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One District One Product brands

- Union Minister for Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Pashupati Kumar Paras launched six, **One District One Product (ODOP)** brands under the **Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme**.
- The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has signed an agreement with NAFED for developing 10 brands of selected ODOPs under the branding and marketing component of the PMFME scheme.
- Out of these, six brands namely Amrit Phal, Cori Gold, Kashmiri Mantra, Madhu Mantra, Somdana, and Whole Wheat Cookies of Dilli Bakes were launched.
- All the products will be available at NAFED Bazaars, E-commerce platforms, and prominent retail stores across India.

About the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme:

- Launched under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, PMFME Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme that aims to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and to promote formalization of the sector and provide support to Farmer Producer Organizations, Self Help Groups, and Producers Cooperatives along their entire value chain.
- With an outlay of Rs. 10,000 crores over a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25, the scheme envisions to directly assist the 2,00,000 micro food processing units for providing financial, technical, and business support for up-gradation of existing micro food processing enterprises.



Source: PIB

Smart cities and Academia Towards Action & Research (SAAR)

- **The Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** has launched “**Smart cities and Academia Towards Action & Research (SAAR)**” program.
- It is a joint initiative of **MoHUA, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)** and leading Indian academic institutions of the country.

- Under the program, 15 premier architecture & planning institutes of the country will be working with Smart Cities to document landmark projects undertaken by the Smart Cities Mission.
- The Smart Cities Mission's urban projects are lighthouse projects to other aspiring cities.
- Since the start of the Mission in 2015, the 100 Smart Cities have been developing a total of 5,151 projects with an investment of Rs 2,05,018 crore.
- The first activity envisaged under SAAR is to prepare a compendium of 75 landmark urban projects in India under the Smart City Mission.
- These 75 urban projects are innovative, multi-sectoral, and have been implemented across geographies.



Source: PIB

Mera Gaon, Meri Dharohar

- **Government-promoted CSC (Common Services Centres), SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle)**, in collaboration with the **Ministry of Culture**, will undertake the first-ever cultural survey of India's villages through a mobile application.
- The survey, titled 'Mera Gaon, Meri Dharohar', will document the cultural identity at the village level by involving citizens to share what makes their village, block or district unique.
- The entire exercise is expected to be completed by mid-2022.
- As per the agreement signed between the two entities, CSC will develop a mobile application and train the village level entrepreneurs (VLEs) in conducting the survey.
- Over 4 lakh VLEs, managing the CSCs across the country, will conduct the survey in 6.38 lakh villages.

About Common Service Centres (CSC):

- Common Service Centres are physical facilities for delivering Government of India e-Services to rural and remote locations where availability of computers and Internet was negligible or mostly absent.
- **Founder:** Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- **Founded:** 16 July 2009
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



Source: TOI

Apple becomes first company to touch \$3 trillion market cap

- **Apple Inc** became the first company to hit a \$3 trillion stock market value.
- On the first day of trading in 2022, the company's shares hit an intraday record high of \$182.88, putting Apple's market value just above \$3 trillion.
- The stock ended the session up 2.5% at \$182.01, with Apple's market capitalization at \$2.99 trillion.

Facts about Apple Inc.:

- **CEO:** Tim Cook
- **Founded:** 1 April 1976
- **Headquarters:** Cupertino, California, United States
- **Founders:** Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, Ronald Wayne



Source: ET

Captain Harpreet Chandi becomes first Indian-origin woman to trek solo to South Pole

- **Captain Harpreet Chandi**, a 32-year-old Indian-origin British Sikh Army officer and physiotherapist, also known as Polar Preet, has created history by becoming the first woman to complete a solo unsupported trek to the South Pole.
- **Harpreet Chandi** completed her 700 miles (1,127 kilometres) expedition to the South Pole in 40 days.



Source: The Hindu

Sudan's Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok announces resignation

- **Prime Minister of Sudan, Abdalla Hamdok** has announced his resignation.
- The 66-year-old Hamdok served as the 15th Prime Minister of Sudan from 2019 to 2022.
- Mr Hamdok, who was sacked by the military in October 2021 and reinstated a few weeks later as part of a deal, stepped down as anti-military protests continued to rock the country.
- The protesters rejected Mr Hamdok's deal with the military and demanded the Generals hand over power to an independent civilian authority.

Facts about Sudan:

- Sudan is a country in Northeast Africa.
- It borders the countries of Central African Republic, Chad, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Libya, South Sudan, and the Red Sea.
- **Capital:** Khartoum
- **Currency:** Sudanese pound



Source: The Hindu

Shillong Chamber Choir founder Neil Nongkynrih passes away

- Shillong Chamber Choir founder and noted music composer **Neil Nongkynrih** passed away at 52.
- He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2015.
- He led the Shillong Chamber Choir to national fame after a reality TV show, India's Got Talent about a decade ago.



Source: India Today

World Day of War Orphans

- The **World Day of War Orphans** is observed on January 6 every year.

- The day aims to raise awareness about children who have been orphaned due to wars.
- World Day for War Orphans was created by SOS Enfants en Detresse, a French organization that works to bring a sense of normalcy to the lives of children affected indirectly by wars and conflict.
- UNICEF describes an orphan as a child who is under 18 years of age who has lost one or both parents to any cause of death.



Source: India Today

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