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1. One Nation, One Ration Card scheme implemented in Assam (June 22, 2022)

Assam has become the 36th state of the country to implement the One Nation One Ration Card scheme.

- After being implemented in Assam, this scheme has been successfully implemented in 36 states and union territories across the country.
- The scheme has made a significant contribution in ensuring subsidized food grains to the beneficiaries especially the migrant beneficiaries during the COVID pandemic.
- In a very short span of time, it covered 80 crore beneficiaries.
- Since the scheme's implementation in August 2019, around 71 crore portable transactions have taken place under it, food grains equivalent to Rs 40 thousand crore have been distributed as food subsidy.
- **Mera Ration mobile app**
- Mera Ration mobile application was launched to make this scheme more seamless and faster.
- This mobile app is providing useful real time information to the beneficiaries and is available in 13 languages.
- **About 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme**
- It was launched by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution in 2019 on a pilot basis in 4 states.
- It aims to ensure hassle free delivery of subsidized food grains to all migrant beneficiaries anywhere in the country under the National Food Security Act (NFSA).
- Under this scheme, migrant beneficiaries are entitled to get food grains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) of their choice anywhere in the country using their existing ration card with biometric authentication.
- **Benefits of the scheme**
- This will help in reducing the number of dual ration card holders.
- This is in line with the motto of Minimum Government Maximum Governance.
- Centralised authorised shop data can be used to formulate policies on inter- and inter-state migration.
- It will help to improve India's ranking in the Global Hunger Index.
- **National Food Security Act, 2013**
- It was introduced by the Government of India in 2013.

- The Act is in line with Goal Two of the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations General Assembly.
- Goal 2 aims to end hunger in all its forms by 2030 and create sustainable solutions to achieve food security.
- The Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), Public Distribution System (PDS), and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) are covered under this Act.

2. Amrit Sarovar mission (June 20, 2022)

The Union Government has asked the Ministry of Railways and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to utilize the soil/silt dug from ponds/tanks in all districts across the country for their infrastructure projects under the Amrit Sarovar Mission.

• About Amrit Sarovar Mission

- Amrit Sarovar Mission also known as Water Conservation Mission was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 24, 2022.
- It aims to develop and rejuvenate 75 water bodies in each district across all states as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- At least 50,000 water bodies across the country are expected to be rejuvenated during this nationwide program that ends on August 15, 2023.
- India's first Amrit Sarovar was built in Rampur.

• Technical Partner of the Mission

- Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N)

• Ministries/Department Involved in the Mission

- Department of Rural Development
- Department of land resources
- Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
- Department of Water resources
- Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Changes

• Achievements

- So far, 12,241 sites have been finalized by the States/Districts for the construction of Amrit Sarovars, out of which work has started on 4,856 Amrit Sarovars.

3. MHA to reserve 10 % vacancies for Agniveers in Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles (June 18, 2022)

The Union Home Ministry on June 18 announced to reserve 10 per cent vacancies in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles for 'agniveers'.

- The Ministry has also decided to relax the upper age limit of three years for Agniveers for recruitment in Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles.
- The first batch of Agniveers will get a relaxation of 5 years over and above the prescribed age limit of 23 years, taking it up to 28 years.
- The announcement comes amid widespread protests against the recently unveiled scheme for recruitment of soldiers in the armed forces on a short-term contractual basis.
- The soldiers recruited under this scheme will be called 'Agniveer'.
- Several states like Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Assam have also announced various measures to encourage the youth to apply under the Agnipath scheme and assured them reservation in their states.
- Uttar Pradesh government said the 'Agniveer' will be given priority in police and related services.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said his government will give preference to the 75 per cent soldiers who come back after four years as soldiers and seek government jobs.
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About 'Agnipath' scheme

- Under this scheme, to reduce the rising salary and pension expenses, short-term soldiers will be recruited on contract basis, which will be called 'Agniveer'.
Under the scheme the soldiers will be recruited initially for a period of four years and some of them would be retained.
Indian youth will be provided an opportunity to serve in the Armed Forces as 'Agniveer'.
Women will also be recruited into armed forces under the scheme.
This will help in ensuring optimum balance between youth and experience in the Army.
The "Agnipath" scheme, earlier named as "Tour of Duty", was initiated in the presence of the Chiefs of the three Services.
At present, the Army recruits youth under Short Service Commission for an initial tenure of 10 years, which can be extended up to 14 years.
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- **For more information please visit 14 and 17 June 2022 news**

4. YSR Yantra Seva Scheme launched by Andhra Pradesh (June 16, 2022)

YSR Yantra Seva Scheme has been launched by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

- **About the Scheme**
- Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy started this scheme from the village of Chuttugunta.

- Under this scheme, tractors and combine harvesters will be provided to the farmers at low rates.
- The total cost of this scheme is 2016 crores.
- The government will give a 40 percent subsidy on all machinery and loans will also be provided to the farmers.
- Apart from this, it was also decided by the state government to set up custom hiring centres in the entire state.
- In this program, an amount of Rs 175 crore was sent to the accounts of 5260 farmers under the Ritu Bharosa scheme.
- The Andhra Pradesh government aims to set up a total of 10,750 YSR Yantra Seva Kendras (CHCs).

- **About Andhra Pradesh State**

- Historically, Andhra Pradesh has been called the "Rice Bowl of India".
- Andhra Pradesh was formed on 1 November 1956.
- Kuchipudi is the most famous classical dance form of the state.
- Capital- Amravati
- Official language - Telugu
- Governor- Biswa Bhushan Harichandan
- Chief Minister- Jagan Mohan Reddy (Congress)
- Legislative Assembly seats- 176
- Rajya Sabha Seats - 11
- Lok Sabha seats - 25

5. Centre unveils 'Agnipath' scheme for recruitment of youth in the Armed Forces (June 14, 2022)

India unveiled a new scheme called "Agnipath" on 14 June for the recruitment of soldiers in the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, on a short-term contractual basis.

- **About 'Agnipath' scheme**

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- **Salary of Agniveers**
 - Agniveers will get a salary of Rs 30,000 to Rs 40,000 per month plus applicable allowance.
 - The Seva Nidhi will be exempt from Income Tax.
 - No one will be entitled to gratuity and pensionary benefits.
 - Agniveers will be provided a non-contributory life insurance cover of Rs 48 lakh.
- **Aim of the scheme**
 - Reducing the salary and pension expenses of the three services.
 - To bring a paradigm shift in recruitment in the armed forces.
 - To ensure a wider talent pool for recruitment in the armed forces.

6. PM Gati Shakti to help achieve India's aim of USD 5 Trillion economy (June 10, 2022)

Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Prakash has said that PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan will help in achieving India's goal of a five trillion dollar economy.

- **About PM Gati Shakti Master Plan**
 - In October 2021, the government announced the PM Gati Shakti programme.
 - It will bring 16 Ministries together for integrated planning and implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects.
 - It is multi-modal connectivity and will help in improving global competitiveness, boost manufacturing and modernise infrastructure in the country.
 - Its targets are to cut logistic costs, increase cargo handling capacity and reduce the turnaround time.
 - Economic zones like Textile Clusters, Pharmaceutical Clusters, Defence Corridor, Electronic Park, Industrial Corridor, Fishing Clusters, Agri Zone will be covered under this program to improve connectivity.
- **Significance**
 - It will give a boost to the overall infrastructure of the country.

- It will strive to build next generation infrastructure that improves ease of living as well as ease of doing business.
- It will provide integrated and seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods and services as a mode of transport.
- It will create many employment opportunities and boost the economy.
- It will improve the global competitiveness of local products by cutting logistics costs and improving the supply chain.

7. Union Minister of social Justice and Empowerment launched the Scheme “SHRESHTA” (June 6, 2022)

The Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar has launched “SHRESHTA” scheme for residential education for high school students in targeted areas.

- Through the Shreshtha scheme, poor meritorious students of scheduled castes will be given quality education in reputed private schools.
- Under this scheme, those poor students of scheduled caste will get free residential education from class 9th to class 12th, whose parents' annual income is up to Rs 2.5 lakh.
- Under the scheme, about 3000 students belonging to Scheduled Castes will be selected in the States and Union Territories every year through the National Entrance Test (NETS) by the National Testing Agency (NTA).
- Selected students can get admission in class 9th and 11th in any of the best private residential schools affiliated to CBSE.
- The entire cost of Meal Fee, School Fee and Hostel Fee will be borne by the Government of India.
- **The maximum limits for school fee (including tuition fee) and hostel fee (including mess fee) for students are as follows**

Class	Scholarship per student annually
9th	1,00,000
10th	1,10,000
11th	1,25,000
12th	1,35,000

8. PM Employment Generation Programme extended till 2025-26 (June 1, 2022)

Recently, the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program has been approved to continue till 2025-26 with a total outlay of Rs 13,554.42 crore.

- This scheme will create permanent employment opportunities for about 40 lakh persons in five financial years.
- Along with increasing the time limit of this scheme, some more amendments have also been made in it.
- Maximum project cost for manufacturing units increased from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 50 lakh
- Project cost increased from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh for service units
- The definition of village industries and rural areas has also been changed in PMEGP.
- Areas falling under Panchayati Raj Institutions will be considered as rural areas.
- Areas under Municipal Corporation will be considered as urban areas.
- Aspirational districts and 'transgender' applicants will be kept in a special category. they will get more subsidy
- **About Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program**
- The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program was announced on 15 August 2008 in place of the Rural Employment Generation Program.
- It is implemented by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

9. NHA launches public dashboard for Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (May 30, 2022)

The National Health Authority has launched a public dashboard for real-time information under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

- The public dashboard will be a one-stop solution to track the progress of the mission at the state level.
- According to the dashboard, the total number of Ayushman Bharat health account numbers is more than 22 crore and more than 16.6 thousand healthcare professionals have registered in the health care professional registry.
- The dashboard will display the following detailed information -

1. Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) numbers
2. Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR)

3. Health Facility Registry (HFR)

- **About Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**

- Launched - By PM Narendra modi on 27th September 2021
- It will connect the digital health solutions of hospitals across the country.
- This will not only simplify the procedures of hospitals but will also enhance the ease of living.
- The digital ecosystem will also enable many other features such as digital consultation, patient consent for physicians to access their records, etc.
- With the implementation of this scheme old medical records cannot be destroyed as every record will be stored digitally.
- The project has been implemented in pilot phase in six states and union territories.

- **About National Health Authority (NHA)**

- It is the apex body which is responsible for implementing Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- It is entrusted with the role of strategy formulation, creation of technical infrastructure and implementation of "National Digital Health Mission" to create a national digital health ecosystem.

10. National Mission for Clean Ganga approves 11 projects worth Rs 660 crore (May 21, 2022)

The Executive Committee of the National Mission for Clean Ganga has recently approved 11 projects with an estimated cost of about Rs.660 crore.

- This decision was taken in the 42nd meeting of the Executive Committee chaired by Director General G Ashok Kumar.
- Apart from this two projects of River Front Development in Badrinath were also given approval.
- Two major septage management projects in Uttarakhand and West Bengal were also approved in the meeting.

- **National Mission for Clean Ganga(NMCG)**

- It was registered on 12 August 12, 2011 as a society under the Societies Registration Act 1860.
- It serves as the implementing arm of the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA), which was constituted under the provisions of the Environment Protection Act (EPA), 1986.

- It was established to address pollution challenges in the Ganga river.
- The operational area of the project covers the Ganga basin and all the states through which the river flows, including Delhi.
- The objective is to reduce pollution and ensure rejuvenation of the Ganga river.