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1. Union cabinet approves launch of centrally sponsored scheme of PM SHRI Schools (Sept. 7, 2022)

The Union cabinet on 7 September approved the launch of a new centrally sponsored scheme of setting up PM Schools for Rising India, PM - SHRI Schools.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Under this scheme, more than 14,000 schools including Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas as well as schools run by State Governments and local bodies will be strengthened to emerge as PM-Shri Schools.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced this scheme for the up-gradation and modernization of existing schools managed by the central and state governments as well as local bodies on Teachers' Day on 5 September.
- The total project cost for five years would be Rs 27,360 crore, of which the Centre's share would be Rs 18,128 crore.
- 187 lakh students will be benefited under this scheme.

2. Signing of MoU between India and UAE on Cooperation in the field of Education approved (Sept. 7, 2022)

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Education, Government of India and the Ministry of Education, Government of the United Arab Emirates, on cooperation in the field of education.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- An MoU was signed with UAE in 2015 in the field of education which expired in 2018.
- In 2019, at a meeting between the education ministers of the two countries, the UAE side proposed the signing of a new MoU.
- The new 2022 MoU covers the changes brought in by the National Education Policy 2020 in India's education ecosystem.
- The MoU will be valid for a period of five years from the date of signing and will be automatically renewable with the consent of both countries.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

Objective of MoU :

- To further strengthen the ongoing educational cooperation between India and UAE and widen the scope of mutual engagement.
- Promote Exchange of Information Education,
- Capacity Development of Technical and vocational Education and Training (TVET) teaching staff,
- Facilitation of academic collaboration between Higher Education Institutions in both the countries for offering Twinning,
- Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes

3. PM Modi addresses plenary session of Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, Russia (Sept. 7, 2022)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered a video address on 7 September at the plenary session of the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) 2022 being held in Russia's Vladivostok.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Prime Minister Modi was the chief guest at the EEF in **2019**.
- The Seventh Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) was held in the Russian Far Eastern city of **Vladivostok** from 5 September.
- It was attended by participants from more than **60 countries and regions**.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin addressed the EEF's plenary session on global processes and the development of Russia's Far East on 7 September.
- Theme of Eastern Economic Forum 2022 - "**The Path to a Multipolar World**".
- This year's forum aims to shed light on global transformation led by the new economic model and provide a dialogue platform for all stakeholders.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

About Eastern Economic Forum :

- It is a key international platform for establishing and strengthening ties within the Russian and global investment communities.
- It was established by Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin in 2015 to promote the economic development of Russia's Far East and to expand international cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

4. Indian-origin Suella Braverman appointed Britain's new Home Secretary (Sept. 7, 2022)

Indian-origin barrister Suella Braverman was appointed as Britain's new Home Secretary(Home Minister in Britain is known as Home Secretary) on 6 September.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Suella Braverman has been an aide to former Indian-origin Home Secretary Priti Patel.
- She has served as the Attorney General in the Boris Johnson-led government.
- She is the daughter of Tamil origin mother Uma and Goan origin father Christy Fernandes.
- Her mother immigrated to the Britain from Mauritius, while her father immigrated to the Britain from Kenya in the 1960s.
- After the resignation of Indian-origin Priti Patel, the newly appointed Prime Minister of Britain, [Liz Truss](#), announced her appointment to this post.

5. Committed to deepen strategic ties with Mongolia: Rajnath Singh (Sept. 6, 2022)

Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh who is on an official visit to Mongolia said that New Delhi is committed to further deepening multifaceted Strategic Partnership with Mongolia.

Rajnath Singh is on a five-day visit to Mongolia and Japan beginning 5 September 2022 with an aim to expand India's strategic and defence ties with the two countries.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Visit to Mongolia :

His visit to Mongolia from 5-7 September 2022 is the **first-ever** tour to the East Asian country by an Indian defence minister.

He met the Mongolian defence minister **Saikhanbayar Gursed** in Ulaanbaatar on 6 September 2022.

The Minister also met President of Mongolia, **U. Khurelsukh**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

India Mongolia relationship :

India and Mongolia share warm and cordial bilateral relations. Mongolia regards India as its “third” and a “spiritual neighbour”.

The bilateral relationship was upgraded to a Strategic Partnership in 2015 during the historic visit of Prime Minister Modi to the country.

India has provided a loan of **USD 1.236 billion** to Mongolia to build a 1.5 million metric tonnes oil refinery near **Sainshand** in southern Dornogovi province of Mongolia.

It is being constructed by India’s public sector Engineers India Limited.

Mongolia :

It is located in North Central Asia.

Capital: **Ulaanbaatar**

Currency: **Tugrik**

President: **Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh**

6. Liz Truss appointed as the 56th Prime Minister of Britain by Queen Elizabeth (Sept. 6, 2022)

96 year old United Kingdom Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II appointed Elizabeth Truss, popularly known as Liz Truss, as the 56th Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on 6th September 2022.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- She will now occupy **10 Downing Street** in London which is the official residence of the Prime Minister.
- She replaced the former Prime Minister Boris Johnson who had to resign over a party scandal. She was officially elected the leader of the Conservative party on 5th September defeating her rival [Rishi Sunak](#).
- Truss is the fourth Conservative party’s Prime Minister in six years. She faces a difficult time as the country faces a prospect of recession, double digit inflation and soaring energy cost.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

- **Robert Walpole** is considered to be the first Prime Minister of Britain (1721-1742) and also the first Prime Minister in the world.

7. PM Modi and Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina jointly unveils Unit-I of Maitree Super Thermal Power Project (Sept. 6, 2022)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina jointly unveiled Unit-1 of Maitri Super Thermal Power Project after bilateral and delegation level talks in Delhi on 6 September.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The project is being constructed under India's concessional financing scheme.
- This will add 1320 MW to the national grid of Bangladesh.
- The first unit of the Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant will go into commercial operation early October.
- Unit-II of the power plant, also known as the Rampal coal-fired power project, is expected to be commissioned early next year.

India-Bangladesh delegation level talks :

- India-Bangladesh delegation level talks under the leadership of PM Modi and Hasina began at Hyderabad House in New Delhi.
- The Prime Minister of Bangladesh is on a four-day visit to India to strengthen the multi-faceted ties between the two countries.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -***Agenda of the talks :***

- The agenda for talks between the two countries included connectivity, energy, water resources, trade and investment, border management and security, development partnership and regional and multilateral matters.

Seven MoUs between India and Bangladesh :

1. Interim bilateral agreement on water sharing of the Koshiyara river
2. Signing of MoU on Scientific Cooperation between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), India and Bangladesh Council of Scientific Industrial Research (BCSIR).
3. MoU signed between National Judicial Academy, Bhopal and Supreme Court of Bangladesh to promote capacity building
4. Ministry of Railways signed an MoU with Bangladesh Railways, under which India will train personnel of Bangladesh Railways in Indian training institutes
5. MoU signed between ministries of both countries to cooperate in providing IT solutions to Bangladesh Railways
6. MoU signed between Bangladesh Television and Prasar Bharati

MoU between the two countries for promotion of cooperation in space technology and
7. scientific and research

India - Bangladesh :

- Bangladesh and India share an international border of more than four thousand kilometres.
- The five states of India Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and West Bengal touch the border of Bangladesh.
- The land boundary between the two sides has been amicably resolved with the ratification of the landmark Protocol to Land Boundary Agreement in 2015.
- Bangladesh accounts for the largest share of foreign tourist arrivals in India.
- In 2021-22, Bangladesh has emerged as the largest trading partner for India in South Asia and the fourth largest export destination for India.
- Bilateral trade between the two countries has increased from \$9 billion to \$18 billion in the last five years.

8. Centre announces constitution of National level Committee for drafting of National Cooperation Policy (Sept. 6, 2022)

The Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Amit Shah on 6 September announced the constitution of a National level committee for drafting of the national cooperation policy document.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The national level committee, headed by former Union cabinet minister **Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu**, comprises **47 members** from all parts of the country.
- The committee comprises experts from the cooperative sector, representatives of national, state and district cooperatives, secretary cooperatives and registrars of cooperative societies of states and union territories.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

National Cooperation Policy :

- The new National Cooperation Policy is being formulated to realize the vision of '**Sahakar Se Samridhhi** ' under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah had recently announced that a National Cooperative Policy would soon be formulated to take a holistic approach to the above PACS cooperatives.
- The new National Cooperative Policy document is being prepared with a view to fulfill the mandate given to the new Ministry of Cooperation.

- The current National Policy on Cooperation was formulated in **2002**.
- Its objective was to facilitate the all-round development of co-operative societies and to provide them with the necessary support, encouragement and assistance.

Objectives of the new policy :

- To realize the vision of 'Sahakar Se Samriddhi'
- To empower the cooperative movement in the country and strengthen its reach at the grassroots level
- To promote a cooperative based economic development model and to support the cooperative sector in realizing its potential
- Creating legal and institutional infrastructure.

9. NITI Aayog and BMZ hold inaugural NITI - BMZ Dialogue on Development Cooperation (Sept. 6, 2022)

NITI Aayog and the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) inaugurated the NITI-BMZ Dialogue on Development Cooperation via video conferencing on 5 September.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The talks set out a path to strengthen mutual cooperation between the two countries.
- The issue of tackling **climate change** was specifically discussed with the goals of **Agenda 2030**.
- It focused on five key areas of cooperation - the **Sustainable Development Goals, climate action, energy transition, emerging technologies and agro-ecology**.
- During the discussions, both sides highlighted the need to deepen mutual engagement to enhance natural farming in India.
- NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman **Suman Berry** said that the India-Germany partnership is an example of success in this complex world.
- The dialogue will help both countries realise their respective potential to incorporate climate action into the Sustainable Development Goals.

10. Tamil Nadu requests for Supreme Court bench in Chennai (Sept. 6, 2022)

Chief Minister MK Stalin has again requested for the establishment of a regional bench of the Supreme Court in Chennai and allowed Tamil to be used as one of the official languages in the Madras High Court.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The outgoing Vice President, **M Venkaiah Naidu** had suggested bifurcation of the Supreme Court into four regional benches for speedy disposal of cases.
- He also emphasized on representation of all sections in the appointment of judges.
- However, the Supreme Court has said on this demand that there is no need for such benches outside Delhi.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

Why is the Supreme Court located in New Delhi ?

- **Article 130** of the Constitution of India says the Supreme Court shall sit in Delhi or in such other place or places, as the Chief Justice of India may, with the approval of the President, from time to time, appoint.
- This means that the law allows the establishment of benches of the Supreme Court at several places with the concurrence of the Chief Justice of India and the President.
- The **Law Commission** in its **229th report** had suggested the establishment of a Constitution Bench of the Court at New Delhi and four other Benches in different regions of India.