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Important News: India

PMKSY scheme extended till March 2026 with Rs 4,600 crore outlay



Why in News

- The '**Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)**' has been extended for a period of 2021-22 to 2025-26 with an allocation of Rs 4,600 crore.

Key Points

About '**Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)**':

- PMKSY is a comprehensive package which will lead to creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet.
- The scheme will boost the growth of the food processing sector but also help in providing better prices to farmers and creating huge employment opportunities.
- In May 2017, the Centre had launched SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) with an allocation of Rs 6,000 crore.
- The scheme was renamed as PMKSY in August 2017.
- PMKSY is an umbrella scheme incorporating ongoing schemes of the ministry like Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure, Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters, Creation / Expansion of Food Process.

Source: ET

Nai Roshni Scheme



Why in News

- Recently, Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has informed the Rajya Sabha that the Government has sanctioned Rs 26 crore under the **Nai Roshni scheme** during the last three year i.e. 2018-19 to 2020-21 through which around one Lakh women have been trained.

Key Points

About Nai Roshni scheme:

- Nai Roshni scheme is a Central Sector Scheme for women belonging to minority community in the age group of 18 to 65 years.
- The scheme aims to empower and enhance confidence in women by providing knowledge, tools, and techniques for the Leadership Development of Women.
- It was started in 2012-13.
- The training programme covers areas related to programmes for women, health and hygiene, legal rights of women, financial literacy, digital literacy, Swachh Bharat, Life Skills, and advocacy for social and behavioural changes, etc.

Other schemes related to Minority Women:

- Begum Hazrat Mahal Girls scholarships
- Garib Nawaz Employment Scheme
- Seekho aur Kamao
- Usttad (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)
- Nai Manzil

Source: PIB

AIM, NITI Aayog, and USAID collaborates under SAMRIDH initiative



Why in News

- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)** announced a new partnership under the **Sustainable Access to Markets and Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare (SAMRIDH) initiative.**

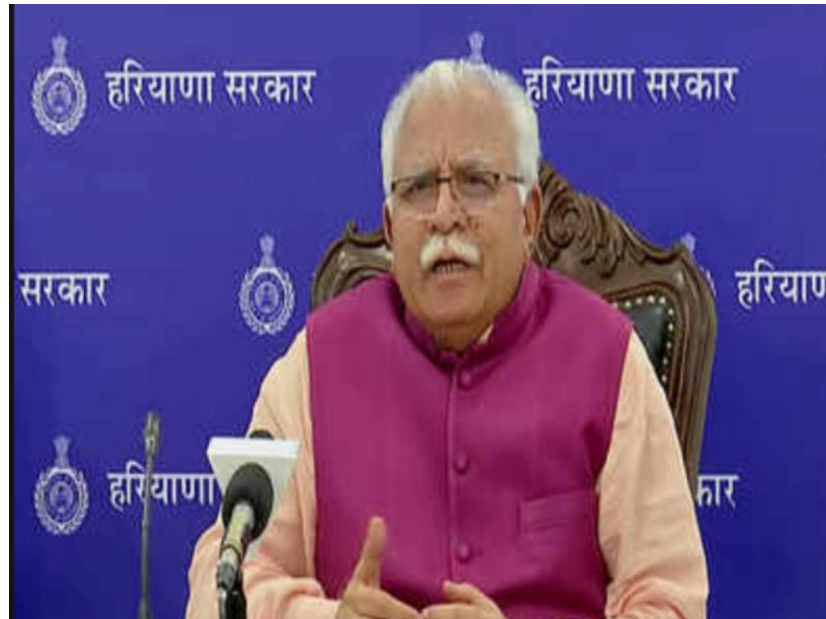
Key Points

- The partnership will improve access to affordable and quality healthcare for vulnerable populations in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, and rural and tribal regions.
- It will enhance SAMRIDH's efforts to reach vulnerable populations, leveraging AIM's expertise in innovation and entrepreneurship.
- In 2020, USAID, IPE Global, and stakeholders from the Indian government, academia, and the private sector developed the innovative SAMRIDH blended finance facility to combine public and philanthropic funds with commercial capital to create and rapidly scale market-based health solutions.

Source: newsonair

Important News: State

Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversion of Religious Bill, 2022



Why in News

- The Haryana Cabinet approved the draft of The Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversion of Religious Bill, 2022.

Key Points

- It aims at prohibiting religious conversions which are affected through misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement or by any fraudulent means or by marriage or for marriage by making it an offense.

Provisions of the Draft Bill:

- The Bill provides for greater punishment for such conversions in respect of minor, women, Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.
- Every individual converting from one religion to another shall submit to the prescribed authority a declaration that the conversion affected through was not misrepresentation, use of force, under threat, undue influence, coercion, allurement or by any fraudulent means or by marriage or for marriage and such authority shall make an inquiry in such cases.
- Besides, it provides for declaring marriages null and void, which were solemnized by concealment of religion.

Anti-Conversion Laws in India:

- **Constitutional Provision:** The Indian Constitution under Article 25 guarantees the freedom to profess, propagate, and practise religion, and allows all religious sections to manage their own affairs in matters of religion; subject to public order, morality, and health.
- **Existing Laws:** There has been no central legislation restricting or regulating religious conversions.

Note: Other States like Gujarat, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have also passed laws restricting religious conversion.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Appointment

Ravi Mital takes charge as Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India



Why in News

- Ravi Mital took charge as Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

Key Points

- Ravi Mital is a 1986 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Bihar cadre.
- Prior to joining the IBBI as Chairperson, he superannuated from the position of Secretary, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

About Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI):

- It is the regulator for overseeing insolvency proceedings and entities like Insolvency Professional Agencies (IPA), Insolvency Professionals (IP) and Information Utilities (IU) in India.
- It was established on 1 October 2016 and given statutory powers through the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, which was passed by Lok Sabha on 5 May 2016.

Source: PIB

Important News: Award and Honours

Atal Tunnel officially recognised as 'Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 feet' by World Book of Records



Why in News

- **Atal Tunnel** has officially been certified by World Book of Records as the 'World's Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 Feet', during a landmark ceremony on 09 February 2022, in New Delhi.

Key Points

- Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry, Director General of Border Roads Organisation (DGBR) received the award for the stupendous achievement of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in constructing this engineering marvel connecting Manali to the Lahaul - Spiti Valley.

- World Book of Records UK, is an organisation that catalogues and verifies extraordinary records across the world with authentic certification.

About Atal Tunnel:

- Atal Tunnel was dedicated to the Nation by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 03, 2020.
- The 9.02 km long Atal Tunnel, that runs under the 'Rohtang Pass' was constructed on the Manali - Leh Highway under the challenging conditions of freezing temperatures in extremely difficult terrain.
- Construction of this tunnel has reduced the distance on Manali - Sarchu road by 46 km and travel time by four to five hours, providing all-weather connectivity on the Manali - Leh axis.

Source: PIB

India's 'Writing With Fire' nominated for Best Documentary Feature at Oscars 2022



Why in News

- Indian documentary "Writing With Fire" has been nominated in the Best Documentary Feature category at the 94th edition of the Academy Awards.

Key Points

- This is the first time an Indian documentary has been nominated for an Academy Award.
- Directed by Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh, "Writing With Fire" chronicles the rise of Khabar Lahariya, India's only newspaper run by Dalit women.
- This film is about fearless Dalit women journalists who are redefining what being powerful means, quintessentially the story of the modern Indian woman.
- The awards ceremony is scheduled to be held on March 27, 2022.

About Academy Awards:

- 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.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Sports

Leh to host World Cup cycling event on September 4, 2022



Why in News

- Leh is going to host the first-ever highest level of World Cup cycling event in India on September 4, 2022.

Key Points

- UCI World Cup Eliminator** event is organized by the UT Ladakh Police in association with City Mountainbike and Cycling Federation of India (CFI).
- With this, Leh will be among world-famous cycling event venues like Abu Dhabi, Barcelona, Paris, and India will be on the cycling chart among Germany, France, Sweden, Indonesia, Brazil, Belgium, Turkey, etc.

Source: newsonair

Important News: Important Days

February 10, World Pulses Day



Why in News

- World Pulses Day is observed on 10 February every year to raise awareness about the importance of pulses.

Key Points

- The 2022 World Pulses Day's theme is: "Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agrifood systems".

History:

- On 20 December 2013, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming 2016 as the International Year of Pulses (IYP).
- The celebration of the year, led by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), increased the public awareness of the nutritional and environmental benefits of pulses as part of sustainable food production.
- Building on the success of the International Year of Pulses and recognizing their potential to further achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with particular relevance to Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 12, 13 and 15, Burkina Faso proposed the observance of World Pulses Day.
- In 2019, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 10 February as the World Pulses Day.

Note: The UN General Assembly recently adopted a resolution, sponsored by India and supported by more than 70 countries, declaring **2023 as the International Year of Millets.**

Source: un.org