

Important Schemes – June 2018

Digital Literacy Program

- Facebook has entered a partnership with National Commission for Women (NCW) partner to launch digital literacy mission for women in India.
- This programme will run in collaboration with the Cyber Peace Foundation, and attempts to conduct training across local languages to ensure safe use of the internet.

‘SevaBhojYojna’

- Ministry of Culture, Government of India has introduced a new scheme namely ‘**SevaBhojYojna**’ seeks to reimburse Central Share of CGST and IGST on items for Food/Prasad/Langar/Bhandara offered free of cost by Charitable Religious Institutions.

New Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme, 2018

- With the objective of obtaining people’s participation in the Income Tax Department’s efforts to unearth black money and to reduce tax evasion, a new reward scheme titled “Benami Transactions Informants Reward Scheme, 2018”, has been issued by the Income Tax Department.

Revised Income Tax Informants Reward Scheme, 2018

- To unearth black money and reduce tax evasion, a new reward scheme titled “Income Tax Informants Reward Scheme, 2018” has been issued by the Income Tax Department, superseding the earlier reward scheme issued in 2007.

“Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana”

- Odisha government launched a health insurance scheme for working journalists in the state.

New auto policy likely to be finalised in 3 months

- The new National Auto Policy, which may seek emission-linked taxation on automobiles and a technology- agnostic green mobility roadmap, is likely to be finalised in the next three months.

Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan

- Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan being implemented in 25 villages in each of the 111 Aspirational Districts from 1st June to 31st July, 2018.
- Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan undertakes various activities to promote best farming practices and enhance Agricultural income.

Janaushadi Suvidha

- Government launches 'JANAUSHADHI SUVIDHA' Oxo-biodegradable Sanitary Napkin under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).
- Affordable sanitary napkins at Rs. 2.50 per pad now available at over 3600 Janaushadhi Kendras functional in 33 States/UTs across India.

Ganga Praharis

- Ganga Praharis to Boost Bio-Diversity conservation to educate motivate and ensure protection of aquatic species of river Ganga over Ganga basin states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal.
- Around 210 Sensitization Programs, Village Level Meetings, Trainings and Workshops already conducted.

Atal Bhujal Yojana

- The World Bank has approved Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY), a Rs.6000 crore Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
- The scheme aims to improve ground water management in priority areas in the country through community participation.

Guidelines for Selection of Teachers for National Awards

- The Ministry of HRD has issued fresh guidelines for Selection of Teachers for National Awards. This is a new initiative, as earlier entries were selected by the State Government.

Solar Charkha Mission

- The Solar Charkha Mission of the Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) will be launched by the President, Ram Nath Kovind on June 27, 2018 in New Delhi. The Mission will cover 50 clusters and every cluster will employ 400 to 2000 artisans.

Swajal scheme

- A National Consultation on the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and Swajal was held in the Capital. Swajal Launched in 115 Aspirational Districts of India. Centre to Spend Rs 1000 Crores to Provide Clean Drinking Water to 27,500 Quality-Affected Habitations.

National Strategy for Standardization

- Commerce Minister releases National Strategy for Standardization at the 5th National Standards Conclave – Implementing the Indian National Strategy for Standardization, being held in New Delhi on 19-20 June 2018, organized by Department of Commerce and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

National Health Profile-2018

- Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare released the National Health Profile (NHP)-2018 prepared by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI).
- Also launched the National Health Resource Repository (NHRR) – India's first ever national healthcare facility registry of authentic, standardized and updated geo-spatial data of all public and private healthcare establishments.

Centre of Excellence in Maritime & Shipbuilding (CEMS)

- The Centre of Excellence in Maritime & Shipbuilding (CEMS), a well-funded start-up in skill development for maritime and shipbuilding sector, has announced setting up of 24 labs -6 in Mumbai and 18 in Vizag campus.
- This is First-of-Its-Kind Infrastructure in Asia Pacific Region.

National Digital Library of India

- The Union Human Resource Development Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar launched the new digital initiative of HRD Ministry ‘National Digital Library of India’ developed by IIT Kharagpur on the occasion of National Reading Day in New Delhi
- It is a project of the Ministry of Human Resource Development under the aegis of National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT).

Chief Ministers Subgroup Constituted

- The Prime Minister nominated the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh to convene a Sub-Group of seven Chief Ministers for coordinated policy approach on the Agriculture Sector and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).

SKY Scheme for farmers to generate solar power

- The Gujarat government on Saturday launched a solar power scheme for farmers- Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY) enabling them to generate electricity for their captive consumption as well as sell the surplus power to the grid and earn an extra buck.

Muhammodayam – a model in wetland conservation

- The project, titled ‘Muhammodayam’, is aimed at the conservation of the Vembanad Lake ecosystem by developing sustainable livelihoods and management of natural resources.
- The Muhamma grama panchayat has launched a unique programme to make it a model wetland panchayat.

Muhammodayam – a model in wetland conservation

- The project, titled ‘Muhammodayam’, is aimed at the conservation of the Vembanad Lake ecosystem by developing sustainable livelihoods and management of natural resources.
- The Muhamma grama panchayat has launched a unique programme to make it a model wetland panchayat.

Project Gandiva

- The projection is to make Andhra Pradesh No.1 in the country in athletics by 2021, bag medals in Asian and Commonwealth games in 2022, compete in the Olympics in 2024 and secure medals in the year 2028.

Mohanpura Irrigation project in MP

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Mohanpura Irrigation Project in Rajgarh district in Madhya Pradesh. The Rs 3,866-crore project includes a dam and a canal system.

PM inaugurates urban development projects

- Prime Minister Modi remotely inaugurated urban development projects at various locations across the State. These include houses under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana, urban drinking water supply schemes, urban solid waste management, urban sanitation, urban transportation and urban landscape projects.
- At an event in Indore, he also distributed the Swachh Survekshan-2018 Awards, and launched the Swachh Survekshan-2018 results dashboard.

Solar Charkha Mission

- The President of India launched the Solar Charkha Mission which will cover 50 clusters and every cluster will employ 400 to 2000 artisans. The Solar Charkha Mission will generate employment in rural areas and contribute to the green economy.

‘Sampark Portal’

- MSME Sampark Portal, launched will be very useful in developing skill-pool and in enabling trained youth to know about different employment opportunities.