

### 1. 'National Portal for Transgender Persons' and 'Garima Greh'

- Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot e-launched a 'National Portal for Transgender Persons' and e-inaugurated a 'Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons' in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- National Portal for Transgender Persons has been developed within 2 months of Notification of Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020 on 29 September, 2020.
- This highly useful Portal would help a transgender person in applying for a Certificate and Identity card digitally from anywhere in the country.
- Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons, e-inaugurated in Vadodara, Gujarat will be run in association with Lakshya Trust, a Community based organisation entirely run by the Transgenders.
- The purpose of the Shelter Home is to provide shelter to Transgender persons, with basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and recreational facilities.
- The Nodal Ministry has identified 10 cities to set up the 13 Shelter Homes and extend the facilities to Transgender persons, in association with selected 13 CBOs (Community Based Organisation) in the country on pilot basis.
- The cities include Vadodara, New Delhi, Patna, Bhubaneswar, Jaipur, Kolkata, Manipur, Chennai, Raipur, Mumbai, etc. The scheme will rehabilitate a minimum of 25 transgender persons in each homes.
- This is a pilot project and after its successful completion, similar schemes will be extended to other parts of the country.
- **Note:** The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 came into effect on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020 which is the first concrete step towards ensuring welfare of Transgender persons.
- To implement the provisions of the Act the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment issued the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020 which have been notified in the Gazzette of India.

### 2. Centennial Foundation Day of University of Lucknow

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the celebration of Centennial (100th) Foundation Day of University of Lucknow on November 25 via video conferencing.
- The Prime Minister unveiled the University's Centennial **Commemorative Coin** on the occasion. He also released a special **Commemorative Postal Stamp** issued by India Post and its Special Cover during the event.

### 3. UNDP and Invest India launch the SDG Investor Map for India

- UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) and Invest India have launched the SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) Investor Map for India, laying out 18 Investment Opportunities Areas (IOAs) in 6 critical SDG enabling sectors.
- This is the first-ever SDG Investor Map for India.
- **Key highlights of the SDG Investor Map:**

- Of the 18 IOAs identified, 10 are already mature investable areas that have seen robust Private Equity and Venture Capital activity, and feature companies that have been able to unlock scale and demonstrate profitability. The remaining 8 IOAs are emerging opportunities, which have seen traction from early-stage investors.
- The map has also identified 8 White Spaces, which have seen investor interest and have the potential to grow into IOAs within a 5-6-year horizon. However, these require further policy support and private sector participation to mature into commercially attractive IOAs.
- By mapping the overlaps and gaps between public sector priorities and private sector interest, the SDG Investor Map lays out pathways that can bring together private-sector investment and public sector support for **6 SDG-enabling sectors including Education, Healthcare, Agriculture & Allied Activities, Financial Services, Renewable Energy & Alternatives and Sustainable Environment.**
- **About Invest India**, the national investment promotion agency, is a non-profit venture under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. It was set up in 2009.

#### 4. **Varunastra: The heavy weight torpedo delivered to Indian Navy**

- India's Defence Research and Development (DRDO) chairman and Department of Defence R&D secretary G Satheesh Reddy has flagged off the first Varunastra heavy weight torpedo (HWT) production unit.
- Varunastra is heavy weight, electrically propelled anti-submarine torpedo. It can be launched from ships that can fire heavy weight torpedoes to engage quiet submarines in deep and shallow waters.
- First Production unit of Heavy Weight Torpedo, Varunastra, is being produced by Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) Vishakhapatnam for Indian Navy.
- BDL is also the production agency for quick reaction surface-to-air missile (QRSAM) and Astra air-to-air missile system.

#### 5. **Jallikattu is India's entry for 93rd Academy Awards**

- Malayalam film Jallikattu, directed by Lijo Jose Pellissery, has been selected as India's official entry for the Best International Feature Film category for the 93rd Academy Awards.
- Jallikattu is the third Malayalam film after Guru (1997) and Adaminte Makan Abu (2011) to be chosen as the country's official entry for the Oscars.
- **Note:** The Academy Awards, popularly known as the Oscars, are awards for artistic and technical merit in the film industry. Given annually by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS), the awards are an international recognition of excellence in cinematic achievements.
- The first Academy Awards presentation was held on May 16, 1929.
- The 93rd Academy Awards is scheduled for April 25, 2021.

#### 6. **PM Modi releases book on the life and ideals of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji**

- The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released a book on the life and ideals of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji, the founder of Sikhism and first of its ten gurus.
- The book has been written by Kirpal Singh, who is based in Chandigarh.

#### 7. New Zealand's Greg Barclay Elected ICC Chairman

- New Zealand's Greg Barclay was elected as the new independent chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC). He succeeds India's Shashank Manohar who stepped down in July 2020 and will replace Imran Khwaja, who is currently the interim chairman.
- **Note:** Barclay, an Auckland-based commercial lawyer, has been a director of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) since 2012 and is currently NZC's representative on the board of the International Cricket Council.

#### 8. Constitution Day of India

- Constitution Day is celebrated in our country on **26th November** every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. The day is also known as National Law Day.
- On 26th November 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, which came into effect from 26th January 1950.
- **Note:** The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on 19th November 2015 notified the decision of Government of India to celebrate the **26th day of November** every year as 'Constitution Day' as a tribute to Dr B R Ambedkar who played an important role in its framing as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee.

#### 9. Ex- PM of Sudan dies at the age of 84.

- Sadik Mahadi ex- PM of Sudan dies due to COVID.
- He was the Prime Minister of Sudan from 1966-67 and 1988-89.