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## **NATIONAL**

### **National Nutrition Mission**

- ❖ Prime minister launched National Nutrition Mission (NMM) at an event held at Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan on the occasion of International Women's Day.
- ❖ NNM is an apex body under the Ministry of Women and Child Development to monitor, supervise, fix targets and guide nutrition related interventions across Ministries.



The infographic features the logos of 'myGov', 'National Health Mission', and 'Towards a new dawn' at the top. On the right, there is a portrait of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The main title reads 'Holistic Approach to Ensure Adequate Nutrition' and 'Cabinet approves setting up of National Nutrition Mission'. Below this, five key points are listed: 1. To reduce the level of stunting, under-nutrition, anemia & low birth weight babies; 2. To monitor, supervise, fix targets & guide the nutrition related interventions; 3. Will create synergy, ensure better monitoring, issue alerts for timely action; 4. Will incentivize States/UTs for meeting the targets; 5. To cover 315 districts in 2017-18, 235 districts in 2018-19 & remaining districts in 2019-20. At the bottom, it states 'Budget of ₹ 9046.17 Cr earmarked for 3 years'. A circular image of various fruits and vegetables is on the right, with a white circle in the center containing the text 'NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION'.

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**NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION**

- ❖ It will monitor various schemes contributing towards addressing malnutrition.
- ❖ The mission will be jointly launched by the ministries of WCD, Health and Family Welfare and Water Resources, together with NITI Aayog.
- ❖ The mission has set an ambitious goal of reducing incidence of stunting among children from 38.4 % now to 25 % by 2022.



### **Know India Programme**

- ❖ The Indian Government's External Affairs Ministry has launched the 41st to 46th edition of the “Know India Programme (KIP)”.
- ❖ 40 participants of Indian Origin from 9 countries attended 46th edition of Know India Programme (KIP).
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh was partner state of this edition.
- ❖ KIP is an initiative scheme of Ministry of External Affairs for Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) between the age group of 18 to 30 years to make them to know about India.
- ❖ The scheme was launched in 2004.

### **India's first coastal policing academy**

- ❖ Union home ministry recently sanctioned the launch of the National Academy of Coastal Policing (NACP).
- ❖ The country's first national academy to train police forces to effectively safeguarding the Indian shoreline will start functioning in Devbhumi Dwarka district of Gujarat from April 2018.
- ❖ It is to be situated in Gujarat's Fisheries Research Centre located in coastal Okha in Devbhoomi Dwarka district.
- ❖ The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD), Home ministries' policing think tank, will pilot the establishment and running of the academy.
- ❖ The first-of-its-kind national coastal policing academy will be created and run by a team of paramilitary and defence forces, the academy will sharpen the skills of marine forces of coastal States.
- ❖ The Border Security Force (BSF), Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard (ICG) will form core to run academy. The BSF will also provide security to campus.
- ❖ It will have faculty from Indian Navy, ICG and BSF.



## INTERNATIONAL

### **MILES-18**

- ❖ The MILES-18, the first-ever multi-nation naval exercise at sea was held at the Andaman sea.
- ❖ 11 naval ships of 8 countries (Australia, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand) and nine Indian ships had participated in MILES-18.
- ❖ The 3-day exercise was conducted as part of 10th edition of MILAN 2018.
- ❖ This multi-national mega event was organised by Andaman Nicobar naval command with theme 'Friendship Across the Seas' to expand regional cooperation and combat unlawful activities in critical sea lanes.
- ❖ Milan exercise was first held in 1995 with participation of just five navies
- ❖ The exercise is being hosted biennially by Indian Navy under the aegis of Andaman and Nicobar Command.

### **First Indo-French Knowledge Summit**

- ❖ The first Indo-French Knowledge Summit for university, scientific and technology cooperation was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ The two-day summit was jointly organized by French Embassy in India and Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- ❖ The summit's objective was to design roadmap of Franco-India cooperation for next five years, in collaboration with companies in both countries.

### **India-France Defence pact**

- ❖ India and France have inked strategic pact providing for use of each other's military facilities including allowing the warships of both countries to each other's naval bases.
- ❖ The deal is similar to logistical support pact (LEMOA - Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement) with US on use of each other's land, air and naval bases.
- ❖ On ties in maritime security sphere, both countries will have unprecedented level of cooperation to ensure peace and stability in Indian and Pacific Oceans.

## STATES

### **Criminal Laws (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, 2018**

- ❖ The Rajasthan assembly passed a bill (Criminal Laws (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill) approving death penalty to those convicted of raping or gang-raping a girl up to 12 years of age.
- ❖ With this, Rajasthan has become the second state in the country after Madhya Pradesh to award death penalty and lifetime imprisonment to child rapists.
- ❖ The Criminal Laws (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, 2018 adds sections 376-AA and 376-DD to the Indian Penal Code, 1860
- ❖ Earlier in 2017, Madhya Pradesh assembly had passed 'The Penal Law (Madhya Pradesh Amendment) Bill-2017', which awarded death to similar convicts.

## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

### **Wings India 2018**

- ❖ The biennial aviation show on Civil Aviation and Aerospace titled 'Wings India 2018' is held at the Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad.
- ❖ 'Wings India 2018' is organised with the aim of boosting the regional connectivity and theme of the event is "India-Global Aviation Hub".





- ❖ The aviation show is jointly hosted by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Airport Authority of India and Federation of India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **49th Raising Day of CISF - 10 March**

- ❖ On 10 March 2018, 49th Raising Day of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was observed.
- ❖ The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is a central armed police force under the aegis of Union Ministry of Home Affairs and its headquarters are at New Delhi.
- ❖ It was initially established under the Central Industrial Security Force Act, 1968 to protect major PSUs.
- ❖ However, it was converted to an armed force with a larger ambit under an amendment to the Act in 1983.
- ❖ Now, CISF provides security to industrial ventures and establishments, VIPs and engages in disaster management amongst others.
- ❖ It also has a Fire Wing to tackle the fire accidents. The incumbent Director General of CISF is IPS Officer O.P.Singh.

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