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### 1. 'Khanan Prahari' Mobile app to Curb Illegal Mining launched ( Feb. 14, 2023 )

Khanan Prahari

The government on 13 February launched a mobile app namely '**Khanan Prahari**' and a web app **Coal Mine Surveillance and Management System (CMSMS)**.

#### An overview of the news

- It has been launched to report **unauthorised coal mining activities** so that monitoring and appropriate action can be taken by the concerned law and order enforcing authority.

#### CMSMS Application

- CMSMS has been developed to take transparent action to curb **illegal mining and use of space technology** as an e-governance initiative of Government of India.

#### Objective of CMSMS Application

- To ascertain the participation of citizens against illegal mining by receipt of complaints of citizens through Mobile App Khanan Prahari
- Monitoring and taking action on any illegal coal mining activity being carried out within the leasehold limits.

#### 'Khanan Prahari' Mobile App

- It is a mobile app of the **Ministry of Coal** to report illegal coal mining.
- It is a tool for **geo-tagged photographs** of any illegal coal mining incident as well as information to any citizen from the location of the incident.'

### 2. Union Minister Giriraj Singh inaugurates Mission Antyodaya Survey 2022-23 ( Feb. 9, 2023 )

Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister **Giriraj Singh** inaugurated the **Mission Antyodaya Survey (MAS)** 2022-23 in New Delhi on 9 February.

#### An overview of the news

- The **Rural Development Department** is conducting the Mission Antyodaya survey in all the Gram Panchayats of the country from **2017-18**.
- Survey will be done in all the **2,69,253 Gram Panchayats** whose profiles have been created on **e-Gram Swaraj**.

**Objectives of Mission Antyodaya Survey 2022-23**

- Through the convergence of various schemes, the outcomes for the lives and livelihood of the people are to be realised.
- Support a participatory planning process for Gram Panchayat Development Planning that will improve service delivery, increase citizenship and improve governance at the local level.
- To conduct an annual survey at the Gram Panchayat level to monitor the progress of the development process in rural areas.
- Preparation of Panchayat wise ranking and gap report on the basis of data collected through survey at Gram Panchayat level.

**About 'Mission Antyodaya'**

- It was initiated in the **Union Budget 2017-18**.
- It has been brought with the objective of optimum utilisation and management of the resources allocated by **27 Ministries/Departments of the Government** of India under various programs for the development of rural areas.
- **Gram Panchayats** have been kept at its focal point.
- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the Ministry of Rural Development are its **nodal agencies**.
- It aims to eradicate poverty in various dimensions of rural households.

**3. First meeting of Youth-20 Engagement Group begins in Guwahati ( Feb. 6, 2023 )**

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The first meeting of the **three-day Youth-20 Engagement Group** under India's G20 chairmanship began in **Guwahati, Assam** on 6 February.

**An overview of the news**

- The meeting will be held at the **IIT-Guwahati campus**.
- The summit will provide an opportunity for students to present their views to a worldwide audience.
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, **Anurag Singh Thakur** will hold '**Yuva Samvad**' with Y20 delegates, followed by the release of White Paper on various topics.
- More than **150 youth delegates from G20 countries** are participating in the meeting.

- More than **12000 college and university students** are also expected to participate in the meeting.
- Each higher education institution in Assam will also organise an awareness campaign in 10 nearby schools to sensitise the schools about the G-20 grouping and functioning.
- Y-20 works with the objective of providing a platform to the youth to raise their concerns on contemporary issues.

### **Theme of discussion**

- Future of Work: Industry 4.0
- Innovation and 21st century
- Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability as a Way of Life
- Peace Building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War
- Shared Future
- Youth in Democracy and Governance
- Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth
- **About Youth-20**
  - Y-20 was launched in **2012**.
  - It is the youth edition of the **G-20 Summit** and the only officially recognized forum for youth to engage with the G-20.
  - It is one of the most influential **international diplomatic forums** for young leaders.
  - It is one of the **eight official engagement groups** under the G-20 umbrella.

### **4. Cooperation Ministry signs MoU to enable Primary Agricultural Credit Societies ( Feb. 3, 2023 )**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on February 2

A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was signed on February 2 to enable **Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)** and provide services by **Common Service Centers (CSC)**.

### **An overview of the news**

- The MoU was signed between the Ministry of Cooperation, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, NABARD and CSC e-Governance Services India Limited in New Delhi.

- The MoU was signed in the presence of Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, **Amit Shah** and Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, **Ashwini Vaishnav**.
- This will help in taking forward the concept of Common Service Centers easily to the smallest unit of the country.
  - This agreement will enhance the business activities of PACS and help them to become a self-sustaining economic entity.

### **Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS)**

- These are grassroots level cooperative credit institutions that provide **short-term and medium-term agricultural loans** to farmers for various agricultural and agricultural activities.
- It works at the **gram Panchayat and village level**.
- The first Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) was set up in **1904**.
- PACS are registered under the Co-operative Societies Act and regulated by RBI.

### **Objectives of PACS**

- Raise capital for the purpose of making loans
- Supporting members' essential activities
- Collect deposits from members with the goal of improving their savings habit
- Arrange for the supply and development of improved breeds of livestock to the members
- Supply agricultural inputs and services to members at reasonable prices

## **5. India to become \$26 trillion economy by 2047: EY report ( Jan. 20, 2023 )**

An EY report states that the **Indian economy** is likely to **reach \$26 trillion** by the year **2047**, which will also be the **100th year of India's independence**.

### **An overview of the news**

- The report also pointed out that the **country's per capita income** would cross **\$15,000**, making it among the top developed economies.
- The report also pointed out that despite maintaining a steady but modest growth rate of **6% per annum**, India would still be able to become a **\$26 trillion economy by 2047-48**, with per capita income six times higher than current levels.
- According to the report certain factors have contributed to bring India to a position of **high and sustainable growth**.

- These include accelerated pace of economic reforms in critical areas such as **social inclusion, financial inclusion, fiscal, physical and digital infrastructure**.
- This has ultimately resulted in increased **global competitiveness** of Indian businesses and entrepreneurs.
- An area with major potential is **services exports** which are set to **grow by 14% over the past two decades** to reach **\$254.5 billion** in 2021-22.
- Other enabling areas include '**digitalisation**'.

### **Government's efforts**

- Government's focus on increasing the country's digital infrastructure
- Efforts towards e-governance
- A strong digital payment ecosystem
- Introduction of digital services in almost all domains
- Large telecom subscriber base of 1.2 billion
- 837 million internet users, etc.

### **Focus Areas**

- macroeconomic stability,
- more energy independence,
- ease of doing business,
- power sector reform

### **What is EY report?**

- Launched in 2011, EY Reporting is EY Global Assurance's insights hub.
- It provides thought leadership on the issues global companies face in communicating corporate performance.

## **6. Jammu and Kashmir becomes the first Indian Union Territory to completely shift to e-governance mode ( Jan. 19, 2023 )**

Jammu and Kashmir has become the first Union Territory of India to go completely digital.

- Presently all government and administrative services in Jammu and Kashmir are being provided digitally only.

- Jammu and Kashmir is also emerging as a model of digital government in the country with a transparent and accountable governance system.
- **Purpose of Line to Online**
- The main objective of making government services online is to make people online.
- Through this, citizens can avail government services digitally without going to government office.
- With the digitization of government offices, now government offices will be in the pocket of the citizens. With this, citizens can take advantage of any government service anywhere and anytime without going to any office.
- **Jammu and Kashmir**
- Jammu and Kashmir was a state of India till August 2019, which was bifurcated on 31 August 2019 to form two union territories named Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
- Capital- Srinagar (May–October), Jammu (November–April)
- Lieutenant Governor - Manoj Sinha
- Legislative Council - 36 seats
- Legislative Assembly - 89 seats

## **7. Think-20 group meeting concludes in Bhopal ( Jan. 18, 2023 )**

A two-day meeting of the **Think-20 group** was organised under the G-20 on 16-17 January 2023 in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**. Think-20 was launched by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**.

### **An Overview of the news**

- Under the Think-20 grouping of the G-20, the overarching theme of the meeting is "**Global Good Governance with an Environment-Friendly Lifestyle, Moral Values and Well-Being**".
- A program of two **plenary sessions and round table meetings** was organised on the topics to be taken up in Think-20.
- In the first plenary session, the topic '**Role of Triangular Cooperation in Localization of SDGs**' was discussed, while in the second plenary session, the topic '**New Complementaries in Trade and Value Chains**' was discussed.
- Along with this, a round table meeting was also organised on '**Global South and Global Governance for Life**'.
- After the conclusion of the meeting on January 17, the representatives of the G20 countries visited the world-famous tourist destination **Sanchi in Raisen** district of Madhya Pradesh.

## **8. Amit Shah released a book titled 'Revolutionaries - The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom' ( Jan. 12, 2023 )**

On 11 January 2023, Home Minister **Amit Shah** released a book titled '**Revolutionaries - The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom**' at a function in New Delhi. This book contains the discussion of **India's freedom struggle**.

### **An Overview of the news**

- The author of this book is economist **Sanjeev Sanyal**, who is also a member of the **Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council**.
- Formerly a best selling author, Sanjeev Sanyal has served in the financial sector for almost two decades.
- Sanjeev Sanyal has been the Global Strategic and Managing Director of **Deutsche Bank** till 2015.

### **Some popular books of 2022 and their authors**

- Fearless Governance - Kiran Bedi
- Ambedkar: A Life Book - Shashi Tharoor
- The Corbett Papers - Akshay Shah and Stephen Alter
- Place Called Home - Preeti Shenoy
- The Struggle for Police Reforms in India - Prakash Singh
- Tomb And Sand - Geetanjali Shree
- The Great Tech Game - Anirudh Suri

## **9. Kerala declared first State to enable digital banking service ( Jan. 9, 2023 )**

On 7 January 2023, **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan** announced that **Kerala has become the first state in the country** where the banking sector has now gone **completely digital**.

### **An Overview of the news**

- Kerala is the first state in the country to digitise at least **one savings and current account** in all districts.

- It is noteworthy in this context that in the year 2021, **Thrissur in Kerala became the first district** to implement full digital banking. After this, **Kottayam district of the state** also implemented a full digital banking system.
- Encouraged by all these, under the leadership of Reserve Bank of India and **State Level Bankers Committee**, the work of complete banking digitization was carried forward and it has been successfully implemented in the entire state.
  - Congratulating the residents of the state for this achievement achieved by Kerala, the Chief Minister said that this has been possible due to social intervention through **local self-governance institutions** as well as infrastructure development and technological advances in the banking sector.
  - The state chief minister also said in his address that the state government's ambitious '**Kerala Fiber Optic Network**' project, which is almost complete, will bridge the digital divide. With this, every person in the state will be able to get a similar network.

### **Kerala Fiber Optic Network (K-FON) Project**

- **K-FON** will ensure internet facility for all in the state and a **17,155 km long optic fibre cable network** has been laid. Once it is completed, the internet will be available to all in the state at affordable rates or free of cost.
- It is noteworthy in this context that Kerala has recently received **three 'Digital India' awards** for progress in the digital sector.

### **10. 1st All India Annual State Ministers Conference on Water ( Jan. 4, 2023 )**

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**1st All India Annual State Ministers Conference on Water** to be held in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh** on 5th & 6th January, 2023.

#### **Important facts**

- The Government is deliberating on the preparation of the **Action Plan and Vision Document of India@2047**.
- Water Vision@2047 is part of **PM's India@2047 plan**.
- Thematic sessions will be organised at the conference to focus on water security, water use efficiency, water governance, water infrastructure and water quality.
- Ministers of State for Water Resources, Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) and Irrigation of all States/Union Territories of the country will participate.
- The participants will have to prepare a blueprint of **Water Vision @ 2047** and prepare a road map to overcome the water problems of the country.

#### **Objectives of the conference**



- To collect inputs for India@2047 and 5P vision from various water stakeholders of the states as water is a state subject.
- Improving engagement and partnership with states and sharing of initiatives and schemes of the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

**5 thematic sessions of the conference**

- Water Security in Water Deficit, Water Surplus and Hilly Regions
- Water Use Efficiency including Reuse of Waste Water/ Grey Water
- Water Governance
- Climate Change Resilient Water Infrastructure, and
- Water Quality

Union Minister of Jal Shakti - **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**