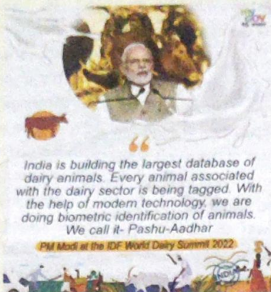


News Digest

NATIONAL

All Dairy Animals to be Vaccinated by 2025 to Boost Dairy Ecosystem: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has said the country is building the largest database of dairy animals (Pashu Adhaar) and every animal associated with the dairy sector is being tagged. Inaugurating the International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit 2022, in Greater Noida, the PM said, indigenous vaccines have been developed for common cattle diseases such as lumpy disease and foot and mouth disease and that by 2025, all dairy animals will be vaccinated. The PM underscored that the potential of the dairy sector not only gives impetus to the rural economy, but it is also a major source of livelihood for crores of people. He said, unlike other developed countries of the world, in India the driving force of the dairy sector are the small farmers. Claiming that the Government's focus is to develop a balanced dairy ecosystem, Shri Modi said, the digital revolution in India has reached the dairy sector as well and the digital payment system developed for India's dairy sector can help farmers across the world.



India is building the largest database of dairy animals. Every animal associated with the dairy sector is being tagged. With the help of modern technology, we are doing biometric identification of animals. We call it Pashu-Adhaar. PM Modi at the IDF World Dairy Summit 2022.

Tripartite Agreement Inked to End Decades Old Assam Tea Garden Workers' Crisis

A tripartite peace agreement was signed between the Centre, Assam Government and eight tribal groups of Assam in the presence of Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah in New Delhi on 15th September 2022. The agreement was signed to end the decade old crisis of tribal groups and tea garden workers in Assam. Terming this a historic day for the North East region, Minister Shah said, the agreement will prove to be another milestone in the direction of making North East region extremism free by 2025. He said, 1182 cadres of tribal group of Assam have shunned the path of violence by laying down arms and joining the mainstream. He said, the Centre is committed to resolve all border disputes between the North Eastern States and all disputes related to armed groups by 2024.

MeitY, Meta Launch Accelerator Program for XR Technology in India

MeitY Startup Hub (MSH), an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), and Meta have launched of a programme to support and accelerate XR (Extended Reality) technology startups across India. This initiative, XR Startup Program focuses on skilling and building technological capabilities for the metaverse, and will help shape the ecosystem for these emerging technologies, including Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) in the country. The accelerator program will help 40 early-stage start-ups create products and solutions based on XR technologies.

BSF's First Female Camel Riding Squad Ready for Deployment at Indo-Pak Border

Border Security Force (BSF)'s first female camel riding squad has completed the training and is ready to be deployed along the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan and Gujarat. The squad will participate for the first time in the BSF Raising Day Parade on 1st December 2022. This Squad will be the first of its kind in the world.



National List of Essential Medicines 2022 Released; 34 Drugs Added

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, launched the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) 2022 on 13th September 2022. 384 drugs feature in this list with the addition of 34 drugs, while 26 from the previous list have been dropped. The medicines have been categorized into 27 therapeutic categories. The primary purpose of NLEM is to promote rational use of medicines considering the three important aspects i.e., cost, safety and efficacy. It also helps in optimum utilization of healthcare resources and budget; drug procurement policies, health insurance, improving prescribing habits, medical education and training for UG/PG; and drafting pharmaceutical policies. In NLEM, the medicines are categorized based on level of healthcare system as- P- Primary, S- Secondary and T- Tertiary.

INTERNATIONAL

PM Modi attends 22nd SCO Summit at Samarkand; Says, SCO needs to focus on bringing diversified, resilient supply chains

Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with leaders of SCO nations including Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev are participating in the 22nd SCO Summit at Samarkand in Uzbekistan. Speaking at the SCO expanded format meet, Mr. Modi said several disruptions occurred in the global supply chains because of the COVID and Ukraine crisis. He stressed on the importance of ensuring food security for all saying that SCO plays an important role in this regard. He said India believes in mutual trust and cooperation among the SCO member countries. He emphasised that SCO should try and develop resilient and diversified supply chains in the region for which better connectivity and transit rights among member countries are required. Mr Modi said India's youth and young workforce is competitive. He said



the government's people-centric development model lays focus on innovation and technology. He said there are more than 70 thousand Start Ups in India. He added that India's economy is expected to grow at 7.5 per cent this year, which will be highest among the world's major economies. Prime Minister made a strong point for giving thrust to production of millets. He said 2023 will be observed as the International Year of Millets. He said Millet Food Festival should be organised under SCO. He also called for cooperation among SCO nations in the sphere of traditional medicine. Besides leaders of SCO member states, observer states, the Secretary General of the SCO, Executive Director of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS), President of Turkmenistan and other invited guests are attending the meet.

Indian & Chinese Troops Step Back from Frontline of Gogra-Hotsprings

Indian and Chinese armies have stepped their troops back from the front-line of the Gogra-Hotsprings area's Patrolling Point 15 in the eastern Ladakh region. The disengagement process which concluded on 13th September 2022 was on for five days which included the dismantling of the temporary structures and bringing the front-line troops to the rear locations respectively by both armies. As per plan a joint verification of the process was also entailed by the two sides as they disengaged from the face-off site. On 8th September 2022, both sides announced the beginning of the process. This entire disengagement at Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area followed after the 16th round of high-level military talks between the two nations in the month of July.

ECONOMY

India's agricultural and processed food products exports up by 30%

According to the provisional data released by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), the overall export of agricultural and processed food products increased to USD 9598 million in April-July 2022 from USD 7397 million over the same period of the last fiscal. The exports of agricultural and processed food products rose by 30 percent in the first four months of the current Financial Year 2022-23 (April-July) in comparison to the corresponding period of FY 2021-22. For the year 2022-23, an export target of USD 23.56 billion has been fixed for the agricultural and processed food products basket and an export of USD 9.59 billion has already been achieved in the first four months of the current fiscal.

Increase in Overall Merchandise and Services Exports

India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in August 2022 are estimated to be USD 57.47 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 6.75 per cent over the same period last year. Overall imports in August 2022 are estimated to be USD 75.84 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 33.15 per cent over the same period last year.

Indian Railways Clocks 38 Percent Revenue Increase

The overall revenue of Indian Railways at the end of August 2022 was Rs 95,486.58 cr, showing an increase of Rs 26271.29 cr (38%) over the corresponding period last year. The revenue from passenger traffic was Rs 25,276.54 cr with an increase of Rs 13,574.44 cr (116%) over the corresponding period last year. The other coaching revenue was Rs. 2437.42 cr, showing an increase of Rs 811.82 cr (50%) over the corresponding period of last year. This development is fueled by robust growth in the Parcel segment of Indian Railways. Goods revenue was Rs.65,505.02 cr by August this year, an increase of Rs 10,780.03 cr (20%) over the corresponding period of last year. This has been achieved through incremental loading of more than 58 MT and 18% growth in the NTKMs during the period. Food grains, fertilizer, cement, mineral oil, container traffic and other goods segments have been important contributors in this growth, in addition to coal transportation. The sundry revenue was Rs 2267.60 cr, showing an increase of Rs 1105 cr (95%) over the corresponding period of last year.

SPORTS

NTPC, REC to Provide Rs 215 cr for Supporting Sports in India

National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) of Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports signed an historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with two Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) - NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation) Foundation and REC (Rural Electrification Corporation) Foundation in New Delhi on 14th September 2022 for development of sports in India. The financial support to be given by NTPC is Rs 115 crores over the next 5 years for supporting Archery discipline in India. REC Foundation has also committed an amount of Rs 100 crores over 3 years to support Women's Hockey, Athletics and Boxing. The support towards NSDF has come through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) mandate.

(Source: AIR/PIB)