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1. I&B Ministry constitutes Committee to review existing guidelines of Journalist Welfare Scheme

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting today constituted a Committee to review the existing guidelines of Journalist Welfare Scheme and make appropriate recommendations for changes to the guidelines. The committee will be headed by Prasar Bharati Board Member Ashok Kumar Tandon. The committee will have nine Members from different print and electronics media and an Additional Director General of PIB as members. Director (IP) in the Ministry will be Convener of the committee. It will examine the need for revision of quantum of ex-gratia payment in death as well as other cases under Journalist Welfare Scheme.

The committee will look into the aspect of differentiation or parity between accredited and non-accredited journalists for availing benefits under the scheme. It will revise and broad-basing the definition of working journalist for the purpose of the Scheme keeping in view the Occupational, Safety, Health and Working Condition Code-2010 as well as Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. The committee will submit its recommendation within two months. Press Information Bureau will provide secretarial assistance for convening the meeting of committee.

2. Gujarat to host 12th Defence Expo-2022 in Gandhinagar

The Gujarat Government will host 12th Defence Expo-2022 in Gandhinagar next year. This was announced by Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani after meeting with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Kevadiya on 2nd September, 2021. According to official sources, the Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Department of Defence Production and Gujarat Government in this regard. About 100 countries are expected to participate in this biannual event.

Defence Expo-2022 will be held in Gandhinagar from 10th to 13th March next year. Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has thanked Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for the decision of hosting Defence Expo-2022 in Gujarat. Gujarat Government and Department of Defence Production have signed MoU for providing support for organizing Defense Expo. Chief Minister Vijay Rupani said that the state is the best investment destination and after the Defence Expo-2022, it will be the top investment destination in the Defence sector also. He said that Dholera Special Investment Region has potential of becoming the best destination for Defence Equipment Production Units. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said that the

Defence Expo-2022 will focus on making India Defence manufacturing hub. He said that our aim is to move from Make in India to make for the world.

3. India Pavilion in Expo-2020 Dubai to start on October 1

The India Pavilion in Expo-2020 Dubai starting on 1st of October is set to showcase a resurgent India's march to becoming a five Trillion dollar economy in the post-COVID world. The Pavilion which is a technology marvel will not only capture the vibrant Indian culture and its past but also the capabilities and opportunities that it presents as a global economic hub to the domestic as well as the foreign investors.

Outlining the overarching theme of India's participation at the six-month Expo-2020 Dubai running up to March 2022, Commerce Secretary B. V. R. Subrahmanyam said, the India Pavilion will see participation from number of Indian states who will be displaying their culture, tradition and tremendous business opportunities along with the top corporate groups from India and the public sector companies. Large number of prominent government ministers, officials, celebrities are set to visit India Pavilion during the six months of Expo-2020 which will also host number of cultural events.

4. AYUSH Ministry launches campaign of distributing prophylactic medicines

Continuing its series of activities under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the AYUSH Ministry today launched a campaign of distributing Ayush prophylactic medicines and written guidelines on diet and lifestyle in New Delhi. The drive was jointly kick-started by Minister For Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal and Minister of State for Ayush Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai.

In the next one year, the immunity booster medicines and the guidelines to combat COVID-19 will be distributed to 75 lakh people across the country, with special focus on people of 60 years and above and the frontline workers.

The kit of Ayurveda prophylactic medicines for COVID-19 contains Sanshamani Vati, which is also known as Guduchi or Giloy Ghan Vati and Ashwagandha Ghan Vati. The kit and the guidelines have been prepared by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Medicines CCRAS.

5. FSSAI grants five star Eat Right Station certification to Chandigarh Railway Station for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers

Chandigarh Railway Station has been awarded a five star Eat Right Station certification for providing high-quality and nutritious food to passengers. This certification is granted by FSSAI to railway stations that set benchmarks in providing safe and wholesome food to passengers. It is part of the Eat Right India

movement of FSSAI to transform the country's food system to ensure safe, healthy and sustainable food for all Indians.

6. Assam cabinet drops 'Rajiv Gandhi' from name of Orang National Park

The Himanta Biswa Sarma government in Assam on Wednesday announced that the Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park — the oldest game reserve in the state, located on the north bank of the Brahmaputra — will be known as the Orang National Park.

Decision was taken by the state Cabinet after “taking cognizance of the Adivasi and Tea Tribe Community's demands”, a release from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said.

“The Chief Minister had recently met the representatives of the Tea Tribe and Adivasi community and they had requested that we restore the original name of the park,” said Assam government spokesperson and I&PR Minister, Pijush Hazarika, addressing the press after the meeting.

7. Tokyo Paralympics Update: Praveen Kumar bags silver medal in High Jump T64

At Tokyo Paralympics today, Indian Para-athlete Praveen Kumar bagged the silver medal in Men's High Jump T64 event. Praveen jumped 2.07 metre while Great Britain's Jonathan Broom-Edwards took the gold with a season-best of 2.10 metre in the event. With the win, India's medal tally at Tokyo Paralympics has risen to 11 with two Gold medals, six Silver and three Bronze medals