awareness on illegal wildlife trade. Campaign launched by Wildlife Crime Control Bureau of India and UN Environment aimed at airports across India.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

- GST Revenue collection for April, 2019 recorded highest collection since GST implementation. The total gross GST revenue collected in the month of April, 2019 is Rs 1,13,865 crore.

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- 20th Conference of Regional Heads of Customs Administration (RHCA) of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) concludes in Kochi. The Conference took stock of the progress made in carrying forward the programmes and initiatives of WCO to promote, facilitate and secure cross-border trade in the Region and the capacity building and technical assistance required by Member Administrations to achieve these goals.
- Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman takes charge as the Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs.
- Shri Anurag Thakur takes charge as Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs

MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

- Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal, assumed charge of her office as the Union Minister of Food Processing Industries for a second term.
- Shri Rameshwar Teli has taken over as the Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

- Health Ministry organises national workshop in New Delhi for Population Research Centres.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS :

- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) conferred Sasakawa Award 2019 for Disaster Risk Reduction to Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister of India.

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- Shri Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre takes over as Minister of State for Human Resource Development.
- Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank takes over as Union Human Resource Development Minister.

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

- Shri Prakash Javadekar took charge as Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT

- Santosh Kumar Gangwar assumes Charge as Minister Of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment.

MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES :

- The National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) for the year 2019-20. The MOU envisages provision of enhanced services by NSIC under its marketing, financial, technology and other support services schemes for MSMEs in the country.

MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

- Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi assumes charge as Union Minister for Minority Affairs
- Shri Kiren Rijju assumes charge as Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs

MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

- Shri RK Singh takes charge of the Ministries of the Power and New & Renewable Energy.

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS

- Dr Jitendra Singh assumes charge as Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- The Website of the Lokpal inaugurated by Justice Shri Pinaki Chandra Ghose in presence of all the Members of Lokpal. The Website can be accessed at <http://lokpal.gov.in>.

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

- Shri Dharmendra Pradhan takes charge of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

MINISTRY OF POWER

- Shri RK Singh takes charge of the Ministries of the Power and New & Renewable Energy

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

- Shri Suresh Angadi Channabasappa takes charge as new Minister of State of Railways
- Shri Piyush Goyal takes charge as Minister of Railways

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Government and IIT-Delhi will set up a Centre of Excellence for Waste to Wealth Technologies.
- The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), M/o Science and Technology and the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India signed an MOU for supporting joint collaborative research programmes in the area of Cancer.

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

- Shri Mansukh L Mandaviya Takes Over as Minister of State With Independent Charge for Shipping

MINISTRY OF STEEL

- Dharmendra Pradhan assumes charge as Steel Minister

MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between National Mission for Clean Ganga, HCL Foundation and INTACH for taking up a project of 'Plantation of Rudraksh Trees in Uttarakhand' as a part of CSR initiative under the 'Namami Gange' Programme.

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- Ms. Debasree Chaudhuri takes charge as the Minister of State of the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

- Shri Kiren Rijju takes charge of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

FINANCE COMMISSION

- The Chief Economic Advisor, Government of India, Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian had been included as Member of the Advisory Council of the Fifteenth Finance Commission.

