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- Microsoft ties up with Telengana
  - Telangana govt has signed an agreement with Microsoft India to adopt cloud-based

- analytics solution for Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram.
- It will also use of Microsoft Intelligent Network for Eyecare, the artificial intelligence platform with multiple stakeholders, for eye screening.
- Telangana will become the first state in India to bring AI in public health screening.

# • Measles-rubella vaccination campaign

- Govt has launched Measles-Rubella vaccination campaign in a phased manner for across the country to reduce measles morbidity and mortality.
- The MR vaccination campaign will cover children in the age group of 9 months to less than 15 years.
- Campaign started in February 2017 from five states and UTs and has covered about 3.33 crores children have been vaccinated during this campaign.

## • Jaitley announces Bharat-22 ETF

- Financial Minister Arun Jaitley launched a new ETF under the name Bharat 22, which will comprise shares of 22 companies.
- ETF will have a single company cap of 15%, while a sectoral cap of 22% will also be in place.
- Bharat-22 ETF will comprise of the government's holding in SUUTI, CPSE ETF and PSU banks.
- ETF's are essentially Index Funds that are listed and traded on exchanges like stocks.

## • Lok Sabha passes Banking Regulation Bill

- Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill 2017, which was promulgated in May, was passed in Lok Sabha.
- It will replace Banking Regulation Act 1949, giving govt power to authorise RBI to issue directions to banks to initiate insolvency resolution in case of a default.
- Bill empowers RBI to issue directives for resolution & appoint authorities to advise banking companies on stressed asset resolution.

## • Govt ends 10-yr pact with GVK-EMRI

- Department of Health & Family Welfare has terminated its 10-year contract with GVK-EMRI which provides emergency response service 108 Arogya Kavacha.
- Decision was taken citing certain shortcomings of GVK-EMRI group such as delay in

providing services, shortage in manpower & not addressing employees' grievances.

o Govt had entered into an agreement with GVK-EMRI in 2008 which was to end in 2018

## • Qatar to offer permanent residency

- Qatar's Cabinet has approved a draft law making permanent residency available to some non-citizens, marking a shift from its reliance on its longstanding visa-sponsorship system.
- Permits could be granted to children of Qatari women married to foreigners, people who "offered valuable services to the country" and those with special skills.
- This move is first of its kind among Gulf Arab states.

## • Mustafa appointed CMD of SIDBI

- Mohammad Mustafa has been appointed as Chairman and Manging Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India.
- The Appointments Committee of the cabinet has approved his appointment to the post for a period of three years.
- He is a 1995 batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre, is at present Joint Secretary in Department of Financial Services.

## • Tata Memorial ties up with IDA

- Tata Memorial Centre has joined hands with Indian Dental Association to start India's
  1st digital initiative for prevention & early detection of oral cancer.
- The 2 launched a special course on Oral Cancer on World Head and Neck Cancer Day to create awareness of oral cancer.
- Tata Memorial Centre is known destination for cancer treatment & its dedication to provide latest treatment technology.

## • ISRO to sign MoU with CSIR-NPL

- In order to make desi GPS independent from the US clock system ISRO will sign an MoU with CSIR-National Physical Laboratory for time and frequency traceability services.
- It will help the desi GPS to get formally synchronised with the Indian Standard Time.
- $\circ$  NPL maintains accuracy of  $\pm 20$  nanoseconds and thereby gives the most accurate time which is essential for satellite navigation system.

## • Aadhaar-authenticated DBT portal

- Maharashtra has launched MahaDBT portal, through which benefits of all govt schemes will be transferred directly into bank accounts of beneficiaries in the state.
- It has been designed on lines of central govt's DBT scheme, Aadhaar will become mandatory to claim benefits through the portal,
- Maharashtra is the 1st state to launch this system to give direct benefits with Aadhaar authentication

#### • Environmental research satellite

- Israel has launched it's 1st environmental research satellite from Guiana, in a JV b/w Israel Space Agency & CNES.
- VENµS satellite aims to obtain high-resolution photo's of specific sites to track environmental issues such as pollution, erosion & other phenomena linked to climate change.
- It is the first time that Israel is launching a satellite to focus on agricultural & ecological research.

#### • World record deal with PSG

- Neymar has completed his move from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain for a world-record fee worth £200m.
- The transfer doubles previous world record fee paid when Paul Pogba moved from Juventus to Manchester United for a €105 million.
- In his 4 seasons in Spain, Neymar scored 105 goals as Barcelona won Champions League, Club World Cup, two Spanish league titles & Copa del Rey three times.

## • Forum to deepen Indo-US ties

- A new representative body US-India Strategic Partnership Forum is being set up to enhance business relations b/w the 2 countries.
- It will work closely together with businesses & govt leaders to achieve its goals of driving economic growth, job creation, innovation & entrepreneurship.
- Mukesh Aghi will lead USISPF as president, while Gaurav Verma will serve as chief operating officer.

## • Govt inks MoA to set up IRRI

- Agriculture Ministry has signed a MoA for setting up a regional centre of global rice research institute IRRI in Varanasi, to develop high- yielding rice varieties.
- This will be 1st international centre in eastern India & will play a major role in sustaining rice production in the region.
- IRRI is known for its work in developing rice varieties that contributed to green revolution in 1960s.

## • Synthetic Aperture Radar Mission

- ISRO & NASA are working towards realisation of NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar mission by 2021.
- NASA is responsible for development of L-band SAR & ISRO is responsible for development of S-band SAR.
- It will be integrated with ISRO's spacecraft & launched on-board India's GSLV.
- It will also variety the coastal erosion, coastline changes, surface deformation studies and ice sheet dynamics.

## • Lok Sabha passes NABARD (Amendment) Bill

- Lok Sabha has passed NABARD (Amendment) Bill, 2017 by voice vote that seeks to amend National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981.
- Bill allows central govt to increase authorise capital of Bank from Rs. 5,000 cr to Rs.30,000 cr.
- NABARD is responsible for providing & regulating facilities like credit for agricultural & industrial development in rural areas.

# • Infosys to acquire Brilliant Basics

- Infosys has signed an agreement to acquire Brilliant Basics, a London-based product design & customer experience innovator.
- This represents Infosys commitment towards digital studios, which are focused on fulfilling needs of its global clients for end-to-end digital transformation solutions.
- It will enhance Infosys expertise in financial, retail & telecom sectors across Europe & Middle East.

## • Scheme to boost farm start-ups

- Govt is launching a new AGRI-UDAAN programme that will mentor startups & help them connect with potential investors.
- It will be managed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research & will help convert innovative ideas from India's rural youth into viable businesses.
- Under the programme, start-ups will get incubation space to run their businesses and access to research laboratories & libraries.

## • SBI plans to raise Rs 2,000 cr

- State Bank of India plans to raise Rs. 2,000 crore by allotting Basel-III compliant bonds to various investors.
- The bonds will carry a coupon rate of 8.15% per annum with a call option after 5 years or the anniversary date thereafter.
- State Bank of India is India's largest Bank headquartered at Mumbai, led by Arundhati Bhattacharya.

## • Machine Learning Hub in Bengaluru

- IBM has opened its 1st Machine Learning Hub in Bengaluru which would provide a physical space to organisations for hands-on training on machine learning.
- It will allow data professionals to work with IBM's data science experts to understand & learn technology to analyse & interpret data.
- It will provides a platform for enterprises to collaborate & transform their data science processes.





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