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### **1. India hand over relief material to Mozambique under Mission Sagar ( Dec. 27, 2021 )**

- Naval ship INS Kesari entered the Port of Maputo in Mozambique to deliver **500 tonnes of food aid** as well as defence equipment, under the eight edition of Mission Sagar by the Navy to assist friendly foreign countries in the region.
- India handed over two Fast Interceptor Craft (FIC) and other self-defence equipment to Mozambique to assist in its capacity building as the Central African nation battles growing terror threats of Islamic state also called as Daesh.

### **Mission SAGAR**

- Mission SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) was launched by the Government on May 10, 2020 to provide assistance to the countries in the Indian Ocean Region.
- It is being conducted in close coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs, and other agencies of the Government agencies

### **Mozambique**

It is a Southern African country along the Indian Ocean coast.

Capital: **Maputo**

Currency: **Mozambican metical**

President: **Filipe Nyusi**

### **2. Government of India to set up a panel on AFSPA ( Dec. 27, 2021 )**

- Union Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has set up a high-level committee chaired by a Secretary-level officer to examine the possibility of withdrawing the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in Nagaland.
- **Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India Vivek Joshi** will head the five-member committee and Additional Secretary in the Union Home Ministry Piyush Goel will be its Member-Secretary. The Chief Secretary and Director General of Police of Nagaland and the DGP of Assam Rifles will be the other members of the committee.
- The committee will submit its report within 45 days.
  
- **For detail and background of the issue see 6 December 2021 post.**

### **3. Overdraft facility for women SHG members launched ( Dec. 27, 2021 )**

- The scheme was launched in the present name in November 2015 by the Union Rural Development Ministry.
- It was earlier called as Aajeevika - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM).

- The Mission aims at creating efficient and effective institutional platforms for the rural poor, enabling them to increase household income through sustainable livelihood enhancements and improved access to financial services through the Self Help Group.

**Overdraft facility:**

- Overdraft Facility is a type of short term loan where the customer can withdraw money from their savings or current account, even if their account balance is zero. This feature is provided by almost every financial institution, including banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).
- The interest rates are fixed by the banks

**4. Lado Panchayat ( Dec. 26, 2021 )**

- A unique panchayat was held in Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh known as lado panchayat.
- A “Lado Panchayat” of girls in Meerut decided that women would not vote for candidates in the coming Assembly election who are opposed to the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021.
- It was organised by Sunil Jaglan, social activist and founder of Lado Panchayat.
- Mr. Jaglan, who is known for advocating the “Selfie with daughter” initiative, has been holding such panchayats in Haryana and Rajasthan, and said it was the resolutions passed in these meetings that pushed the government to increase the legal age of marriage for women to 21.

**5. Telangana tops in Rurban Mission ( Dec. 26, 2021 )**

- Telangana stood first in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) launched by the government of India in 2016.
- Tamil Nadu and Gujarat took the second and third positions respectively.
- Sangareddy and Kamareddy districts stood in the first two positions among the 300 clusters across the country where the programme was being implemented.
- The objective of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) is to stimulate local economic development, enhance basic services, and create well planned Rurban clusters.
- Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) comes under the ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.

**6. Gujarat tops the Good Governance Index 2021 ( Dec. 26, 2021 )**

- Gujarat has topped the Good Governance Index 2021 followed by Maharashtra and Goa.
- The Good Governance Index 2021 was released by the Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Mr. Amit Shah on 25 December on the occasion of Good Governance Day.
- The Index is prepared by the Department of Administrative Reform and Public Grievances (DARPG) under the Union ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- The first Good Governance Index was released in 2019.
- **The index is released after every two years.**

- Good Governance Index, GGI 2021 Framework covers ten sectors and 58 indicators. The sectors of GGI 2020-21 are 1) Agriculture and Allied Sectors, 2) Commerce & Industries, 3) Human Resource Development, 4) Public Health, 5.) Public Infrastructure & Utilities, 6) Economic Governance, 7) Social Welfare & Development, 8) Judicial & Public Security, 9) Environment, and 10) Citizen-Centric Governance.
- The GGI 2020-21 categorises States and UTs into four categories, i.e., (i) Other States – Group A; (ii) Other States – Group B; (iii) North-East and Hill States; and (iv) Union Territories.

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## **7. Government of India allows Vaccination for 15 -18 Years ( Dec. 26, 2021 )**

In an address to the nation on 25 December 2021, Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi announced a host of measures to tackle the danger of Omicron variant of Coronavirus in the coming future.

### **Highlights of his speech**

- Children aged between 15 and 18 will now be vaccinated in the country. It will be launched on Monday, January 3, in 2022.
- Booster doses of vaccine will be given to the frontline workers from 10 January 2022.
- Senior Citizens of 60 years and above suffering from co -morbidity will be given a booster dose on the advice of their doctors from 10 January 2022
- Vaccination for corona started in India from 16 January 2021 and the first vaccine was given to AIIMS Delhi, Safai Karamchari Mr. Mukesh Kumar .

### **What is a booster dose?**

- According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), booster dose is given to a vaccinated population which has received the necessary dose of the approved Corona vaccine .
- It is given to the vaccinated population whose immunity and clinical protection has fallen below a rate deemed sufficient in that population. The objective of a booster dose is to restore vaccine effectiveness.

### **What is co-morbidities?**

- Co-morbidity means more than one illness or disease occurring in one person at the same time and **multimorbidity** means more than two illnesses or diseases occurring in the same person at the same time.
- Common co-morbid conditions in older people include heart disease, hypertension, respiratory disease, mental health problems (including dementia), joint disease, diabetes and sensory impairment.

### **Who are the frontline workers?**

- The professional workers who are working in public and are most likely to contract corona virus while performing their public duty are called frontline workers. The Government of India has made a list of personnel who it considers as frontline workers for the purpose of Corona vaccination.
- According to the Government of India there are around 30 crore frontline workers in the country.

- They include police, civil defence, home guards personnel, paramilitary personnel, municipal workers, disaster management professionals, fire safety personnel and prison staffers.

### **Corona Vaccine timeline in India:**

Keeping in mind the availability of the approved Corona vaccine in India, the Government of India started vaccination against corona in phases.

#### **First Phase**

It was started on 16 January 2021 and it was given to the frontline workers like medical staff, policemen etc. The frontline workers were offered either Covaxin vaccine developed indigenously by Bharat Biotech and ICMR or Covishield vaccines manufactured by Serum Institute of India.

#### **Second Phase**

From 1 March 2021, registration started for resident Indians of 60 years or above. From 1 April 2021, residents between the age of 45 years and 60 years with one or more co-morbidities were eligible to take the corona vaccine.

#### **Third Phase**

From 1 May 2021 all the residents who were 18 years and above were eligible for corona vaccine.

#### **Fourth Phase**

- Starting from 3 January 2022 children between 15-18 years are eligible for vaccination
- Booster dose for fully vaccinated frontline workers and residents of 60 years and above suffering from co-morbidities from 10 January 2022.

### **8. Prime Minister visit to Himachal Pradesh ( Dec. 27, 2021 )**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited **Mandi in Himachal Pradesh** on 27 December to inaugurate and lay the foundation of various hydro-power projects in the state.

#### **Highlights of his visit**

- **He presided over the ground breaking ceremony of the second Himachal Pradesh Global Investors' Meet.**
- **Sawra-Kuddu Hydro Power Project:**
  - He inaugurated the 111 MW Sawra-Kuddu Hydro Power Project
  - It is built on **river Pabber**, a tributary of river Yamuna in **Shimla District**.
  - It will produce over 380 million units of electricity per year,
  - It was built at a cost of around Rs 2080 crore.

He laid the foundation stone for various Hydro -electric projects to be built in Himachal Pradesh. These projects are as follows:

- **Renukaji Dam project:**

- Renukaji is a multi-purpose river project to be built on **Giri river** which is a tributary of the Yamuna River.
- It is located in the **Sirmaur district** of Himachal Pradesh.
- The 7000 crore project will produce 40 MW of electricity to be used by Himachal Pradesh and it will supply drinking water to Delhi and participating States.
- It is a national status project where Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand will jointly develop the project along with the Central Government .
- Around 90% of the cost of irrigation/drinking water component of the project i.e. ₹3,892.83 crore will be provided by the Central government and the remaining ₹432.54 crore by the rest of the basin States.
- **Luhri Stage 1 Hydro Power Project:**
- The 210 MW Luhri Stage-I Hydro Electric Project is located on river **Satluj which is situated in Shimla & Kullu districts of Himachal Pradesh.**
- This project will generate 758.20 million units of electricity annually and cost around Rs 1800 crore.
- This project is being implemented by Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVNL)
- **Dhulasidh Hydro Power Project**
- It is a 66 MW hydro project on **river Beas in the Hamirpur district of Himachal Pradesh** with a cost of around Rs 680 crores.
- This will be the first hydropower project of the Hamirpur district.
- It is being developed by Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVNL).
- **Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVNL):**
- It is a public sector company set up in 1988 for Hydro electric power generation and transmission.
- It is a joint venture of the Government of India and the Himachal Pradesh Government.

## **9. Cabinet approves CCI MOU with Mauritius counterpart ( Dec. 25, 2021 )**

- Modi has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Competition Commission of India (CCI) and Competition Commission of Mauritius (CCM) for promotion and strengthening of cooperation in competition law and policy.
- The MoU aims to promote and strengthen cooperation in matters of competition law and policy through exchange of information, sharing of best practices and capacity building initiatives.

## **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**

- Competition Commission of India was set up in 2009 under the Competition act 2002.
- It is the main body in India to promote competition, protect interest of the consumers and establish a robust competitive environment in India
- It comes under the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs .

Current Chairman: **Ashok Kumar Gupta**

Headquarters: **New Delhi**

## **10. Shri Parshottam Rupala visits IVF centre that has produced the first IVF Banni calf in the country ( Dec. 25, 2021 )**

- The Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala visited the JK Trust Bovegejix Pune.
- This In-Vitro fertilisation( IVF ) centre helped in producing the first IVF Banni calf in the country in the month of November 2021 in Gir Gujarat.
- JK Trust is a social initiative of the Raymond group.
- Unlike the common Merah and Jaffarabadi breeds of Buffaloes in India the Bani breed is considered to be more climate resilient and can survive in harsh climatic conditions where there is scarcity of water.