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National Mission on GeM Launched

- National Mission on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) will be launched on 5th September 2018.
- The aim of the National Mission is to promote inclusiveness, transparency and efficiency in public procurement and achieve cashless, contact less and paperless transaction.
- This will increase overall efficiency and lead to cost saving on government expenditure in procurement.

HRD ministry brings Atal rankings

- The Human Resource Development (HRD) ministry on August 30, 2018 launched the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARRIA) and the Innovation Cell.
- The rankings will promote a culture of innovation and research in higher education.
- The primary mandate of Innovation Cell is to encourage, inspire and nurture young students by exposing them to new ideas.

Cabinet approves O-SMART scheme

- Cabinet approved implementation of an umbrella scheme-Ocean Services, Technology, Observations, Resources Modelling and Science (O-SMART).
- The scheme covers a total of 16 sub-projects, which address ocean development activities such as services, technology, resources, and science.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the scheme implementation at an overall cost of Rs 1623 Cr.

Cabinet approves additional 2% DA

- The Union Cabinet approved the additional Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners.
- The DA and DR will increase by 2% over the existing rate of 7% of the Basic Pay/Pension w.e.f 01.07.2018
- This will benefit about 48.41 lakh Central Government employees and 62.03 lakh pensioners.

'Smart India Hackathon 2019' launched

- Union HRD Minister launched the third edition of **World's Biggest Open Innovation Model 'Smart India Hackathon' 2019** in New Delhi.

- SIH-2019 is an initiative that provides students with a platform to solve some of the pressing problems we face in our daily lives.
- For the 1st time, private industry/organisations and NGOs can also send their problem statements to students.

Odisha launches "Mu Hero, Mu Odisha" programme

- Odisha government launched a programme aimed at identifying and giving recognition to the young achievers of the state.
- The name of the programme is **"Mu Hero, Mu Odisha"** (I am Hero-I am Odisha) programme.
- The programme will be conducted by the Biju Yuva Yuhini (BYV) members.
- The BYV members are volunteers of the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs of the state government.

PM Jan Arogya Yojana logo unveiled

- Union Health Minister JP Nadda launched the logo for flagship health insurance scheme, 'Ayushman Bharat' in New Delhi.
- Under 'Ayushman Bharat' more than 10 crore poor & vulnerable families will get the benefit with an insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year.
- The health insurance scheme will be launched on September 25.

'FAME India II' will be launched on Sept 7

- The 2nd phase of the **'FAME India'** scheme will be launched on September 7, 2018.
- The scheme for **Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FAME)** India was introduced in a bid to incentivise sales and manufacturing of electric vehicles in the country.
- **FAME II** will offer subsidies to all categories of electric vehicles including two-wheelers, three-wheelers, four-wheelers.

Swachh Bharat Mission to target Open Urination.

- Under new norms, cities and towns wanting to be declared ODF+ (Open Defecation Free Plus) must also be free of public urination and not just open defecation.
- This is the first time that the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) is officially including the elimination of public urination in its agenda.

- The ODF+ and ODF++ protocols were released by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Govt unveils draft UDAN scheme for int routes

- The Ministry of Civil Aviation has prepared a draft scheme document for “UDAN International”.
- The scheme is designed for State governments that are keen to promote air connectivity on international routes identified by them and for which they are willing to provide subsidy to airlines.
- Airports Authority of India will determine a subsidy amount per seat and invite bids from domestic carrier.

September to be observed as Nutrition Month

- September will be observed as Nutrition Month with the aim of reaching every household with the message of nutrition — ‘har ghar poshan tyohar’.
- The month-long intensive campaign will promote antenatal care, breastfeeding, fight anemia, convey messages about the importance of nutrition for girls and the right age of marriage and also promote hygiene and sanitation.

Govt launches 'Digital northeast vision'

- The Central Government launched the 'Digital Northeast Vision Document 2022' in Guwahati.
- North East Indian region has become the newest member of the Centre's flagship programme 'Digital India' initiative.
- 'Digital Northeast India Vision 2022' envisages in implementing the initiative throughout the North East through optimum utilization of information, communication, and technology.

Railways launches “Digital Screens”

- The Ministry of Railway has launched digital screens to spread awareness among public about the heritage of Indian Railways.
- The project aims at showcasing the legacy of Indian Railways through one to two minute-long movie clips on digital LED screens.
- In addition, QR code based posters on Railway Heritage are also being displayed at these stations.

Madhya Pradesh Launches “Dial 100” Police App

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on 15th August launched Dial 100 Mobile app.
- The App will help the needy at the time of emergency.
- As soon as police receive a call through Dial 100 application, Madhya Pradesh Police will reach the location as soon as possible.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyaan unveiled

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of world's largest government-funded programme - the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyaan.
- It will be launched on the birth anniversary of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay on 25th September.
- The government has decided to provide 5 lakh rupees health care insurance coverage for the poor and vulnerable.

Odisha CM launches Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana.

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced the start of, Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) an universal health coverage scheme in the state on 15th August 2018.
- The scheme would benefit 70 lakh families.
- Under the scheme, secondary and tertiary chashless health care assistance will be provided up to Rs 5 lakh per family per annum.

WB govt lifts income ceiling for ‘Kanyashree’

- The West Bengal government has widened the reach of its flagship women welfare scheme ‘Kanyashree’ by lifting the ceiling on annual family income.

- As per the scheme, unmarried girls above 13 years are offered cash incentive for remaining unmarried till 18.
- Kanyashree was launched in 2013 to prevent child marriage in economically weaker sections with an annual household income of ₹1.2 lakh.

NITI Aayog launches “Pitch to MOVE”

- NITI Aayog has launched “Pitch to MOVE” - a mobility pitch competition.
- The aim is to provide budding entrepreneurs of India a unique opportunity to pitch their business ideas to a distinguished jury.
- “Pitch to MOVE” is organised by NITI Aayog in collaboration with Invest India and Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers.

Hry to launch Ayushman Bharat in 22 districts

- Haryana will launch its pilot health project Ayushman Bharat Haryana from August 15, 2018 in 22 district hospitals, one ESI and one medical college.
- Under this scheme medical facility upto Rs 5 lakh will be provided for free to 15.50 lakh families.
- Initially this facility will be provided in government hospitals, which would later be started in empanelled private hospitals.

First project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

- The first project under the central government's Swadesh Darshan Scheme, 'North East Circuit: Imphal and Khongjom', will be inaugurated by Manipur Governor Najma Heptulla on 14th August, 2018.
- The project covers 2 sites - Kangla Fort and Khongjom.
- 'Swadesh Darshan' is a flagship scheme of the Ministry of Tourism for the development of thematic circuits in the country.

Modi launched the digital platform Parivesh

- Modi launched the digital platform the “Pro Active and Responsive facilitation by interactive and Virtuous Environment Single window Hub” (Parivesh).
- It is an initiative of the Environment Ministry.
- Through this portal, environmental clearances for forest and climate-related issues will be done easily. He also gave clearance to the first project which is being built in Odisha via Parivesh.

‘One District one Product’ Summit inaugurated

- The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the ‘One District One Product’ (ODOP) Summit on August 10, 2018 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

- The scheme aims at promoting one traditional industry in every district such as lock industry in Aligarh, silk-weaving in Varanasi and biscuit-making in Amethi.
- Under ODOP, Rs 250 crore loans will be disbursed to start-ups.

Jal Bachao, Video Banao, Puraskar Pao Contest

- The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation announced the winners for the first fortnight of the 'Jal Bachao, Video Banao, Puraskar Pao' contest that was launched on 10th July 2018.
- The winners will be given prize amount of Rs 25,000/-, Rs 15,000/- and Rs 10,000/- respectively.
- The objective of the contest is to spread awareness about water conservation.

Govt will launch SBM ODF+ and ODF++ Protocol

- The Government will launch ODF+ and ODF++ Protocol on August 10, 2018.
- SBM (Swachh Bharat Mission) ODF+ protocol focuses on sustaining community public toilet usage by ensuring their functionality, cleanliness, and maintenance.
- SBM ODF++ will focus on achieving sanitation sustainability by addressing complete sanitation value chain and disposal of faecal sludge and septage.

Suresh launches Mobile App Niryat Mitra

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Aviation Suresh Prabhu launched 'Niryat Mitra – mobile App' in New Delhi.
- The app developed by the Federation of Indian Export Organisations is available both on Android and on IOS platforms.
- It provides the wide range of information required to undertake international trade right from the policy provisions for export and import, applicable GST rate.

Parliament passes Immovable Property Bill

- Parliament passed a bill to amend the regulations governing the compensation payable for acquisition of immovable property by the Centre for defence and security purposes.
- The bill seeks to amend a provision to allow the Centre to re-issue the notice of acquisition to ensure that the property owner gets an opportunity to be heard.
- The amendments included changing the year of the Bill.

TRAI launches DND, MyCall on UMANG platform

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) launched the Do not Call (DND) 2.0 and MyCall apps with the Unified Mobile Application for New-Age Governance (UMANG) platform.
- UMANG provides a single platform for all Indian citizens to access, pan-India, e-Gov services.
- MyCall is an intuitive and user-friendly application for crowd-sourced voice call quality monitoring.

BIMS & Bhoomi Rashi-PFMS linkage launched

- The Government of India launched the Bidder Information Management System (BIMS) and Bhoomi Rashi and PFMS linkage.
- BIMS is aimed at streamlining the process of pre-qualification of bidders for EPC Mode of contracts for National Highway works.
- Bhoomi Rashi, the portal developed by MoRTH and NIC, comprises the entire revenue data of the country, right down to 6.4 lakh villages.

Startup India's Academia Alliance Programme

- To fulfil the Government of India's mission to promote the spirit of entrepreneurship in the country, Startup India launched the "Startup Academia Alliance programme".
- The programme is a unique mentorship opportunity between academic scholars and startups working in similar domains.
- The programme aims to reduce the gap between scientific research and its industrial applications.

Fugitive Offenders Bill gets president's nod

- President Ram Nath Kovind has given assent to the Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018, that will deter offenders to evade legal process in India and flee the country.
- The bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha on 25 July 2018 and by the Lok Sabha on 19 July 2018.
- The Bill allows designated special court to declare a person as fugitive economic offender and to confiscate his property.

Guj to implement Ayushman Bharat programme

- Gujarat government will implement the Centre's Bharat Ayushman programme which is expected to roll out across the country this August 2018.
- The Ayushman Bharat- National Health Protection Scheme aims to provide medical coverage to over 10 crore poor families.
- The medical coverage is up to 5 lakh rupees per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation.

Govt approves projects under 'IMPRINT-2'

- Government has approved 122 new research projects of 112 crore rupees under its Impacting

Research Innovation and Technology 'IMPRINT-2' scheme.

- The initiative aims to advance research in energy, security, and healthcare domains in the higher education institutions.
- IMPRINT is MHRD supported Pan-IIT and IISc joint initiative to address the major science and engineering challenges.

Scheme for girl child launched in Bihar

- Bihar CM Nitish Kumar launched the 'Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana'.
- The ambitious scheme will provide Rs. 54,100 from the birth of a girl child till she graduates.
- The 'Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana' will be run by three departments — education, health and social welfare.
- Over 3.12 lakh girls will be covered under the scheme in the current financial year.

'Shor nahin' mobile app launched in HP

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched 'horn not ok' awareness campaign and 'shor nahin' (no noise) mobile application.
- The 'shor nahin' mobile application can be used by the general public to report cases of noise pollution.
- As part of the first phase, the campaign has been launched in Shimla and Manali.

5 crore gas connections under Ujjwala Yojana

- Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan handed over 5 crore LPG connection under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) achieving the target in 28 months.
- PMUY was launched on 1st May 2016 and it is implemented by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- Through PMUY, initially, 5 crore BPL households were targeted for providing deposit free LPG connections to BPL households by 31st March 2019.

LS passes National Sports University Bill

- The Lok Sabha on 3rd August, 2018 passed a Bill establishing a National Sports University in Manipur as part of a vision to enhance country's standing in sports.
- The National Sports University Bill, 2018, which sought to replace an Ordinance promulgated on May 31, was passed by a voice vote.
- The legislation was introduced in the Lok Sabha in August 2017.

Karnataka launched "Swachhameva Jayate"

- Karnataka government launched "Swachhameva Jayate", a campaign in rural areas to take a pledge on cleanliness.

- Logo of the campaign released by Department of Rural Development includes a boy and a girl standing in front of the map of Karnataka.
- The campaign coincides with the "Swachh Survekshan Grameen" survey by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

AP launches 'Mukhya Mantri-Yuva Nestham'

- The Andhra Pradesh government has launched 'Mukhya Mantri-Yuva Nestham', a scheme through which an allowance of Rs 1000 per month will be provided to unemployed youth in the state.
- About 12 lakh youths in the age group of 22-35 years will get the benefit of the scheme.
- The scheme will be extended to all those eligible even if there are more than one beneficiary in a family.

SAATHI Initiative Launched

- Ministry of textiles and Ministry of Power launched SAATHI (Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help Small Industries) initiative in the power loom sector.
- Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) will replace old electric motors with new IE3 motors.
- The use of these efficient equipments will result in energy savings and cost savings to the unit owners.

Bill cleared to restore SC/ST Act provisions

- The Centre has decided to introduce a Bill to restore the original provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
- The Cabinet had given its nod to the Amendment Bill and the government would try to introduce it in Parliament during the ongoing session.
- The Amendment Bill seeks to insert 3 new clauses after Section 18 of the original Act.

CSCs to implement Ayushman Bharat

- Common Service Center (CSC) and National Health Accounts (NHA) signed a memorandum of understanding to implement the Ayushman Bharat scheme through three-lakh CSCs across the country.
- Ayushman Bharat is the National Health Protection Scheme, which will provide coverage of up to ₹5 lakh.
- According to the MoU, a beneficiary can now visit the nearby CSC to get the benefit of this scheme.

Rajasthan first to implement biofuel policy

- Rajasthan has become the first State in the country to implement the national policy on biofuels unveiled by the Centre in May 2018.

- The state will lay emphasis on increasing production of oilseeds.
- It will establish a Centre for Excellence in Udaipur to promote research in the fields of alternative fuels and energy resources.

