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1. Maharashtra Government launched Namu Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana (May 31, 2023)

Maharashtra-Government-launched-Namu-Shetkari-Mahasanman-Yojana

The **Maharashtra government** has approved a **new financial scheme under which Rs 6,000** will be **paid annually** to over **one crore farmers in the state**.

An overview of the news

- On May 30, the '**Namu Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana**' was approved in a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister **Eknath Shinde** in Mumbai.
- Chief Minister Shinde said that this amount is in addition to the **Rs 6,000 being given to farmers by the Center under PM Kisan** Yojana.
- The Maharashtra cabinet also approved the implementation of '**Gender Inclusive Tourism Policy**' named '**Aai**' to empower women in the tourism sector.
- The cabinet also approved the starting of women bike-taxi service at some tourist places.

About Maharashtra

- It is a state located in the western part of India and covers a significant part of the **Deccan Plateau**.
- Chief Minister - **Eknath Shinde**
- Governor - **Ramesh Bais**
- Official Animal - **Indian giant squirrel**
- Official Bird - **Yellow-footed Green Pigeon**
- Official Dance - **Lavani**

2. Telangana achieves 100% coverage of PMJDY (May 30, 2023)

Telangana-achieves-100%-coverage-of-PMJDY

The state of **Telangana** achieved **100 percent household coverage of banking services through the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)**.

An Overview of the News

- According to the Social Security Administration survey, the state achieved **100 percent coverage of 135 welfare schemes and programs in 20 departments**.
- Telangana has more than **1 crore 11 lakh Jan Dhan bank account holders** with a total balance of over **Rs 3 thousand crore**.
- Around **61 lakh people in rural areas** have opened Jan Dhan accounts, while in urban areas around **50 lakh people have zero balance accounts**.

- Over 84 lakh Jan Dhan account holders in Telangana actively use RuPay cards, which provide additional benefits like credit facilities.

About Telangana

- It is a state located in **south-central India on the high Deccan Plateau.**
- It is the **eleventh largest state of India by area.**
- Telangana was carved out of the northwestern part of Andhra Pradesh on **2 June 2014** and became the newly formed state of Telangana with Hyderabad as the capital.
- Telangana is bordered by **Maharashtra to the north, Chhattisgarh to the northeast, Karnataka to the west, and Andhra Pradesh to the east and south.**
- As of 2019, the state of Telangana is divided into **33 districts.**

Governor - **Tamilisai Soundararajan**

Chief Minister - **K Chandrasekhar Rao**

Council - **(40 seats)**

Legislative Assembly - **(119 seats)**

Rajya Sabha - **7 seats**

Lok Sabha - **17 seats**

3. Goa Statehood Day - 30 May (May 30, 2023)

Goa-Statehood-Day---30-May

Goa Statehood Day is celebrated every year on 30 May.

An Overview of the News

- Goa is the **smallest state of India in terms of area.**
- **Alfonso de Albuquerque conquered Goa in 1510**, ending the rule of **Adil Shah of Bijapur.**
- India regained control of Goa from the **Portuguese after 400 years.**
- This year marks the **36th anniversary of Goa** getting statehood.
- On **30 May 1987**, Goa was declared a separate state from **Daman and Diu.**
- The official language of Goa is **Konkani.**

About Goa

Capital - **Panaji**

Chief Minister - **Pramod Sawant**

Official Sport - **Football**

Official Animal - **Gaur**

Governor - **P.S. Sreedharan Pillai**

4. Kheer Bhavani Mela celebrated (May 30, 2023)

Kheer-Bhavani-Mela-celebrated

Every year on the day of **Jyestha Ashtami**, Kashmiri Pandits visit **Mata Ragneya Devi Temple, also known as Kheer Bhavani Temple**, for darshan.

An overview of the news

- This year the mela was celebrated with great enthusiasm not only by the **Kashmiri Pandits** but also by the **local people** of the Kashmir Valley on 28th May.
- The Kheer Bhavani fair held on Jyestha Ashtami in Kashmir holds a **sacred place in the spiritual realm of Kashmiri Pandits**.
- More than **25 thousand devotees** participated in the fair.
- The Kheer Bhavani Mela started on **26th May and concluded on 28th May i.e. Jyestha Ashtami**.
- Kheer Bhavani is considered to be the **deity of Kashmiri Pandits**, who have a lot of recognition there.
- Over the years, the Kheer Bhavani Mela has become a **symbol of communal harmony and brotherhood in Kashmir**.

5. Himachal Pradesh to prepare green hydrogen policy (May 26, 2023)

Himachal-Pradesh-to-prepare-green-hydrogen-policy

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu** announced on 20 May 2023 that it will formulate a '**Green Hydrogen**' policy to promote the use of green hydrogen and establish the state as a leading center for its production.

An Overview of the News:

- State Chief Minister Sukhu said in a statement that the state's abundant renewable energy resources, including ample sunlight, water and wind, make the state an ideal location for generating green hydrogen.
- This initiative of the state will not only contribute to the global fight against climate change but will also make the state a leader in sustainable development.

An agreement with OIL:

- The state government has signed an MoU with **Oil India Limited (OIL)** for the production of **green hydrogen**.

- OIL has shown interest in setting up a plant in the state that will produce green hydrogen for ethanol production.
- As per the initiative of the state government, this alternative fuel can be used as a replacement for petrol.

Himachal Pradesh:

- Capital : **Shimla**
- Governor: **Shiv Pratap Shukla**
- Chief Minister: **Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu**
- Seat in Lok Sabha: **4**
- Seat in Rajya Sabha: **3**
- Seat in the Legislative Assembly: **68**

6. ADB will give \$ 141.12 million loan for the development of industrial corridor in Andhra Pradesh (May 26, 2023)

-industrial-corridor-in-Andhra-Pradesh

On 23 May 2023, the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the Government of India signed a **\$141.12 million loan agreement** for the development of an industrial corridor in **Andhra Pradesh**.

An Overview of the News:

- The agreement has been signed to support the development of high quality indoor infrastructure facilities in three industrial areas in Andhra Pradesh. These are: **roads, water supply plants and power distribution systems**.
- The loan is the second tranche of a \$500 million **Multi-tranche Financing Facility (MFF)** under the program approved by ADB in 2016.
- With this loan facility, infrastructure facilities will be developed in three industrial clusters under the **Visakhapatnam and Srikalahasti-Chittoor** areas sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh.

Benefits to Andhra Pradesh from the loan:

- ADB financing will help the state in industrialization to increase the share of the manufacturing sector in the state's GDP as well as enhance competitiveness and increase employment opportunities in the project target areas.
- This project will help in skill development of people from socially and economically weaker sections besides increasing investment in the state.

Andhra Pradesh:

- Capital : **Amaravati**
- Governor: **S. Abdul Nazir**
- Chief Minister: **Y S Jaganmohan Reddy**
- Official Language: **Telugu (main language)**

Asian Development Bank (ADB):

- Establishment : **19 December 1966**
- Headquarters: **Manila (Philippines)**
- Member countries: **68 (India is a founding member)**
- Objective: **To promote social and economic development in Asia.**

7. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched 'Hamar Sugghar Laika Abhiyan' (May 25, 2023)

Hamar Sugghar Laik Abhiyan

On 21 May 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** launched the '**Hamar Sugghar Laik Abhiyan**' in the 'Bharose Ka Sammelan' program at **Sankra in Durg** district.

An Overview of the News

- The campaign aims to bring **1,800 malnourished children, identified through a survey, into the category of well-nourished children.**
- This is the first district level campaign of its kind in the state and focuses on managing the growth of children through hunger testing.

About Chhattisgarh

- It is a state located in **central India.**
- **Sirpur**, located near the capital Raipur, is a town situated on the **Mahanadi River.**
- There is a huge **Chitrakoot waterfall** in the northwestern region of Chhattisgarh.

Formation - **1 November 2000**

Capital - **Raipur**

Chief Minister - **Bhupesh Baghel**

Governor - **Vishwabhusan Harichandan**

Official Tree - **Sal Tree**

Rajya Sabha - **5 seats**

Lok Sabha - **11 seats**

8. PM flags off Vande Bharat Express from Dehradun to Delhi (May 25, 2023)

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** flagged off the **Vande Bharat Express** from **Dehradun to Delhi** on 25 May through video conferencing.

An overview of the news

- The Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation the newly electrified railway sections in the state and **declared Uttarakhand as a 100% electric traction state.**

- This will be the sixth Vande Bharat **connecting Delhi through various routes.**
- As of now, the national capital is connected to **Ajmer, Varanasi, Katra, Bhopal and Amb Andaura.**
- This semi-high-speed train is **India's 18th and Uttarakhand's first Vande Bharat train**, which will start its inaugural run from Dehradun to Delhi's Anand Vihar Terminal.
- The train is equipped with world-class amenities, which will usher in a new era of comfortable travel experiences, especially for tourists traveling to the state.
- It has advanced security features including armor technology.
- The regular operations for the **Delhi-Dehradun Vande Bharat Express will start on 29 May.**
- With a travel time of 4 hours and 45 minutes, the train will cover a **distance of 302 km.**
- The train will operate on all days of the week, except Wednesdays.

About Vande Bharat Express Train

- The first Vande Bharat Express was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on **15 February 2019.**
- These trains have a **self-propelled engine** which can save diesel and **reduce electricity usage by up to 30%.**
- The first Vande Bharat Express was manufactured by **Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.**
- It was manufactured under the '**Make in India**' programme, at a cost of about **Rs 100 crore.**
- These trains can achieve a **maximum speed of 160 kmph.**
- In the Union Budget for 2022-2023 the government has proposed the development and manufacture of 400 new Vande Bharat trains in the next three years.

9. Kerala becomes India's first fully e-governed state (May 25, 2023)

Kerala-becomes-India's-first-fully-e-governed-state

The state has achieved this feat through **policy initiatives** aimed at transforming it into a **digitally empowered society.**

An Overview of the News

- The government focused on setting up a knowledge-based economy and achieving **100% digital literacy.**
- Important services across various sectors were digitized to ensure transparency, inclusiveness and accessibility for all citizens.

- E-governance in Kerala has streamlined service delivery, reducing bureaucratic bottlenecks and delays.
- Online portals and mobile applications have been launched for citizens to interact with government departments and access services easily.
- Integration of technology in the education and healthcare sectors has been a priority, with digital learning platforms and telemedicine services being implemented.

About Kerala

Capital - **Thiruvananthapuram**

Official Bird - **Great Hornbill**

Governor - **Arif Mohammad Khan**

Chief Minister - **Pinarayi Vijayan**

Origin of rivers in Kerala

- Periyar River
- Bharathapuzha River
- Pamba River
- Chaliyar River
- Chalakudy River

India's longest lake - **Vembanad, Kerala**

10. Maharashtra government launches 'Shasan Aplya Dari' initiative (May 25, 2023)

Shasan-Aplya-Dari

Eknath Shinde, Chief Minister of the Government of Maharashtra launched the '**Shasan Aplya Dari**' initiative in **Satara district of Maharashtra**.

An Overview of the News

- The initiative aims **to provide citizens easy access to government schemes and documents at one place.**
- District administrations have been directed to organise two-day camps in their respective areas to facilitate distribution of benefits.
- Around **75,000 local people are expected to benefit from these camps.**

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