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1. Amit Shah inaugurates the Eastern and North-Eastern Cooperative Dairy Conclave 2022 in Gangtok, Sikkim (Oct. 7, 2022)

The Union Minister for Home and Cooperation, **Amit Shah** inaugurated the Eastern and North-Eastern Cooperative Dairy Conclave 2022 in Sikkim capital, **Gangtok**, on 7 October 2022.

Speaking on the occasion the minister said that "milk production is the only way for women empowerment, poverty alleviation and doubling of farmer's income.

Lauding the achievement of the Sikkim dairy farmers he said that "Sikkim state, which is called the **Switzerland of the Northeast,** should not be known only for its beauty, but also by enriching every village, a prosperous and developed state'.

Operation Flood

To increase the production of milk and dairy products in the country, Operation Flood was launched in the country in 1970 with the help of the European Union and World Food Programme.

Operation flood was based on the cooperative model where farmers formed dairy cooperatives.

In this cooperative model of development, a pioneering role was played by **Verghese Kurien** who was instrumental in setting up Anand Milk Union Limited (AMUL) in Anand, Gujarat in 1950. This successful model was replicated all over India and now India is the **largest producer of milk in the world.**

Verghese Kurien is also called as the **milk man of India**, **Father of white revolution** (Dairy revolution)

Uttar Pradesh is the largest milk producing state in India.

2. Tamilnadu bans online gambling as the governor issues the ordinance (Oct. 7, 2022)

Tamil Nadu Governor **RN Ravi** has given his consent to promulgate an ordinance to prohibit online gambling and to regulate online games in the State. This comes after the State government headed by **Chief Minister MK Stalin** on September 26 approved the ordinance.

The Tamilnadu government set up a committee headed by former Judge of the Madras High Court, **Justice K Chandru**, to look into the adverse effects of online rummy. This was decided after incidents of online gaming addicts losing money and falling into a debt trap.

The Committee submitted its report to Stalin in two weeks, and it was placed for the consideration of the Cabinet on the same day.

Ordinance issuing power of the Governor

Under **article 213** of the Indian constitution the state governor has the power to issue the ordinance when the state legislative assembly is not in session and is satisfied that circumstance warrants the promulgation of ordinance.

Ordinance is an emergency law making power of the governor, valid for six months.

3. Annual festival Sirimanotsavam organized in Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh (Oct. 7, 2022)

The annual Sirimanotsavam will be held on **October 11** at **Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh.**

Important facts

- This major **tribal-folk festival** to be held in **North Coastal Andhra Pradesh** could not take place in the last two years due to COVID-19.
- This annual festival is also known as Sirimanu Panduga.
- Four to five lakh people are expected to come from different parts of **Andhra Pradesh**, **Odisha and Chhattisgarh**.

About Sirimanotsavam festival

- It is a major festival of the presiding deity of Vizianagaram town **Sri Pydithalli Ammavari Jatara.**
- Traditionally, **Sirimotsavam Jatara** is celebrated every year on the **first Tuesday after the Dussehra festival.**
- Devotees will witness the spectacle of a priest sitting on top of a **55-foot pillar** (Sirimanu) in royal robes around the fort.
- The priest hanging from the upper end of Sirimanu blesses the devotees and the chariot is driven through the main road to Vizianagaram.

4. Home Minister announces Scheduled Tribe status for Pahari community in J&K (Oct. 6, 2022)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced **Scheduled Tribe (ST)** status to the **Pahari community in Jammu and Kashmir** on 5 October.

Important facts

- In the report submitted to the government by the **Justice GD Sharma Commission**, it was recommended to give reservation to the Paharis.
- Reservation will be started after completing the administrative formalities.
- The President of India may, after consultation with the Governor of the State, designate tribes or tribal communities as Scheduled Tribes.

• Tribes.

About Pahari Community

- Pahari people is a term used for several heterogeneous communities settled in parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).
- Pahari is a term used to describe the various northern Indo-Aryan languages spoken by the people, most of them found in the lower Himalayas.

Four tribes to the list of Scheduled Tribes (ST)

- The **Hatti tribe** in the Trans-Giri area in Himachal Pradesh.
- The Narikoravan and Kurivikkaran hill tribes of Tamil Nadu.
- The **Binjhia tribe** in Chhattisgarh.
- The Cabinet also approved a proposal to bring the **Gond community** of Uttar Pradesh under the ST list.

5. Gujarat becomes first state to launch Gati Shakti Portal (Oct. 6, 2022)

Gujarat Chief Minister **Bhupendra Patel** launched the **Gati Shakti Portal** on 6 October and said that Gujarat is the first state in India to have launched Gati Shakti Port at the state level.

Important facts

- In order to rapidly expand the Internet service, the Gati Shakti Portal started by the Central Government was also started by the Gujarat Government.
- This portal has been started based on the guidance and guidelines of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The portal has been developed by Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board in collaboration with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics.
- The portal will provide ease of doing business to the investors by bringing more transparency in governance. This will save time, money and logistics cost.
- It will integrate more than 500 layers of data from 21 state government departments and 52 sub-departments.
- Portal focuses on the speedy execution of infrastructure projects in the state.
- The main objective of this portal is to reduce red tapism.
- With the help of this, infrastructure projects will be accelerated.

PM Gati-Shakti Scheme

- Gati Shakti Yojana or 'National Master Plan for Multi-Modal Connectivity Plan' was launched on 13 October 2021 for coordinated and execution of infrastructure projects to reduce logistics cost.
- It is a digital platform that will bring together **16 Ministries** including Railways and Roadways for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects.
- This will help in overcoming long-standing issues such as inconsistent planning, lack of standardisation, problems related to clearances, and timely construction and utilization of infrastructure capabilities.
- This platform aims to prevent overlapping of works by addressing the issue of government departments working in tandem.

6. PM Modi inaugurates AIIMS in Bilaspur district, Himachal Pradesh (Oct. 6, 2022)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **All India Institute of Medical Sciences** (AIIMS) at Kothipura in Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh on 6 October.

Important facts

- Spread over an area of 2**47 acres, this Rs 1,471 crore 750 bedded** premier medical institution will provide super specialty medical treatment to the people of the area.
- The PM also inaugurated 140 crore **Government Hydro Engineering College at Bandla in Bilaspur.**
- He also laid the foundation stone of Rs.350 crore **medical devices park** to be set up under the Nalagarh and Pinjore-Nalagarh four-lane road project to be constructed at a cost of Rs 1,692 crore under Bharat Mala project.
- The PM also participated in **Kullu Dussehra** celebrations at Dhalpur Ground in Kullu.

Kullu Dussehra in Himachal Pradesh

- Dussehra is world famous in Kullu Valley of Himachal Pradesh.
- The specialty of Kullu Dussehra is the chariot procession of Lord Raghunath.
- The week-long Kullu Dussehra has traditionally been a majestic festival.
- It signifies the victory of good over evil.
- According to legends, Kullu was ruled by Raja Jagat Singh in the 16th century.
- The king was told that someone named **Durgadatta** had beautiful **white pearls** and that the king wanted pearls.

Durgadatta tried to convince the king that he did not have pearls, the king did not

- believe him.
- Durgadutt set himself on fire along with his family and cursed the king.
- The king felt guilty and on the advice of a learned Brahmin went to the shelter of **Lord Raghunath.**
- Raja Jagan Singh started organizing the Kullu Dussehra festival.

7. President Draupadi Murmu launches 'herSTART' - a start-up platform (Oct. 4, 2022)

President **Droupadi Murmu** launched a start-up platform **'herSTART'** for women entrepreneurs created by **Gujarat University, Ahmedabad** on 4 October.

About 'herSTART' start-up platform

- It is one of the flagship programs of **Gujarat University Startup and Entrepreneurship Council (GUSEC),** which will provide support to women entrepreneurs during their entrepreneurial endeavours.
- It is established with the vision of empowering innovative ideas by women.
- It has been established to empower aspiring women entrepreneurs as they pursue their entrepreneurial endeavors.
- The program is open to all women who have innovative ideas, prototypes or existing business ventures and want to take their efforts to the next level.

Other projects inaugurated by President

- The President also laid the foundation stone of various projects related to education and tribal development at Gujarat University in Ahmedabad.
- She inaugurated and laid foundation stones of various projects worth Rs 1,330 crore.
- She laid the foundation stone for Super Specialty Hospital, Critical Care Centre at Gandhinagar Civil hospital, GMERS hospital, and a hostel at Narmada besides various irrigation and civic projects among others.

About Gujarat State

- Formation **1 May 1960**
- Gujarat is also known as 'The Land of Legends'.
- The Gir Forest National Park in Gujarat is home to the only wild population of Asiatic Lions in the world.
- Gujarat is the main producer of cotton, tobacco and groundnut in the country.
- Garba is the main traditional dance of Gujarat.

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Lothal was the ancient city of Gujarat where India's first port was established.

- Capital- Gandhinagar
- Governor- Acharya Devvrat
- Chief Minister- Bhupendrabhai Patel (BJP)
- Assembly seats-182
- Rajya Sabha seats- 11
- Lok Sabha seats- 26

8. India's second Adarsha Veda Vidyalaya inaugurated by Dharmendra Pradhan in Puri (Oct. 4, 2022)

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated India's second 'Rashtriya Adarsha Veda Vidyalaya' (National Model Vedic School) on the premises of Central Sanskrit University in Odisha's Puri on 4 October.

Important facts

- Adarsh Vedic Vidyalaya has been constructed in the Sri Sadashiv campus of the University.
- Free education will be provided in this residential school.
- The Puri campus will be the first Vedic school outside the main campus of **Maharishi** Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- Four more such schools will be opened in **Badrinath in Uttarakhand, Sringeri in** Karnataka, Dwarka in Gujarat and Guwahati in Assam.
- The academic session of the new school will start from 2022-23.
- Admission on the basis of merit will be done to Veda Bhusan fourth (Class-IX), Veda Bhusan fifth (Class-X), Veda Vibhusan first (Class-XI) and Veda Vibhusan second (Class-XII).
- Apart from imparting education on the four Vedas Rigveda, Samaveda, Yajurveda and Atharvaveda, courses such as Science, English, Mathematics, Vedic Mathematics, Social Science, Computer Science and Agriculture will be offered in this school.

Central Sanskrit University, Puri

- It is established by an act of Parliament.
- It is a Premier University for promoting Sanskrit studies in India and abroad.
- It is currently the largest Sanskrit university in the world.
- It was established on 15th October, 1970.

9. Bhupesh Baghel launches 'Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park Scheme' (Oct. 3, 2022)

The <u>Chhattisgarh</u> Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** has launched '**Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park Scheme'** on 2 October 2022 on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. The state government is developing village Gauthans as Rural Industrial Parks to provide employment and means of income to the rural poor families.

Government of Chhattisgarh has established **Gauthans** in 8048 villages where cattles are kept and provided free of cost fodder, waters etc.

'Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park Scheme'

Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park is being set up in the selected rural areas of the state to develop them as livelihood centers. These parks are being developed as rural production and service centers.

In the first phase **300 Rural Industrial Parks** are being developed and for this purpose one to three acres of land has been reserved for the park in Gauthans.

Budget allocation

A provision of **Rs 600 crore** has been made for this scheme in the budget of the state government.

An amount of Rs.1 crore each has been provided to all the approved Rural Industrial Parks.

Features of the Industrial Park

The amount will be used to develop infrastructure like electricity, roads etc. and provide training to the youths.

Units for the manufacture of vermicomposting, poultry, goat rearing, agricultural and horticultural crops and processing of minor forest produce will be set up in the Gauthans developed under the Suraji Gaon Yojana. Along with this, flour-mill, pulse mill, oil mill are also being established.

Chhattisgarh

The modern state of Chhattisgarh was created on 1 November 2000 by splitting Madhya Pradesh.

Governor of Chhattisgarh: Anusuiya Uikey

Capital: Raipur

10. NGT fines Telangana government 3,800 crore rupees for improper waste management (Oct. 1, 2022)

The <u>National Green Tribunal</u> (NGT) in an order delivered on 1 October 2022 has imposed a penalty of ₹3,800 crore on the Telangana government for its failure to treat solid and liquid waste.

A bench headed by **NGT Chairperson Justice A K Goel** said huge gaps exist in the management of solid and liquid waste in the southern state.

Providing clean air, water, hygiene and environment have to be the top priorities for good governance, the bench said, adding that the state could not avoid its constitutional responsibility of providing a pollution-free environment.

The NGT said compliance would be the chief secretary's responsibility and directed him to file progress reports every six months.

The NGT is monitoring compliance with the Municipal Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and other environmental aspects by the states and Union territories.

National Green Tribunal was established in 2010 under the National Green Tribunal Act 2010. It deals with matters related to environmental protection and conservation of forest. Its headquarter is in **New Delhi.**