

## Daily Current Affairs 16.02.2022

### Important News: World

#### Global Summit on 'Reimagining Museums in India'



- The Union Minister for Culture, Tourism and Development of the North- Eastern Region, G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated the first of its kind, a 2- Day Global Summit in Hyderabad on '**Reimagining Museums in India**'.
- Participants from countries such as India, Australia, France, Italy, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States are participating in the summit being held virtually on 15th-16th February 2022.
- The Summit inauguration event was also attended and addressed by Alberto Garlindini, President of the International Council of Museums.

Source: PIB

### Important News: India

#### Integration with Beneficiary Database under PM-JAY



- **National Health Authority (NHA)** is mandated with the implementation of **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri – Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)**.
- **AB PM-JAY** provides health assurance of up to Rs. 5 Lakhs per family per year, for secondary and tertiary care-related hospitalizations.

- The 10.74 Crore beneficiary families under AB PM-JAY have been identified from the **Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) of 2011** basis 6 deprivation and 11 occupational criteria across rural and urban areas, respectively.
- **NHA** has collaborated with various ministries implementing welfare schemes to strengthen the different aspects of scheme implementation including inter alia beneficiary awareness campaigns, beneficiary database (SECC 2011) enrichment etc.
- The majority of AB PM-JAY beneficiaries from SECC 2011 are also eligible for benefits under the **National Food Security Portal (NFSA)**.

**About National Health Authority (NHA):**

- NHA is responsible for implementing India's flagship public health insurance/assurance scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).

**Source: PIB**

**Centre reduces agri-cess for Crude Palm Oil**



- The Government of India has reduced the agri-cess for Crude Palm Oil (CPO) from 7.5% to 5%.
- After reduction of the agri-cess, the import tax gap between CPO and Refined Palm Oil has increased to 8.25%.
- Another pre-emptive measure taken by the Government to check the prices of edible oils is to extend the current basic rate of import duty of zero percent on Crude Palm Oil, Crude Soyabean oil and Crude Sunflower Oil upto 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.
- The above steps will augment the earlier measure taken by the Government viz. the stock limit order dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022 vide which the Government had specified the stock limit quantities on edible oils and oilseeds for a period upto 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 under the **Essential Commodities Act, 1955**.

**Source: PIB**

**India-Australia Interim Trade Agreement**



- India and Australia have announced that they are set to conclude an **Interim Trade Agreement** in March 2022 and a **Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)** 12-18 months thereafter.
- An interim or early harvest trade agreement is used to liberalise tariffs on the trade of certain goods between two countries or trading blocs before a comprehensive **FTA (Free Trade Agreement)** is concluded.
- Bilateral trade between the two countries stood at about \$12.5 billion in FY21 and has already surpassed \$17.7 billion in the first 10 months of FY22.
- India and Australia have also signed a MoU to boost tourism between the two countries.

**What other Free Trade Agreements is India currently negotiating?**

- India is currently in the process of negotiating FTAs with the UAE, the UK, Canada, the EU and Israel, besides Australia.
- India is also looking to complete an early harvest agreement with the UAE and the UK in the first half of 2022.

**Source: Indian Express**

**Important News: Economy**

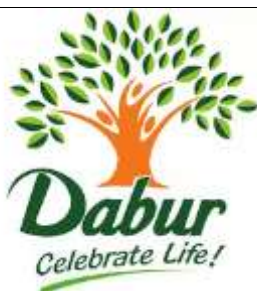
**Reliance Jio partners with SES to announce satellite-based internet for India**



- Reliance Jio has partnered with SES, a Luxembourg-based satellite solutions provider to form a new initiative – Jio Space Technology Limited.
- The joint venture is aimed at delivering the next generation scalable and affordable broadband services in India by making use of satellite technology.
- Jio and SES will own 51 percent and 49 percent each in the equity stake.
- The technology will use multi-orbit space networks – that is, a combination of geostationary (GEO) and medium earth orbit (MEO) satellite constellations capable of delivering multi-gigabit links and capacity to companies.

**Source: Indian Express**

**Dabur becomes first Indian 'Plastic Waste Neutral' FMCG Company**



- India's largest Science-based Ayurveda major Dabur India Ltd has now become a 100% 'Plastic Waste Neutral company' in India, having collected, processed and recycled around 27,000 MT of post-consumer plastic waste from all over India in the 2021-22 financial year.
- With this, Dabur has become the first Indian consumer goods company to achieve this landmark.
- Dabur's Plastic Waste Management initiative was rolled out in the year 2017-18 as part of the Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rule 2016, 2018 (amended).
- Dabur is a registered brand-owner with Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) since November 2018 and with all State Pollution Control Boards across the country.
- Dabur India Limited is the fourth largest FMCG Company in India.

Source: ET

### Important News: State

#### West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar prorogues Assembly session



- Recently, West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar prorogued the state Legislative Assembly after exercising power vested with him under Article 174 of the Constitution.
- **About Prorogation:** Prorogation is discontinuing a session of the Parliament or a legislative assembly without dissolving it.
- **Article 174:** The article provides powers to the governor to summon, prorogue and dissolve the legislative assembly. The governor can do so only based on conditions as mentioned in Article 163.
- **Article 163:** The Governor should act based on the advice of the chief minister and the council of ministers.

Source: Indian Express

### Important News: Appointment

#### Ilker Ayci to be Air India CEO



- Former Turkish Airlines chairman Ilker Ayci has been appointed as the CEO & MD of Air India.
- The key appointment was finalised at the Air India board meeting, in which Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran was a special invitee.
- Ayci will assume his responsibilities by April 1, 2022.

- After a competitive bidding process, the government had on October 8 last year sold Air India to Talace Private Limited, a subsidiary of the Tata Group's holding company, for Rs 18,000 crore.
- Air India was started by the Tata Group in 1932. However, after the country got independence, it was nationalised in 1953.

**Source: TOI**

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