

**Important Schemes in February 2019****Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi**

- To provide an assured income support to small and marginal farmers Govt. is launching Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN). The Government announced Rs 6,000 per year cash support to small and marginal farmers that will cost the exchequer Rs 75,000 crore annually, in a bid to provide relief to distressed farm sector.

**Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme**

- In order to facilitate import of capital goods for producing quality goods and services and enhance India's manufacturing competitiveness, the Central Government has been implementing a Scheme called the Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme under the Foreign Trade Policy.

**Shehri Samridhi Utsav**

- Shehri Samridhi Utsav, an initiative of Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) aims to extend the outreach of Deendayal Antyodaya Mission – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), to the most vulnerable, showcase its initiatives and facilitate access of Self-Help Group (SHG) members to the other government schemes.

**“Know India Programme”**

- The 53rd edition of Know India Programme for Young Indian Diaspora involves 40 participants (24 female and 16 males) from Fiji, Guyana, Mauritius, Portugal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago. The partner states of this edition are Maharashtra and Daman & Diu.
- The Know India Programme is organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India with the objective of familiarizing the India Diaspora Youth, in the age group of 18-30 years, with developments and achievements made by the country and bringing them closer to the land of their ancestors.

**Atal Bhujal Yojana**

- The World Bank has approved Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY), a Rs.6000 Crore scheme, for sustainable management of ground water with community participation.
- The funding pattern is 50:50 between Government of India and World Bank.

**e-NAM platform**

- Nearly 35 thousand farmers in the country received payments of three hundred crore rupees through e-payment facility of e-NAM platform till the 30th of last month.

**Pradhan Mantri Arogya Yojana**

- Altogether 14 thousand hospitals have been empanelled under the Pradhan Mantri Arogya Yojana so far.
- The highest number of 2677 such hospitals is in Gujarat followed by Tamil Nadu with 1709 hospitals.

**UNDP Small Grants Programme(SGP)**

- A Workshop on MoEFCC-Global Environment Facility, UNDP Small Grants Programme(SGP) was inaugurated in New Delhi by Shri C.K. Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change(MoEFCC).

**'Darwaza Band -Part 2' campaign**

- The Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen launched the 'Darwaza Band -Part 2' campaign which focuses on sustaining the open defecation free status of villages across the country.
- The campaign, produced by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, was launched in Mumbai.

**“Asiatic Lion Conservation Project”**

- A dedicated project for conservation of Asiatic Lion with a contribution of Rs 97.85 Cr from Centre to be spent over 3 years launched.
- The Asiatic Lion, endemic to Gir landscape of Gujarat, is one of the 21 critically endangered species identified by the Ministry for taking up recovery programmes.

**Voter Verification and Information Programme**

- The Election Commission has launched a Voter Verification and Information Programme (VVIP) for verifications of voters' names, new registrations, changes or corrections in the Voter Id Cards for the upcoming General Elections.

**Open Acreages Licensing Policy (OALP)**

- Union Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the bid round –III under Open Acreages Licensing Policy (OALP) at Greater Noida, the venue of PETROTECH-2019.

**New Ports under Sagarmala Project**

- The Minister of State for Road Transport, Shipping and Chemical & Fertilizers informed that 14 number of CEZs in 8 states have been identified under the Sagarmala Programme.
- In the state of Kerala, one CEZ namely “Development of CEZ in Kerala –Malabar” has been identified under the Sagarmala Programme.

**“Light House Projects challenge” launched**

- The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has instituted a challenge for States/ UTs to select six sites across the country for constructing the Lighthouse projects under GHTC-India. MoHUA encourages all States/ UTs to participate in this challenge proactively.

**Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artistes**

- The Government is implementing a Scheme namely “Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artistes”.
- The objective of the Scheme is to improve financial and socio-economic status of the old aged artistes and scholars who have contributed significantly in their specialized fields of arts, letters etc.

**Cultural Heritage Youth Leadership Programme (CHYLP)**

- The scheme for Cultural Heritage Youth Leadership Programme (CHYLP) envisaged enriching awareness of Indian culture and heritage amongst the youth in order to promote, understand and develop fondness for India’s rich cultural heritage, with a view to develop appropriate leadership qualities amongst youth.

**‘Green Good Deeds’**

- Launched by the Environment Ministry last year, the ‘Green Good Deeds’ campaign — aimed at protecting the environment and promoting healthy living — mentions a list of 500 activities for protecting the environment.

**KUSUM Scheme**

- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has formulated a Scheme ‘Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM)’. The Scheme is currently under the process of seeking approval.

**Outreach Programme for Stakeholders**

- Ministry of Textiles is organizing an outreach programme for Textiles Sector MSMEs on 13th February, 2019 in New Delhi to hold interactions with the stakeholders to help them avail the support and outreach for 100 days programme announced by the Prime Minister.

**NICRA**

- Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) launched a mega project called NICRA to address the issues of climate change through the Krishi Vigyan Kendras [KVKs].

**Workshop on National Intergrated Logistics Plan**

- A workshop was organized by the Logistics Department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi to discuss with logistics stakeholders the challenges and opportunities of this sector in India.

**Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM- SYM)**

- Minimum Assured Pension: Each subscriber under the PM-SYM, shall receive minimum assured pension of Rs 3000/- per month after attaining the age of 60 years.
- Family Pension: During the receipt of pension, if the subscriber dies, the spouse of the beneficiary shall be entitled to receive 50% of the pension received by the beneficiary as family pension. Family pension is applicable only to spouse.

**Celebration of Swachhta Pakhwada**

- The Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan administered the Swachhta pledge to all the officials and employees of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution in New Delhi marking the celebration of Swachhta Pakhwada scheduled from 16th to 28th February 2019.

**Operation Digital Board**

- The Minister of Human Resource Development, Shri Prakash Javadekar launched Operation Digital Board to leverage technology in order to boost quality education in the country. Under the initiative, seven lakh classrooms of 9th, 10th and 11th standards and two lakh classrooms of colleges and Universities will be equipped with digital boards in the next three years.

**Scheme for Adolescent girls**

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched Scheme for Adolescent girls. The scheme focuses on girls aged between 11 to 14 years who have left studies and will take steps for proper nutrition and special care for them. The state government also

decided to observe Adolescent girls day on 8th of every month at Anganwadi centres across the state. State Government will also launch Nutrition Campaign for the adolescent girls on 8th March.

### **SHREYAS**

- Union HRD Minister launches the Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS) for providing industry apprenticeship opportunities.

### **Integrated Large Scale Eri Farming**

- Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani launched the Integrated Large Scale Eri Silk Farming in Arunachal Pradesh under North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) in Itanagar.

### **Scheme for Development of Knitting and Knitwear Sector**

- Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani, launched a comprehensive scheme for Development of Knitting and Knitwear Sector under PowerTex India in New Delhi.

### **National programme to eliminate viral hepatitis**

- Union minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey launched a national programme aimed at eliminating viral hepatitis, recognized as an important public health problem. The aim of the programme is to combat hepatitis and achieve countrywide elimination of Hepatitis C by 2030.
- The minister of state for health launched the National Action Plan - Viral Hepatitis at Mumbai in presence of Amitabh Bachchan, the goodwill ambassador for hepatitis, WHO South-East Asia Region.

### **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)**

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) from Gorakhpur. The first instalment of Rs 2,000 will be directly credited to the bank accounts of selected beneficiary farmers.

### **Atmospheric Water Generator (AWG)**

- Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has unveiled its new product, the Atmospheric Water Generator (AWG), an innovative solution to meet the ever-increasing need for drinking water worldwide, at Aero India 2019.

### **‘2nd Edition of ISL Dictionary’**

- Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment launched the “2nd Edition of Indian Sign Language (ISL) Dictionary” for Hearing Impaired Persons.
- ISL Dictionary Includes 6000 Words Under Categories of Academic, Legal, Medical, Technical & Everyday Terms.

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