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Meeting of National Level Banks in Aurangabad city



- A meeting of national level banks will be held on September 16 in Aurangabad.
- This information was given by the Union Minister of State for Finance Dr. Bhagwat Karad in a press conference.
- Important decisions regarding the implementation of various schemes implemented by the Central Government will be taken in this meeting.
- There will also be a discussion on how to include large industries in the DMIC project, an ambitious project in the city, the Mumbai-Delhi Industrial Corridor.
- The Central Government has sanctioned Rs 3,000 crore for the DMIC project via Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Road.
- Pradhan Mantri Jandhan Yojana Digital Money Transfer Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana will be discussed in detail in this meeting on how to make loans easily available to farmers and the poor.

Agreement with Asian Bank for Connecting Rural Roads in Maharashtra



- The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a 300 million loan agreement to improve rural road connectivity in Maharashtra and boost the rural economy. Additional funds available for this rural road improvement project will improve 1100 rural roads and 230 bridges in 349 districts with a length of 2,900 km.

- The 200 million financing, currently underway and approved in August 2019, is improving the condition and safety of 2,100 kilometers of rural roads, as well as doing proper maintenance.
- The loan agreement was signed by Rajat Kumar Mishra, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Takio Konishi, ADB's Indian Resident Mission.
- The additional funding will improve 5,000 km of roads and more than 200 bridges, the finance ministry said.

Important information about ADB:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a regional development bank established on 19 December 1966.
- Headquartered in the Ortigas Center, located in the city of Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines.
- The current president is Masatsugu Asakawa. He replaced Takehiko Nakao on January 17, 2020, which came after Haruhiko Kuroda in 2013

Haryana tops in installation of solar pumps under PM-KUSUM



Kisan Urja Suraksha Utthaan Maha Abhiyaan (KUSUM)

- According to figures from the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Haryana tops the list of other states in the country in installing off-grid solar pumps under the Prime Minister's Kisan Urja Suraksha Ivam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM-Kusum).
- Haryana has installed 14,418 pumps out of 15,000 sanctioned pumps for 2020-21. Haryana has been given a target of 15,000 pumps for the year 2020-21 with a total cost of Rs 520 crore.

About PM-Kusum Scheme:

- The centrally sponsored PM-Kusum scheme was launched in 2019 with a target of installing 20 lakh standalone solar pumps.
- Under the scheme, farmers have to bear 40 per cent of the cost of the pumps, while the central and state governments subsidize the remaining 60 per cent solar pumps with a capacity of up to 10 HP.
- However, Haryana and some other states have provided additional top-up on subsidies, reducing the share of farmers to less than 25 per cent.

Important information

- Capital of Haryana: Chandigarh;
- Governor of Haryana: Bandaru Dattatraya;
- Chief Minister of Haryana: Manohar Lal Khattar

Celebrate Hindi Day on 14th September



- Hindi Day or Hindi Day is celebrated on 14th September to mark the popularity of Hindi as the official language.
- The language was adopted under Article 343 of the Indian Constitution.
- The first Hindi Day was celebrated on 14th September 1953.

History of Hindi Day:

- Later, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru declared this day as Hindi Day in the country.
- India has 22 scheduled languages, two of which are officially used at the central government level in India: Hindi and English.
- Hindi is the fourth most spoken language in the world.
- Hindi Day is celebrated on 14th September because, on this day in 1949, Hindi written in Devanagari script was adopted by the Indian Constituent Assembly as the official language of the Republic of India.

Jeev Milkha Singh is the first golfer in the world to get a Dubai Golden Visa



- Star Indian golfer Jeev Milkha Singh has become the first professional golfer in the world to receive a 10-year Dubai Golden Visa for his outstanding performance in the sport.
- The 49-year-old has a long association with Dubai, has participated in many competitions and made many friends in the city.
- During the 2001 Dubai Desert Classic, Jeevan set a world record by completing four rounds with just 94 putts when he was sixth. The winner, who has won four European Tours, four Japan Golf Tours and six Asian Tour titles, has received a 10-year Gold Card as a high-profile professional player.

Other players:

- Other players who received golden visas to Dubai include footballers Cristiano Ronaldo, Paul Pogba, Roberto Carlos, Luis Figo and Rommel Lukaku, tennis superstar Novak Djokovic, Indian tennis star Sania Mirza and her husband and Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik. Bollywood stars Shah Rukh Khan and Sanjay Dutt have also got visas.

The Chhattisgarh government launched the 'Millet Mission' to become India's premier millet hub



- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has announced the launch of 'Millet Mission', which aims to provide fair rates to farmers for retail crops. This initiative is primarily a step towards becoming India's millet hub. To implement the mission, the state government has signed MoUs with the Indian Institute of Millet Research (IIMR), Hyderabad and the district collectors of 14 districts in the state.

- Other important benefits to farmers under the Bajra Mission include input assistance for Bajra, procurement arrangements, assisting farmers in the processing of crops and ensuring that farmers benefit from expert skills.

Important information for all competitive exams:

- Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh: Bhupesh Baghel
- Governor of Chhattisgarh: Anusuya Uikey

FDI policy for the space sector



- According to K Sivan, head of the Indian Space Research Organization, India will soon come up with a new foreign direct investment (FDI) policy for the space sector.
- Speaking at an international space conference organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the chief said India's space FDI policy is improving and it will open up a lot of opportunities for foreign space companies to invest in the Indian space sector.

Reconciliation agreement with SKyroot

The Department of Space has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace Pvt. It will enable Skyroot to take advantage of ISRO's technical expertise to test and qualify the space launch vehicle system and subsystem.

Private sector participation

The central government has approved a proposal to improve the space sector in October 2020 and allow the participation of private players. With this approval, ISRO released a new draft of the Spacecom Policy 2020 to regulate the commercial use of satellites, ground stations and orbital slots for communication needs. This policy enables private players to obtain authorization to build new communication satellites and ground stations.

About Skyroot

Skyroot is an Indian private aerospace manufacturer and commercial launch service provider. It is located in Hyderabad, Telangana. It was founded by former Istro engineers and scientists. The company was founded with the aim of developing and launching its own series of small lift launch vehicles specifically for the small satellite market.

The Central Government will launch Adarsh Gram Yojana in 36000 villages



- According to Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda, the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana will be launched in 36,000 villages in India.
- Under the scheme, priority will be given to villages with 50 per cent tribal population.
- The scheme will be launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- About 1700 tribal villages in Assam will be converted into model villages under this scheme.
- In addition to the model villages, 184 new Forest Wealth Centers will also be set up in Assam to benefit 60,000 people.

Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY)

- PMAGY was launched with the objective of holistic development of selected Scheduled Caste majority villages. The scheme seeks to provide all the necessary facilities to the villages to ensure that inequality between the Scheduled Caste and Non-Scheduled Caste population is eliminated in terms of general socio-economic indicators.

How is its performance monitored?

- PMAGY's performance is being monitored to achieve the objectives listed in the Village Development Plan (VDP) prepared for each village.

Who provides technical support?

- Under this scheme, the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR) provides technical resource assistance at the national level.

Criteria for being an ideal village

To be declared an ideal village, the village must achieve at least three goals within three years:

1. To eradicate poverty in three years and reduce its incidence by 50%.
2. 100% enrollment and retention of children at primary stage.
3. Reducing infant mortality rate and maternal mortality rate.
4. Villages should be 100% open defecation free.
5. Safe drinking water facility available on a sustainable basis.
6. 100% institutional delivery for pregnant women
7. Complete vaccination of children
8. All weather road connectivity for the village
9. 100% registration of deaths and births
10. No child marriage and child labor
11. Alcohol and drugs should not be used in public
12. 100% allotment of houses under Pradhan Mantri Grameen Awas Yojana.