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## 1. National Conference on PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Park (PM MITRA) Scheme (May 7, 2022)

Recently a National Conference on PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Park (PM Mitra) Park Scheme was organised by the Ministry of Textiles.

- The conference was inaugurated by U.P Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles.
- The conference provided a platform for presentations by officials of 13 state governments.
- 13 states viz Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh participated in the conference.
- Each state government showcased its strengths in the textiles sector.

#### About PM MITRA Park Scheme

- Under the project, PM Mitra Parks will be set up by a special purpose vehicle owned by the State Governments and the Centre in a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- Seven Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM Mitra) parks will be set up at greenfield or brownfield sites located in different states.
- It is motivated by PM Modi's 5F vision of farm to fibre, fibre to factory, factory to fashion and fashion to foreign.
- This integrated vision will help drive the growth of the textile sector in the economy.

### Aim of the scheme

- To create a world class industrial infrastructure that will attract cutting edge technology and promote FDI and local investment in the sector.
- The objective of this scheme is to generate about 1 lakh direct and 2 lakh indirect jobs per park.

#### Funding

• The Centre will provide capital support for common infrastructure development of Rs 500 crore for each greenfield Mitra park and Rs 200 crore for each brownfield.

## 2. Enterprise India National Coir Conclave 2022 (May 6, 2022)

Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Shri Narayan Rane inaugurated the 'Enterprise India National Coir Conclave 2022' organised under the "Amrit Mahotsav of Independence" at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

• On this occasion, the Coir Industries Awards were distributed to 44 units producing/ exporting/exporting coir and coir products.

- On this Absar, the Care Board has introduced new coir products such as Care Composite
- Fruit Bowl, Jio-Textile Shadow Lamp, Care Fores, Care Flattened Auto Mirror Cover, Flat Rectangular Train, Certificate Holder as well as technology manuals for coir along with introducing new coir products. Books related to furnishing of floor-made fl
- The 'Run for Care' is also being organised on May 6, 2022 as a natural, disabled and environmentally friendly product to promote the use of coars.

### About Care Board -

- The Coir Board is a statutory body by the Government of India under the Coir Industry Act 1953.
- The headquarters of the Coir Board is in the city of Cochin.
- Coir is a fibre made from the outer husk of the coconut.
- Coir is used to make ropes, mattresses, brushes, doormats, etc.
- Coir is a good example of 'Waste to Wealth', which provides a sustainable solution by being eco-friendly and helpful in conserving water and soil.
- The coir industry provides employment to more than seven lakh people in the rural areas of coconut producing states.

## 3. PM Modi to address inaugural session of Jain International Trade Organisation's - JITO Connect 2022 ( May 6, 2022 )

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the inaugural session of Jain International Trade Organisation's - JITO Connect 2022 through video conferencing.

JITO Connect 2022 is a three-day event that is being organized in Pune from May 6-8 and will consist of several sessions on various issues related to business and economy.

### About Jain International Trade Organization (JITO)

- JITO is a worldwide association of businessmen, industrialists, knowledge workers and professionals that reflects the glory of ethical business practices.
- It is a global organization formed for socio-economic empowerment, value based education, community welfare, practice of compassion, spreading global friendship and spiritual upliftment of fellow beings.

## Mission of JITO

· Creating a world class body of influential and powerful Industrialists, Entrepreneurs, Businessmen and Professionals to come together for noble causes of Economic Empowerment, Knowledge and Service.

## Objectives of JITO

- · Create managed knowledge Institutions and Value Based Education.
- Growth in business by mutual cooperation, avoidance of criticism and opposition.

- · Create Platform for young entrepreneurs for right Business contacts.
- · Promote governance and politics & value based people.

# 4. Prime Minister to take part in second India-Nordic Summit in Denmark ( May 4, 2022 )

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the 2nd India-Nordic Summit today along with the Prime Ministers of Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Sweden and Norway.

- The summit is being hosted by Denmark.
- The India Nordic Summit will help expand India's multifaceted cooperation with the Nordic region.
- It will focus on topics such as post-pandemic economic recovery, climate change, innovation and technology, renewable energy, evolving global security landscape and India-Nordic cooperation in the Arctic region.
- Nordic countries are important partners in sustainability, renewable energy, digitization and innovation for India.
- The main focus of the summit is how to take forward the agenda of bilateral engagement between India and the Nordic countries.

#### About India-Nordic Summit

- Nordic countries include Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark and Iceland.
- India had earlier proposed the idea of the Nordic Summit, which was held in 2018 at Stockholm.
- The second summit was scheduled to take place in June 2021, but was postponed amid fears of Covid.
- The Nordic countries together have an economy of over \$1.6 trillion.
- The total bilateral trade between India and the Nordic states is worth \$13 billion.

# 5. 4th edition of the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure ( May 4, 2022 )

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today addressed the inaugural session of the 4th edition of the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) via video message.

- The fourth edition of ICDRI was organised in a hybrid format in New Delhi from 4-6 May 2022.
- ICDRI 2022 will engage with decision makers, practitioners and communities around the world to discuss challenges, identify good practices, develop collaborations and promote concrete actions.

This will include multi-sectoral and multi-country discussions around ecologically

• sensitive design for infrastructure transition, risk governance and finance, innovation and building human-centred, resilient.

### About ICDRI

- The International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) is the annual conference of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).
- It brings together member states, organisations and institutions to strengthen global discussion on disaster and climate resilient infrastructure.
- In 2018 and 2019, the first and second international workshops on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure took place in New Delhi, India.
- ICDRI 2021 was hosted virtually.

# 6. PM Modi, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz co-chair sixth edition of IGC in Berlin ( May 3, 2022 )

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz co-chaired the 6th edition of the India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations-IGC in Berlin.

- The two leaders highlighted key aspects of bilateral relations as well as shared perspectives on regional and global issues.
- PM Modi emphasised that the India-Germany partnership can serve as an example of success in a complex world.
- He also invited German participation in India's Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.
- It was the prime minister's first IGC with Chancellor Scholz and also the first governmentto-government consultation of the new German government, which took office in December last year.
- The biennial IGC is a unique dialogue format with the participation of several ministers from both sides.
- Earlier, Prime Minister Modi held bilateral discussions with the German Chancellor.
- The two leaders reviewed the full range of bilateral relations between India and Germany, including promoting trade as well as cultural ties.

## 7. PM Modi addresses inaugural session of Joint Conference of CMs, Chief Justices of High Courts ( April 30, 2022 )

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a joint conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on April 30.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the government considers the potential of technology in the judicial system as an essential part of the Digital India mission.
- He said, the e-court project is being implemented in the country in mission mode.

- He said, the judiciary is the custodian of the constitution and the legislature represents the aspirations of the citizens.
- He said, this balance will prepare the roadmap for an effective and time bound judicial system in the country.
- He said that the central government has abolished 1,450 laws that have become irrelevant, but the states have abolished only 75 laws.

## About joint conference

- The Joint Conference brings together the executive and judicial branches of government to develop a framework for the delivery of justice in a simple and convenient manner.
- It examines the actions required to address the challenges of the system.
- This joint conference has been organised after a gap of six years, it was last held in 2016 under the e-courts mission mode project.
- Since then the government has taken several measures to improve infrastructure and integrate digital technology into judicial processes.
- Chief Justice of India NV Ramana presided over the 39th conference.

## 8. Semicon India Conference-2022 (April 29, 2022)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Semicon India Conference-2022 today. This three-day event will take place in Bengaluru.

- The three-day conference is being organised to take forward the Prime Minister's vision to make India a leader in electronics manufacturing, semiconductor design, manufacturing and innovation.
- The conference is being seen as a launch pad to launch the country's ambition of becoming a global semiconductor hub, nurturing the chip design and manufacturing ecosystem.
- Industry associations, research organisations and education experts will participate in the conference.
- Theme of the conference : Catalysing India's Semiconductor Ecosystem
- **Vision**: To position India on the Semiconductor map of the world and build a vibrant semiconductor innovation and manufacturing ecosystem.

### 9. Global Patidar Business Summit (GPBS) - 2022 (April 29, 2022)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Patidar Business Summit (GPBS) in Surat, Gujarat on 29 april via video conferencing.

• Sardardham is organising GPBS under Mission-2026 to accelerate the socio-economic development of the Patidar community.

The summit is held every two years. The first two summits were held in Gandhinagar in 2020 and 2018 and the current summit is now being held in Surat.

- The main theme of GPBS-2022 Atma Nirbhar Community to Atma Nirbhar Gujarat and India.
- Aims of the Summit -
- to bring together small, medium and large enterprises within the community.
- nurture and support new entrepreneurs
- provide training and employment assistance to the educated youth.
- Who are the Patidars?
- The Patidars or Patels claim themselves to be descendants of Lord Rama.
- They are divided into two main sub-castes: Leuva Patels and Kadva Patels
- The Patidars are spread throughout Gujarat, except in the eastern tribal belt, with high concentrations in northern Gujarat and Saurashtra.
- 'Patidar' means one who owns a strip of land.
- Post independence, tenants got land ownership rights, and thus Patidars became lords of large swathes of prime agricultural land.
- In mediaeval society, they were placed better in the caste hierarchy.
- Patidars represent 12.3% of the population of Gujarat.

## 10. PM Modi inaugurated 7th edition of Raisina Dialogue (April 25, 2022)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the seventh edition of Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi today.

- President of the European Commission Ursula Von Der Leyen was the chief guest of Raisina Dialogue.
- The dialogue will be held over three days from April 25 to April 27.
- Several former Prime Ministers of different countries and other dignitaries also participated in the event.
- Several former Prime Ministers and other dignitaries from different countries will also participate in the event.
- The Raisina Dialogue 2022 will see around 100 sessions with over 210 speakers from 90 countries.
- What is Raisina Dialogue?
- It is India's major foreign policy conference.

- It is an annual Geo-political event organised by the Ministry of External Affairs in
- collaboration with Observer Research Foundation.
- It was organised along the lines of the Shangri-La Dialogue held in Singapore.
- It takes its name from the Raisina Hills, where India's seat of power resides.
- The first Raisina Dialogue was held in march 2016 and the theme was "Asia" Regional and Global Connectivity".
- It is designed to be a multi-representative, discussion forum, which includes a wide range of global policy makers, including cabinet ministers, heads of state, private corporation officials, etc.
- Raisina Dialogue 2022 theme
- The theme of 2022 is based on "Terranova- Impassioned, Impatient, Imperilled".
- This time 6 topics will be discussed which are like this.
- 1. Rethinking Democracy trade, technology and ideology
- 2. End of Multilateralism: a networked global order
- 3. Unrest in the Indian Pacific
- 4. water body
- 5. Realising Environmental Change: Its Needs and Facts
- 6. Persistent technology wars