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Seed Capital Module



- The **Ministry of Food Processing Industries**, Government of India, in association with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, under the **PMFME Scheme**, launched the **Seed Capital Module** for seed capital assistance to members of **urban Self-Help Groups (SHGs)** working in the food processing sector in India.
- Seed Capital Module was launched on **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) MIS Portal**.
- Urban SHGs can avail Rs.40,000 Seed Capital through the DAY-NULM MIS Portal.

Source: PIB

Akash Prime Missile



- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** conducted the maiden flight test of the new version of Akash Missile — **Akash Prime** from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.
- In January 2021, the DRDO conducted the successful maiden launch of **Akash-NG (New Generation) Missile**.

About Akash Prime Missile:

- In comparison to the existing Akash System, Akash Prime is equipped with an indigenous active Radio Frequency (RF) seeker for improved accuracy.
- It started in 1982–83 under the leadership of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Source: Indian Express

Aapda Mitra Scheme

- The central government released the **training manual of Aapda Mitra Scheme and Common Alerting Protocol**.



- The government is working on a programme to have **disaster management volunteers (Aapda Mitra)** in 350 districts of the country.

About Aapda Mitra Scheme:

- It is a programme to identify suitable individuals in disaster-prone regions who can be trained to be first responders in times of disasters.
- It has been implemented on an experimental basis in 30 flood-prone districts of 25 states.
- Work has been done to prepare 5,500 Aapda Mitras and Aapda Sakhis for flood protection.

Source: Indian Express

Helpline for senior citizens



- Country's first Pan-India toll-free helpline – 14567 -- called 'Elder Line' for senior citizens, was launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

About Elder Line:

- It provides free information and guidance on pension issues, legal issues, extends emotional support, and even intervenes on field in cases of abuse, and rescues homeless elderly.
- Tata Trusts and NSE Foundation, as technical partners, are jointly supporting the Ministry in operationalizing the Elder Line.

Source: The Hindu

GI tag



- Sojat Mehndi from Rajasthan has received the **geographical indication (GI) tag**.
- Sojat Mehndi originates from mehndi leaves grown in Sojat.
- It is naturally cultivated by rainwater for getting high lawsone content in mehndi leaves.

- Sojat tehsil of the Pali district in Rajasthan has several natural factors such as geological structure, topography and drainage system, climate and soil that make it suitable for the crop.

Source: Outlook

First F1 driver to record 100 victories



- **British Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)** became the first Formula-One (F1) driver ever to reach 100 wins after he finished first at **Russian Grand Prix 2021**.
- With the win, Hamilton became the only driver to win in the triple digits, with former Mercedes driver Michael Schumacher the closest at 91 race wins.

Source: newsonair

Cyclonic Storm 'Gulab'



- The **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** has issued a red alert for **Odisha and Andhra Pradesh** after the Cyclonic Storm 'Gulab' made landfall over Northwest and adjoining West-central Bay of Bengal.
- Cyclone Gulab was named by Pakistan. The word "Gulab" refers to Rose in English.
- The name Gulab is from the list of cyclone names that is maintained by the World Meteorological Organisation/United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (WMO/ESCAP) Panel on Tropical Cyclones (PTC).

Source: ndtv

National Lok Adalat



- Raigad district has won 34,562 cases in the recent National Lok Adalat held in Alibag for the third time in a row.
- A total of 1 lakh 33 thousand 289 pending and pre-filed cases were placed in the National People's Court organized by the National Legal Services Authority.
- The people's court was organized under the guidance of District and Sessions Judge Vibha Ingle.

Source: Newsonair

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