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Government launched YuWaah, a multi-stakeholder platform to make young people career ready

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) have signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with Generation Unlimited (GenU), a global multi-stakeholder platform in India, to establish YuWaah, to make young people career ready. This information was passed by the Union Minister of State (IC) for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju.

**YuWaah:**
The project aims to:

Support young people by providing entrepreneurship classes, both online and offline, with successful entrepreneurs and experts. The aim is to establish an entrepreneurial mindset among young people.

Boost the skills of the 21st-century young people, digital skills, life skills, through online and offline channels and support them through self-learning, for their productive lives and the future of work.

Create economic opportunities to connect young people with employment opportunities, including building pathways to connect them with jobs or self-employment. It will engage innovative solutions and technology platforms to take maximize the scale and reach.

It will provide career guidance support to young people through career portal and through job-readiness and self-exploration sessions to make young people career-ready.

Centre launched National Conservation Strategy for Indian One-Horned Rhino

Environment Ministry launched a National Conservation Strategy for Indian One-Horned Rhino. It was launched by the Union Minister Prakash Javadekar. The conservation initiatives for rhino has also enriched the grassland management as it helps in reducing the negative impacts of climate change.

**National Rhino Conservation Strategy:**
The Strategy was launched to conserve the greater one-horned rhinoceros.
It aims to work for the conservation of the rhino species under five objectives
namely strengthening protection, expanding the distribution range, research, monitoring, and adequate and sustained funding.

**Background:**
India is home to a huge number of Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros in the world. The population of the Rhinos are high in number in Assam, West Bengal and UP. In the beginning of the 20th Century, One-horned rhino was close to extinction with a population of less than 200. Rhino is the only large mammal species in Asia to be down-listed from endangered to vulnerable in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List in 2008.

**Kritagya Hackathon launched by National Agricultural Higher Education Project of ICAR**

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under the National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) has launched a hackathon named KРИTAYGIA. The aim is to promote potential technology solutions to enhance farm mechanization with special emphasis on women-friendly equipment.

**Kritagya Hackathon:**
Students, faculties and innovators/entrepreneurs from any university / technical institution across the country can apply and participate in the event in the form of a group.

A group can have a maximum of 4 participants with not more than one faculty and/or more than one innovator or entrepreneur.

The participating students can collaborate with local start-ups, students from technology institutes. They can win Rs.5 lakhs, Rs.3 lakhs and Rs.1 lakh as first, second and third prize.

The registration started on 15th September 2020.

The hackathon aims to be an important role to enhance the farm productivity and profitability as the Centre aims to enhance the innovation in farm mechanization in several meeting and provided the overall guidance in organizing this event.

This event will provide an opportunity to the students, faculties, entrepreneurs, innovators and other stakeholders to showcase their innovative approaches and technology solutions to promote farm mechanization in India.

The hackathon will be in line with the vision of high-quality higher education with equity and inclusion as envisaged in NEP-2020.
BILLS & ACTS

Parliament passed the 2020 Essential Commodities Amendment Bill

Rajya Sabha passed the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill 2020 on 22 September. The bill was introduced by the Minister of State (MoS) for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Danve Raosaheb Dadarao on 14th September 2020 in the Lok Sabha. The Bill will replace ordinances promulgated on 5th June 2020. The bill was passed by the lower house on 15th September 2020.

**Highlights:**
Under the Bill, with provisions to remove commodities like cereals, pulses, oilseeds, edible oils, potatoes and onions from the list of essential commodities.
The EC (Amendment) Bill 2020 aims to remove fears of private investors of excessive regulatory interference in their business operations.
The Bill seeks to produce, distribute and supply to harness the economies of scale and attract private sector/foreign direct investment (FDI) into the agriculture sector.
The Bill aims to drive up investment in cold storages and modernization of the food supply chain.

**Background:**
The Bill was introduced as India has become a surplus in most Agri-commodities. The farmers have been unable to get better prices due to lack of investment in cold storage, warehouses, processing and export due to the Essential Commodities Act. Farmers suffer huge losses, especially of perishable commodities. It is expected that the Bill will drive up the investment in cold storages and modernization of the food supply chain. The Bill is expected to serve both farmers and consumers while bringing in price stability; create a competitive market environment; prevent wastage of agri-produce that happens due to lack of storage facilities.

Rajya Sabha passed 2020 Indian Institutes of Information Technology Laws Amendment Bill

Rajya Sabha passed Indian Institutes of Information Technology Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020 in New Delhi on 22 September. The Indian Institutes of Information Technology Act of 2014 and the Indian Institutes of Information Technology (Public-Private Partnership) Act, 2017 are the unique initiatives of the Government of India. The aim is to impart knowledge in the field of Information
Technology to provide solutions to the challenges faced by the country. The IIIT Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was passed in Lok Sabha on 20th March 2020.

**Highlights:**
IIIT Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020 encourage IIITs to promote the study of information and technology (IT) through their innovative and qualitative methods in the country.

The Bill will amend the principal acts of 2014 and 2017.

The Bill will declare five IIITs in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode at Agartala, Bhopal, Bhagalpur, Raichur and Surat as Institutions of National Importance by granting them statutory status under the IIIT (PPP) Act, 2017. Already 15 IIITs are granted the National Status Importance.

With this status and the passed Bill, the institutions will be entitled to use the nomenclature of Bachelor of Technology (http://B.Tech) or Master of Technology (http://M.Tech) or PhD degree like the one issued by a University or Institution of National Importance.

The Bill will enable the Institutes to attract enough students required to develop a strong research base in the field of Information Technology (IT) in India.

**Parliament passed three Labour Codes to pave way for enactment of Labour Laws**

Rajya Sabha passed three labour codes namely,
(i) Industrial Relations Code, 2020
(ii) Code on Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code, 2020

**Highlights:**
These Labour Codes seeks to enhance the welfare of the workers in the country. The Social Security Code provides a framework to include organized and unorganized sector workers under the ambit of comprehensive social security. It contains provisions relating to Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Employees' State Insurance (ESIC), building construction workers, maternity benefits, gratuity and social security fund for unorganized sector workers.

These codes are in line with Centre's Universal Social Security. Labour Codes will harmonize the needs of workers and industry and will prove an important milestone for the welfare of the workers.
The Labour Codes is expected to give a big boost to Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas with Sabka Vishwas

New Labour Codes will cover over 50 crore workers from organized, unorganized and self-employed for minimum wages, social security

It will enhance the setting up of Social Security Fund for 40 crore unorganized workers along with GIG and platform workers.

The Codes will help in widening Universal Social Security coverage.

It will Pay parity to women workers as compared to their male counterparts

Under the Laws, Working journalists definition will include Digital and Electronic Media.

Helpline to redress grievances of Migrant Workers will be established

These Labour Codes will establish answerable, transparent, and simple mechanism reducing to one registration, one license and one return for all codes.

Monsoon Session 2020 of Parliament Concluded

Monsson Session 2020 of Parliament commenced on 14th September 2020. The session was scheduled to culminate on 1 October 2020, but due to COVID-19 pandemic risks, the session was adjourned sine-die on 23 September 2020. During the Session, 22 Bills (6 in Rajya Sabha and 16 in Lok Sabha, were introduced. The Lower House and the Upper House individually passed 25 Bills each. 27 Bills were passed by both the Houses of Parliament.

Some of the important Bills are listed below:

Covid-19 related Legislations:
- Salary, Allowance and Pensions of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill, 2020

Agriculture Bills:
- Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020
- Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Prices Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020
- Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020
Education Bills:
  National Forensic Sciences University Bill, 2020
  Rashtriya Raksha University Bill, 2020

Health Sector:
  National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill, 2020
  National Commission for Homeopathy Bill, 2020
  Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda Bill, 2020

Labour Bills:
  Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code Bill, 2020
  Code on Social Security Bill, 2020
  Industrial Relations Code Bill, 2020

Economic Sector Bills:
  Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020
  Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2020
  Bilateral Netting of Qualified Financial Contracts Bill, 2020
  Taxation and Other Laws (Relaxation of Certain Provisions) Bill, 2020
DRDO Successfully test-fired Laser-Guided ATGM

DRDO successfully test-fired Laser-Guided Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) from MBT Arjun Tank at KK Ranges, Armoured Corps Centre and School (ACC&S) Ahmednagar on 22 September 2020. The missile has been developed with multiple-platform launch capability. The ATGM is currently undergoing technical evaluation trials from the gun of MBT Arjun.

Laser Guided Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM):

ATGM was developed by Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE) Pune in association with High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL) Pune, and Instruments Research & Development Establishment (IRDE) Dehradun.

During the test, ATGM successfully defeated a target located at 3 km.

Using Laser designation, the Laser guided ATGMs lock and track the targets to ensure precision hit accuracy.

The missile employs a tandem high-explosive anti-tank (HEAT) warhead to defeat Explosive Reactive Armour (ERA) protected armoured vehicles.

Bilateral Maritime Exercise between Japan and India, JIMEX 20, to Commence on 29 Sept

The 4th edition of Maritime bilateral exercise between India and Japan "JIMEX 20" has been scheduled to be held from 26 to 28 September 2020. The exercise is conducted biennially between the Indian Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF).

JIMEX 20:

JIMEX 20 will be conducted in North Arabian Sea.

The exercise will showcase joint operational skills and high degree of interoperability through conduct of a multitude of advanced exercises, across the spectrum of maritime operations.

The exercise will include Multi-faceted tactical exercises like weapon firings, cross deck helicopter operations and complex surface.

It also include anti-submarine and air warfare drills that will consolidate coordination developed by the two navies.
JIMEX 20 will be conducted in a non-contact at-sea-only format, in view of COVID-19 restrictions.

The exercise aims to enhance the cooperation and mutual confidence between the two navies. It also aims to fortify the long standing bond of friendship between the two countries.

From Indian Side, the indigenously built stealth destroyer Chennai, Teg Class stealth frigate Tarkash and Fleet Tanker Deepak, under the command of Rear Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet, will participate in the exercise.

From Japanese Side, JMSDF Ships Kaga, an Izumo Class Helicopter Destroyer and Ikazuchi, a Guided Missile Destroyer, led by Rear Admiral Konno Yasushige, Commander Escort Flotilla 2 (CCF - 2) will participate in the exercise.

**Background:**

JIMEX series of exercises commenced in January 2012. The main objective of the exercise is to focus on maritime security cooperation. The last edition of JIMEX was conducted in October 2018 off Visakhapatnam, India.
AWARDS AND HONOURS

Kerala Tourisms Human by Nature campaign bagged 2020 PATA Grand Award

Kerala Tourism's internationally-acclaimed 'Human by Nature' campaign has bagged one of the three PATA Grand Awards 2020. The awards were announced live during a virtual presentation ceremony in Beijing, China. The award recognized the campaign's Marketing, giving a huge stimulus to the state's tourism industry, which has been severely impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.

PATA Award Highlights:

The PATA Gold Awards 2020 received 121 entries from 62 organisations and individuals across the world.

The winners were selected by a judging committee of 16 personalities from various destinations.

PATA 2020 presented 3 Grand Title Winners and 21 Gold Awards for best of show entries in the categories of Marketing, Sustainability and Human Capital Development.
OBITUARY

MoS for Railways Suresh Angadi passed away

Minister of State (MoS) for Railways Suresh Angadi passed away on 23 September. He died of Covid-19, became the first union minister to succumb to the deadly virus. He was 65-year-old.

Suresh Angadi:

Suresh Angadi was born on 1 June 1955 in a Lingayat family in Koppa village in Belagavi. He graduated from SSS Samiti College of Commerce in the same district and did his law graduation from Raja Lakhamgouda Law College in Belagavi. He was a businessman by profession. His political career began in 1996. He was appointed as BJP vice president in Belagavi in that year. He was elected as MP in the Lok Sabha election for Four terms in 2004, 2009, 2014 and 2019. He was made Union Minister of State for Railways.

Angadi played a vital role in pushing through the long pending Bengaluru suburban rail service. The Rs.15,990 crore project was aimed to connect 148.17km of the city through four corridors. The estimated deadline of the project is 2025.

Veteran singer SP Balasubrahmanyam passed away

Legendary singer SP Balasubrahmanyam passed away on 25 September after a long battle with the coronavirus. He died at the age of 74. He was an exceptional artist whose career spanned more than five decades. The veteran singer has sung over 40,000 songs in Tamil, Hindi, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam and in 16 Languages.

SP Balasubrahmanyam:

SP Balasubrahmanyam singer was popularly known as SPB. He had made his singing debut in 1966 with the Telugu movie Sri Sri Sri Maryada Ramanna. SPB gained the Nationwide Movie Award for Greatest Male Playback Singer six instances and the Filmfare Award seven times for his work throughout many industries. SPB holds the Guinness World Report for recording the best variety of songs by a singer. He was honoured with Padmashri in 2001 from the Authorities of India. He was awarded of the Padma Bhushan in 2011.
SUMMITS & CONFERENCE

India, Sri Lanka to hold virtual bilateral summit on 26 September

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and PM’s Sri Lankan counterpart Mahinda Rajapaksa is to hold a virtual bilateral summit on 26 September 2020. This summit will be the first official engagement after parliamentary elections in Sri Lanka.

**Highlights:**

The virtual bilateral summit between India and Sri Lanka will provide an opportunity to the two leaders to comprehensively review the broad framework of the bilateral relationship.

It is expected that the Leaders will discuss the implementation of developmental projects by India, trade, cooperation on counter-terrorism and defence matters, and the devolution of powers to Sri Lanka's Tamil minority.

**Background:**

In July 2020, India announced a $400 million currency swap facility for Sri Lanka under the framework of the SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation). India is planning to provide a bilateral swap facility for $1.1 billion, as per Sri Lanka's request.
SCHEMES

PM launched Age Appropriate Fitness Protocols

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Age Appropriate Fitness Protocols' via virtual conferencing, on the first-anniversary occasion of the Fit India Movement.

**Fit India Dialogue:**

Fit India Dialogue focuses on the fitness interests of every age group. The main objective is to bring into play different dimensions of fitness. The Dialogue aims to draw ideas of health and fitness from citizens in taking the Fit India Movement forward. The Age Appropriate Fitness Protocols are laid for three age groups namely 518, 1865 and above 65.

**Fit India Movement:**

Fit India Movement is a nation-wide campaign. The movement aims to encourage drill physical activity and sports in their everyday lives. The entire program has been conceptualized by PM Modi. The movement was launched on the occasion of National Sports Day in 2019. National Sports Day is celebrated on 29 August every year, to honour the legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand Singh.
**APPOINTMENTS / RESIGN**

**Shri Narendra Singh Tomar assumed charge of Ministry of Food Processing Industries**

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar assumed charge as the Minister of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) in Panchsheel Bhawan on 23 September 2020. The Minister met all the senior officials and reviewed the schemes of the ministry. Tomar currently holds the charge of the Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Minister of Rural Development, and Minister of Panchayati Raj.

The main objective of the Ministry is to:

- Reduce the wastage at all stages in the food processing chain by developing infrastructure for storage, transportation and processing of agro-food produce
- Improve farmer's income by better utilization and value addition of agricultural produce
- Encourage Research & Development (R&D) in food processing for product and process development.
- It aims to improved package policy support, and support for the creation of Infrastructure
- To increase capacity expansion/ Upgradation and other supportive measures form the growth of these sectors;
- Introduce advanced & modern technology into the food processing industries from both external and domestic sources
- Promote the export of processed food products.

**KVIC appointed Fashion Icon Sunil Sethi as Advisor**

**Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has appointed Shri Sunil Sethi, a leading personality in the Indian fashion industry, as its advisor. Sethi will advise the Commission on latest design interventions in the readymade garments segment and promotion of Khadi in India and abroad. He appointment is be for a tenure of one year.

**Sunil Sethi:**

Mr Sethi has a career spanning of four decades of experience in global merchandising. He has contributed significantly to the growth of Indian design,
handicrafts, and the textile industry via many innovative and successful initiatives. He is currently serving as the Chairman of the Fashion Design Council of India. Sethi has been working to take Indian fashion industry global. Sethi has played advisory roles in various government bodies like Ministry of Textile, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture, the National Crafts Museum and Hastkala Academy, and HHEC. He has also served as Member, Board of Governors, at the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT).
IMPORTANT DAYS

World Alzheimers Day is observed on 21 September

World Alzheimer's Day is observed on 21 September every year. The day aims to create a global opportunity to raise awareness and highlight issues faced by people affected by dementia. It is also an opportunity for people and organizations to demonstrate several measures to help people live well with dementia.

World Alzheimer's Day occurs during World Alzheimer's Month. World Alzheimer's Month is the international campaign every September to raise awareness and challenge the stigma that surrounds dementia.

Theme:
The theme for World Alzheimer's Month 2020 is Let's talk about dementia.

History:
The first diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease was in 1906. Alzheimer's Disease International, a non-profit organization, observed its 10th anniversary in 1994. As part of that celebration, the association founded World Alzheimer's Day to be observed each year on September 21.

Alzheimer's Disease:
Alzheimer's Disease is registered every 3.2 seconds totalling up to 9.9 million cases worldwide per year. It is the most common form of dementia.

Symptoms:
The most common symptom of Alzheimer's disease is forgetfulness. A person will forget important dates, names or events, asking for the same questions over and over. Other symptoms include social withdrawal, mood swings, distrust, irritability, aggressiveness, changes in sleeping habits, wandering, depression, apathy, loss of inhibitions and delusions.

The risk of Alzheimer's disease can be reduced by exercising regularly, eating a diet of fresh produce, healthy oils and foods which are low in saturated fat are beneficial and breathing exercises that help immensely.

International Day of Peace is observed on 21 September

International Day of Peace is observed on 21 September. The day is observed to
strengthen the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The day supports non-violence and ceasefire.

**Theme:**
The theme of 2020 International Day of Peace is "Shaping Peace Together". The theme focuses to spread compassion, kindness and hope among the people across the world. The theme encourages people to stand together with the UN against attempts to promote discrimination or hatred amid the pandemic.

**History:**
International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 1981. In 2001, the UNGA unanimously designated the Day as a period of non-violence and cease-fire. The United Nations aims to honour a cessation of hostilities during the Day. the day was established to educate people and create public awareness on issues related to peace.

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**World Rhino Day is observed on 22 September**

World Rhino Day is observed on 22 September. The day is observed to celebrate the world's five rhinoceros species and to reflect on the challenges facing them. The day encourages people to take steps for the conservation of Rhinos.

**What are the 5 rhino species?**
There are 5 rhino species living in Africa and Asia. Three of the species namely Javan Rhinos (Rhinoceros sondaicus), Sumatran rhinos (Dicerorhinus sumatrensis) and black rhinos (Diceros bicornis) are listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as Critically Endangered. One of the 5 species White rhinos (Ceratotherium simum) are considered near threatened, and greater one-horned rhinos (Rhinoceros unicornis) vulnerable to extinction.

**History:**
World Rhino Day was first announced by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) - South Africa in 2010. In the year 2011, World Rhino Day grew into an international success. The day encompasses both African and Asian rhino species.

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**Rose Day is observed on 22 September**

Rose Day is observed on 22 September every year. The day is observed for the welfare of cancer patients. The day is to mark hope for cancer patients that cancer is
curable. The day is to spread a message to all cancer patients that they can fight the disease with strong willpower and spirit.

**Aim:**
Rose Day aims to spread a message to all cancer patients that they can fight the disease with a strong spirit and willpower. The day is to remind the cancer patients that there are many individuals and services are available to provide support to them medically, financially and emotionally.

**Melinda Rose:**
Rose day is to commemorate a 12-year-old girl named Melinda Rose from Canada. She was diagnosed with Askin's Tumor, a rare form of blood cancer, and she did not give up hope. Considering the severity of the disease, the doctor's predicted that she will not survive for more than 2 weeks. But she lived for 6 months. During that time of suffering, she encouraged and cheered up other cancer patients.

**International Day of Sign Languages is observed on 23 September**

International Day of Sign Languages is observed on 23 September every year. The day aims to raise awareness of the importance of sign language in the full realization of the human rights of people who are deaf. The International Day of Sign Languages offers an opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all sign language users.

**Theme:**
The theme for 2020 International Day of Sign languages is Sign Languages Are for Everyone!

**History**
International Day of Sign Languages was initiated by the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD). The United Nations passed a resolution and proclaimed the International Day of Sign Languages on 19 December 2017. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has proclaimed 23 September as the International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) with an aim to raise awareness of the significance of sign language in the full realization of the human rights of people who are deaf. The International Day of Sign languages was first celebrated in the year 2018 under the theme With Sign Language, Everyone is Included! The 2019 theme for IDSL is Sign Language Rights for All.
World Maritime Day is observed on 24 September

World Maritime Day is observed on 24th September 2020. The day is observed on Last Thursday of September Month. The day aims to mark the contribution of international maritime industries towards the economy of the world especially shipping. The Day focuses on the importance of shipping safety, maritime security, and the marine environment.

**Theme:**
The theme for 2020 World Maritime Day is **"Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet"**. The theme focus to provide an opportunity to raise awareness of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**History:**
World Maritime Day was initiated by the United Nations (UN), through the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The day is to celebrate the contribution offered by the industry of international maritime towards the world's economy, especially in shipping. World Maritime Day was observed for the first time on 17 March 1978. The day is observed to mark when the IMO Convention entered into force in the year 1958.

**International Maritime Organization (IMO):**
Formed on: 17 March 1948
Headquarters: London, United Kingdom
Secretary-General: Kitack Lim
Parent organization: United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNESC)
IMO was established after the agreement at a UN conference held in Geneva in 1948. It is responsible to regulate shipping. The IMO also focuses on areas such as safety, maritime security, environmental concerns, legal matters, technical co-operation, and the efficiency of shipping.
AGREEMENTS MOU

FACT signed MoU with ITI Kalamassery to improve industry-institute interaction

Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT), a PSU under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Kalamassery to improve industry institute interaction. The Executive Director (Production Co-ordination) of FACT Sri Kesavan Nampoothiri and Principal of ITI Kalamassery Sri Raghunadhan signed the MoU agreement.

**Highlights:**
The MoU aims to implement an the adoption programme to share training facilities and facilitate academic interaction between ITI students and FACT employees. The MoU will enhance exchange knowledge, conduct factory visits, enable experts from FACT to impart training, organize joint projects, participate in research, provide on-the-job training in FACT, mutually intimate courses, seminars, workshops, etc.

Ministry of AYUSH signed MoU with Ministry of Women and Child Development for Controlling Malnutrition

Ministry of AYUSH signed MoU with the Ministry of Women and Child Development in New Delhi. The MoU is aimed to control Malnutrition as a part of POSHAN Abhiyaan.

**Highlights:**
The MoU aims time-tested and scientifically proven Ayush-based solutions being adopted for controlling malnutrition in the country.
The MoU is aimed to tackle the problem of malnutrition in mothers and children in the country.
Centre aims to establish Nutri-gardens and medicinal gardens in every Anganwadi in near future.
The MoU will enable co-operation between the Ministries in identified areas including Integration of AYUSH into POSHAN Abhiyaan and Control of malnutrition through the principles and practices of Ayurveda, Yoga and other Ayush systems.
The collaboration will do the following activities:

At Anganwadi Centres:
- Visit of AYUSH workforce to Anganwadi Centre once in a month with Anganwadi workers in coordination with State health Authorities, Department of WCD
- Development of PoshanVatika
- Yoga programmes

For AYUSH Nutritional Care
- Generate baseline data in the nutritional status of the targeted population
- Create Provision of Telemedicine, AYUSH call centres/ helpline through Common Service Centres
- Customize region-specific nutrition
- Prepare proper documentation of all efforts for scientific evaluation

Raise awareness among the community about the traditional indigenous food items. Introduce the concept of nutrition based on Ayurveda and other AYUSH systems

The Anganwadi worker who provides the Ayurveda nutrition message to the community at ground level may be designated as DHATRI (Dedicated Health Activist to Replenish the Innutrition).

The two Ministries have is set to launch the hashtag #Ayush4Anganwadi for generating awareness about the activities on the digital media.
QUIZ CORNER

1) What is the theme for World Alzheimer's Month 2020?

A. Raising awareness and challenging stigma  
B. Lets talk about dementia  
C. Every 3 Seconds  
D. Remember Me

Answer B

Explanation World Alzheimer's Month is the international campaign every September to raise awareness and challenge the stigma that surrounds dementia. The theme for World Alzheimers Month 2020 is Lets talk about dementia.

2) _________ signed MoU with ITI Kalamassery to improve industry-institute interaction.

A. AIM  
B. IIT-Guwahati  
C. FACT  
D. CIPET

Answer C

Explanation The Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT), a PSU under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Kalamassery to improve industry institute interaction. The MoU aims to implement anthe adoption programme to share training facilities and facilitate academic interaction between ITI students and FACT employees.

3) When is World Alzheimer's Day observed?

A. 12 March  
B. 30 July  
C. 17 August  
D. 21 September
Answer D

Explanation World Alzheimer's Day is observed on 21 September every year. The day aims to create a global opportunity to raise awareness and highlight issues faced by people affected by dementia. It is also an opportunity for people and organizations to demonstrate several measures to help people live well with dementia.

4) When is the World Alzheimer's Month observed?

A. February
B. July
C. September
D. October

Answer C

Explanation World Alzheimer's Month is the international campaign every September to raise awareness and challenge the stigma that surrounds dementia. The theme for World Alzheimer's Month 2020 is Let's talk about dementia.

5) When is the International Day of Peace observed?

A. 13 May
B. 18 June
C. 28 July
D. 21 September

Answer D

Explanation International Day of Peace is observed on 21 September. The day is observed to strengthen the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The day supports non-violence and ceasefire.

6) When is the World Rhino Day observed?

A. 14 January
B. 26 March
C. 30 June
D. 22 September
Answer D

Explanation World Rhino Day is observed on 22 September. The day is observed to celebrate the world's five rhinoceros species and to reflect on the challenges facing them. The day encourages people to take steps for the conservation of Rhinos.

7) What is the theme of International Day of Peace 2020?

A. Climate Action for Peace
B. Shaping Peace Together
C. The Right to Peace The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70
D. Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All

Answer B

Explanation International Day of Peace is observed on 21 September. The day is observed to strengthen the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The day supports non-violence and ceasefire. The theme of 2020 International Day of Peace is "Shaping Peace Together". The theme focuses to spread compassion, kindness and hope among the people across the world.

8) When was the World Rhino Day observed?

A. 1994
B. 1997
C. 2010
D. 2015

Answer C

Explanation World Rhino Day was first announced by World Wildlife Fund (WWF)-South Africa in 2010. In the year 2011, World Rhino Day grew into an international success. The day encompasses both African and Asian rhino species.

9) When was the International Day of Peace established?

A. 1968
B. 1973
C. 1981
D. 1985
Answer C

**Explanation** International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 1981. In 2001, the UNGA unanimously designated the Day as a period of non-violence and cease-fire. The United Nations aims to honour a cessation of hostilities during the Day. The day was established to educate people and create public awareness on issues related to peace.

10) **When is the Rose Day observed?**

A. 25 July  
B. 22 September  
C. 14 November  
D. 20 December

**Answer B**

**Explanation** Rose Day is observed on 22 September every year. The day is observed for the welfare of cancer patients. The day is to mark hope for cancer patients that cancer is curable. The day is to spread a message to all cancer patients that they can fight the disease with strong willpower and spirit.

11) **Rajya Sabha passed the ___________ to remove commodities like cereals, pulses, oilseeds, edible oils, potatoes and onions from the list of essential commodities.**

A. Essential Commodities Bill, 2019  
B. Essential Commodities Bill, 2020  
C. Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2019  
D. Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020

**Answer D**

**Explanation** Rajya Sabha passed the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill 2020 on 22 September. The bill was introduced by the Minister of State (MoS) for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Danve Raosaheb Dadarao on 14th September 2020 in the Lok Sabha. The Bill will replace ordinances promulgated on 5th June 2020. The bill was passed by the lower house on 15th September 2020. Under the Bill, with provisions to remove commodities like cereals, pulses, oilseeds, edible oils, potatoes and onions from the list of essential commodities.
12) _________ signed MoU with the Ministry of Women and Child Development to control Malnutrition as a part of POSHAN Abhiyaan.

A. Ministry of Steel  
B. Ministry of AYUSH  
C. Ministry of Environment  
D. Ministry of Health and Human Welfare

**Answer B**

**Explanation** Ministry of AYUSH signed MoU with the Ministry of Women and Child Development in New Delhi. The MoU is aimed to control Malnutrition as a part of POSHAN Abhiyaan. The MoU aims time-tested and scientifically proven Ayush-based solutions being adopted for controlling malnutrition in the country.


A. 5  
B. 8  
C. 12  
D. 15

**Answer A**

**Explanation** Rajya Sabha passed Indian Institutes of Information Technology Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020 in New Delhi on 22 September. The Indian Institutes of Information Technology Act of 2014 and the Indian Institutes of Information Technology (Public-Private Partnership) Act, 2017 are the unique initiatives of the Government of India. The Bill will declare five IIITs in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode at Agartala, Bhopal, Bhagalpur, Raichur and Surat as Institutions of National Importance by granting them statutory status under the IIIT (PPP) Act, 2017. Already 15 IIITs are granted the National Status Importance.

14) Which of the Rhino Species is/are listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as Critically Endangered?

A. Javan Rhinos (Rhinoceros sondaicus)  
B. Sumatran rhinos (Dicerorhinus sumatrensis)  
C. Black rhinos (Diceros bicornis)
D. All the above

**Answer D**

**Explanation** There are 5 rhino species living in Africa and Asia. Three of the species namely Javan Rhinos (Rhinoceros sondaicus), Sumatran rhinos (Dicerorhinus sumatrensis) and black rhinos (Diceros bicornis) are listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as Critically Endangered. One of the 5 species White rhinos (Ceratotherium simum) are considered near threatened, and greater one-horned rhinos (Rhinoceros unicornis) vulnerable to extinction.

**15) When is the International Day of Sign Languages?**

A. 2 September  
B. 15 September  
C. 23 September  
D. 2 October

**Answer C**

**Explanation** International Day of Sign Languages is observed on 23 September every year. The day aims to raise awareness of the importance of sign language in the full realization of the human rights of people who are deaf. The International Day of Sign Languages offers an opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all sign language users.

**16) Who assumed charge as Ministry of Food Processing Industries?**

A. Narottam Mishra  
B. Thawar Chand Gehlot  
C. Shivraj Singh Chouhan  
D. Narendra Singh Tomar

**Answer D**

**Explanation** Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar assumed charge as the Minister of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) in Panchsheel Bhawan on 23 September 2020. The Minister met all the senior officials and reviewed the schemes of the ministry. Tomar currently holds the charge of the Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Minister of Rural Development, and Minister of Panchayati Raj.
17) What is the theme for 2020 International Day of Sign Languages?

A. Sign Languages Are for Everyone
B. Sign Language Rights for All!
C. Sign Language, Everyone is Included!
D. Sign Language To Save the Lost

Answer A

Explanation International Day of Sign Languages is observed on 23 September every year. The day aims to raise awareness of the importance of sign language in the full realization of the human rights of people who are deaf. The theme for 2020 International Day of Sign languages is Sign Languages Are for Everyone!.

18) The test-fired _________ Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM).

A. AI Guided
B. Laser Guided
C. Heat Guided
D. Thermal Guided

Answer B

Explanation DRDO successfully test-fired Laser-Guided Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) from MBT Arjun Tank at KK Ranges, Armoured Corps Centre and School (ACC&S) Ahmednagar on 22 September 2020. The missile has been developed with multiple-platform launch capability. The ATGM is currently undergoing technical evaluation trials from the gun of MBT Arjun.

19) When was Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) established?

A. 1929
B. 1935
C. 1948
D. 1952

Answer A

Explanation The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is an autonomous body responsible for co-ordinating agricultural education and research in India. It reports to the
Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture. The Union Minister of Agriculture serves as its president. It was established on 16 July 1929.

20) Who initiated the International Day of Sign Languages?
A. UNDP  
B. UNICEF  
C. WFD  
D. WHO  

Answer C

Explanation International Day of Sign Languages was initiated by the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD). The United Nations passed a resolution and proclaimed the International Day of Sign Languages on 19 December 2017.

21) Which of the following Labour Code/s were passed by the Parliament?
A. Industrial Relations Code, 2020  
B. Code on Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code, 2020  
C. Social Security Code, 2020  
D. All the Above  

Answer D


22) When was the first International Day of Sign Languages observed?
A. 2006  
B. 2010  
C. 2012  
D. 2018  

Answer D
**Explanation** The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has proclaimed 23 September as the International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) with an aim to raise awareness of the significance of sign language in the full realization of the human rights of people who are deaf. The International Day of Sign languages was first celebrated in the year 2018 under the theme With Sign Language, Everyone is Included! The 2019 theme for IDSL is Sign Language Rights for All.

23) **When was World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) established?**

A. 1951  
B. 1963  
C. 1978  
D. 1982

**Answer A**

**Explanation** The World Federation of the Deaf is an international non-governmental organization that acts as a peak body for national associations of Deaf people, with a focus on Deaf people who use sign language and their family and friends. It was established on 23 September 1951 at Rome, Italy.

24) _______ launched Kritagya Hackathon.

A. ACRI  
B. FSSAI  
C. APEDA  
D. NAHEP

**Answer D**

**Explanation** Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under the National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) has launched a hackathon named KRITAGYA. The aim is to promote potential technology solutions to enhance farm mechanization with special emphasis on women-friendly equipment.

25) **As per Age Appropriate Fitness Protocols, people are categorized into _______ groups.**

A. 2  
B. 3
C.4
D.5

Answer B

Explanation Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Age Appropriate Fitness Protocols' via virtual conferencing, on the first-anniversary occasion of the Fit India Movement. The Age Appropriate Fitness Protocols are laid for three age groups namely 518, 1865 and above 65.

26) India, _________ to hold virtual bilateral summit on 26 September.

A. China
B. Sri Lanka
C. Nepal
D. Thailand

Answer B

Explanation Prime Minister Narendra Modi and PM's Sri Lankan counterpart Mahinda Rajapaksa is to hold a virtual bilateral summit on 26 September 2020. This summit will be the first official engagement after parliamentary elections in Sri Lanka.

27) What is the theme for 2020 World Maritime Day?

A. Empowering Women in the Maritime Community
B. IMO 70: Our Heritage Better Shipping for a Better Future
C. Connecting Ships, Ports and People
D. Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet

Answer D

Explanation The theme for 2020 World Maritime Day is "Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet". The theme focus to provide an opportunity to raise awareness of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

28) When was the Fit India Movement launched?

A. 2014
B. 2017
C. 2018
D.2019

Answer D

Explanation Fit India Movement is a nation-wide campaign. The movement aims to encourage drill physical activity and sports in their everyday lives. The entire program has been conceptualized by PM Modi. The movement was launched on the occasion of National Sports Day in 2019. National Sports Day is celebrated on 29 August every year, to honour the legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand Singh.

29) Who initiated the observation of World Maritime Day?

A. Western Maritime Organization
B. Eastern Maritime Command
C. International Maritime Organization
D. World Naval Command

Answer C

Explanation World Maritime Day was initiated by the United Nations (UN), through the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The day is to celebrate the contribution offered by the industry of international maritime towards the world’s economy, especially in shipping. World Maritime Day was observed for the first time on 17 March 1978. The day is observed to mark when the IMO Convention entered into force in the year 1958.

30) Shri Suresh Angadi, who passed away was the Minister of State

A. AYUSH
B. Railways
C. Finance
D. Defence

Answer B

Explanation Minister of State (MoS) for Railways Suresh Angadi passed away on 23 September. He died of Covid-19, became the first union minister to succumb to the deadly virus. He was 65-year-old. Suresh Angadi is an Indian politician who is the current Minister of State Railways of India. He is the leader of Bharatiya Janata Party in Karnataka.
31) When was the World Maritime Day Observed for the first time?
A. 1978  
B. 1983  
C. 1988  
D. 1994  

Answer A  

Explanation World Maritime Day was initiated by the United Nations (UN), through the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The day is to celebrate the contribution offered by the industry of international maritime towards the world's economy, especially in shipping. World Maritime Day was observed for the first time on 17 March 1978. The day is observed to mark when the IMO Convention entered into force in the year 1958.

32) In July 2020, India announced a ________ currency swap facility for Sri Lanka under the framework of the SAARC.
A. $400 million  
B. $500 million  
C. $600 million  
D. $800 million  

Answer A  

Explanation In July 2020, India announced a $400 million currency swap facility for Sri Lanka under the framework of the SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation). India is planning to provide a bilateral swap facility for $1.1 billion, as per Sri Lanka's request.

33) When was the International Maritime Organization (IMO) established?
A. 1929  
B. 1932  
C. 1948  
D. 1953  

Answer C  

Explanation International Maritime Organization (IMO) was established on 17 March 1948. IMO was established after the agreement at a UN conference held in Geneva in 1948. It is
responsible for regulating shipping. The IMO also focuses on areas such as safety, maritime security, environmental concerns, legal matters, technical co-operation, and the efficiency of shipping.
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