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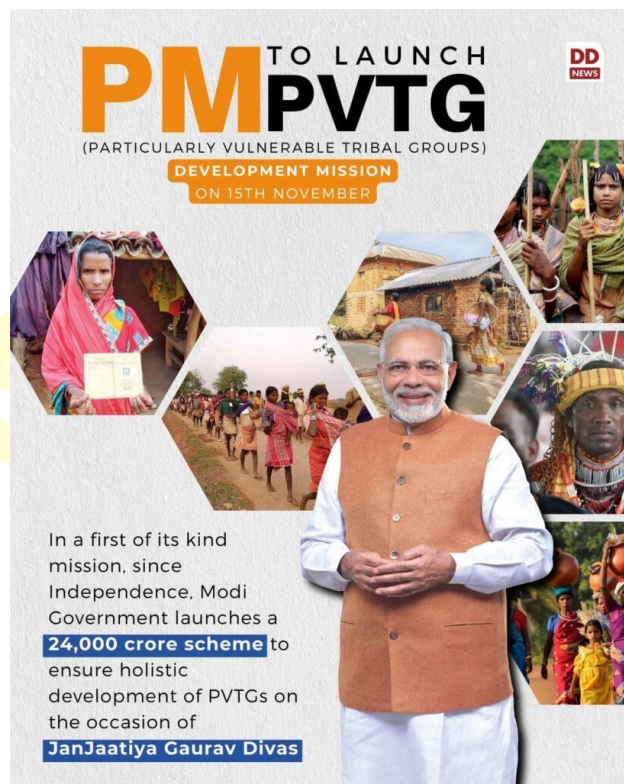
Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch the **PM-PVTG Development Mission**, a groundbreaking scheme aimed at fostering the comprehensive development of approximately 28 lakh people belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).
- This significant event is scheduled to coincide with the **birth anniversary celebration of the revered tribal freedom fighter, Birsa Munda**, observed as **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas** for the past three years.



- The launch ceremony is strategically planned to take place in Jharkhand's Khunti district, specifically after a **visit to Ulihatu village, the birthplace of Birsa Munda**.
- This visit will mark a historic moment as Prime Minister Modi becomes the **first sitting Prime Minister** to visit this village.
- The PM-PVTG Development Mission aims to address the critical needs of the 75 PVTG communities residing in over 22,000 remote villages across 18 States and Union Territories.
- The focus areas include power, water, road connectivity, housing, education, and healthcare.

- This comprehensive approach aligns with the government’s commitment to uplifting marginalized communities.
- Prime Minister Modi is expected to launch the “**Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra**” from Khunti, with the ambitious goal of achieving saturation of flagship government schemes across the country.
- This Yatra will commence from tribal-dominated districts, aiming to cover all districts by January 2024.
- The initiative reflects the government’s dedication to extending the benefits of its schemes to the remotest corners of the nation.



Supreme Court Welcomes Three New Judges

- In a significant development, **the Supreme Court of India** has expanded its judicial strength by welcoming three new judges.
- This move, coming at a time when **pending cases** are nearing a critical mark, reflects the court’s commitment to addressing the persistent challenge of backlog. Let’s delve into the details of this noteworthy development.
- The recent induction of three judges has taken the Supreme Court’s judicial strength to its sanctioned capacity of 34.



- This is crucial for ensuring that the court has the necessary manpower to handle the multitude of cases that come its way.
- While the court bolsters its ranks, the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) dashboard indicates a looming challenge.
- The pendency clock on the NJDG dashboard threatens to reach a high of **80,000 cases within the next 24 hours**. This surge in pending cases emphasizes the urgency of reinforcing the judicial system.
- Delhi High Court Chief Justice **Justice Satish Chandra Sharma**, and Rajasthan and Gauhati Chief Justices **Augustine George Masih and Sandeep Mehta** were sworn in as Supreme Court judges within three days of the apex court Collegium recommending them.

PM Kisan Bhai

- The Indian government, through the **Ministry of Agriculture**, is gearing up to launch a groundbreaking initiative aimed at **supporting small and marginal farmers** who face challenges in storing their produce while waiting for optimal market conditions.
- One of the primary objectives of the PMKisan Bhai scheme is **to break the traditional practice where farmers** are compelled to sell their crops around the harvest period, typically spanning 2-3 months.
- The scheme aims to provide farmers with the **autonomy to decide when to sell**, allowing them to retain their crops for a minimum of three months post-harvest.
- This strategic shift is anticipated to challenge the existing monopoly of traders in determining crop prices, giving farmers more control over their agricultural

produce. The PMKisan Bhai scheme comprises two major components – Warehousing Rental Subsidy (WRS) and Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI).



- Small and marginal farmers, as well as farmer producer organizations (FPOs), will be eligible for the **WRS benefit at ₹4 per quintal per month**, regardless of the rate of warehousing charges. However, the government proposes a maximum storage incentive period of three months.
- Additionally, produce stored for 15 days or less will not qualify for the subsidy, and the incentive will be calculated on a day-to-day basis.

International Trade Fair

- The **42nd edition of the India International Trade Fair -2023** will begin at Pragati Maidan in **New Delhi**.
- Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel will inaugurate the fair which will continue **till 27th of this month**.



- The theme of the fourteen day fair is **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam** which emphasizes the significance of interconnectedness and cooperation in trade for achieving sustainable growth and well-being.
- Over three thousand exhibitors from India and abroad will participate in the fair.
- Representatives from **13 countries** including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Oman, Egypt, Nepal, Thailand, Turkiye and Vietnam.

Airgun Surrender Abhiyan

- The **Airgun Surrender Abhiyan initiative of Arunachal Pradesh** Government has been selected as India's best success story on wildlife conservation to present in the **UNESCO's International Conference on Biosphere Reserves** held at **Sabah, Malaysia**.
- Dr. Damodhar A.T. represented India on the occasion and presented India's country report along with the success story in this UNESCO's International Conference and meeting on Biosphere Reserves.



- The Airgun Surrender Abhiyan is an initiative of the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of the state Government.
- Under the scheme people were invited to voluntarily surrender their Airguns and licensed guns to stop the use of these guns to kill birds and other wild animals.
- The programme was officially launched on **March 17, 2021** at Lumdung in East Kameng District where in 46 air guns were surrendered and **Lumdung was declared first Airgun free village** of Arunachal Pradesh.

Dhiraj Bommadevara

- In archery, **Dhiraj Bommadevara** won the country's first archery quota for the 2024 Olympics in Paris.



- Dhiraj Bommadevara obtained the quota in the **men's recurve event** by winning a silver medal at the Asian Continental Qualifier Tournament 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Dhiraj lost to Chinese Taipei's Lin Zih-Siang 5-6 via shootoff in the gold medal match but an entry in the final had already sealed the Paris 2024 quota place for him.

6th India OPEC Energy Dialogue

- The **6th High-Level Meeting of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue** took place at the OPEC Secretariat in **Vienna, Austria**, underscoring a mutual commitment to global energy stability and prosperity.



- Recognizing the pivotal role of India in global economic growth and energy demand, the parties acknowledged the World Oil Outlook 2023.
- This forecasted India as the fastest-growing major developing economy, projecting long-term growth of 6.1% between 2022-2045 and accounting for over 28% of incremental global energy demand during the same period.
- As India stands as the **third-largest energy consumer**, crude oil importer, and **the fourth-largest global refiner**, the collaboration between India and OPEC becomes not only essential but also natural.

SIDBI Introduces Sumpoorn

- The **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has partnered with Jocata, a digital lending transformation platform, to launch a groundbreaking initiative named **'Sumpoorn'**—a **unique MSME Economic Activity Index**.



- This index aims to **provide a real-time snapshot of India's vital MSME sector**, which contributes significantly to the country's Gross Value Added (GVA) and exports.
- The index relies on monthly sales data obtained from the **Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN)** returns of credit-seeking MSMEs.
- This data is analyzed to create a relative amplitude-adjusted composite diffusion index, providing a comprehensive view of the economic activity within the MSME sector.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Celebrated On

- A. 11th November
- B. 13th November
- C. 15th November
- D. 16th November

ANSWER: C

2. Birsa Munda Born In

- A. Ulihatu
- B. Dumka
- C. Bokaro
- D. Garhwa

ANSWER: A

3. Who Appoints The Judges Of The Supreme Court And High Courts

- A. President On His Own Wish
- B. President On Recommendation Of Prime Minister
- C. President On Recommendation Of PM & Consultation With CJI
- D. Prime Minister

ANSWER: C

4. PM Kisan Bhai Is Related To

- A. To Give Loans To Farmers
- B. To Challenge Monopoly Of Traders In Crop Prices
- C. To Challenge Landlords
- D. To Give Fertilizers & Inputs To Farmers

ANSWER: B

5. International Trade Fair 2023 Is Inaugurated In

- A. Chandigarh
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: D

6. Airgun Surrender Abhiyan Is Initiative By

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: B

7. Dhiraj Bommadevara Seen In News Is Related To

- A. Archery
- B. Tennis
- C. Badminton
- D. Cricket

ANSWER: A

8. 6th India OPEC Energy Dialogue Is Held In

- A. Paris
- B. Vienna
- C. New Delhi
- D. Geneva

ANSWER: B

9. Who Has The Majority Shareholding In SIDBI

- A. Government of India
- B. State Bank of India
- C. Life Insurance Corporation of India
- D. National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development

ANSWER: B

10. Which Among The Following Is Not An Initiative Of SIDBI

- A. SIDBI Venture Capital Limited
- B. MUDRA
- C. Rural Infrastructure Development Fund
- D. Trade Receivables and Discounting Systems

ANSWER: C

11.Singer Of 'Abundance In Millets' Song, Which Has Been Nominated For The Grammy Award

- A. Falguni Shah
- B. Udit Narayan
- C. Asha Bhosle
- D. Shankar Mahadevan

ANSWER: A

12.Which Union Ministry Released 'Digital Advertisement Policy, 2023'

- A. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- B. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of External Affairs

ANSWER: B

13.Coronation Food Project Is Associated With Which Country

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. The Netherlands
- D. Australia

ANSWER: B

14.Scientists Detected Which Disease In Antarctic Region For First Time

- A. Avian Flu
- B. Anthrax
- C. Foot-and-mouth disease
- D. Bluetongue virus

ANSWER: A

15.Which Institution With Tel Aviv University, Israel Developed An Aerogel Adsorbent To Remove Trace Pollutants From Wastewater

- A. IISc Bengaluru
- B. IIT Madras
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. IIT Kharagpur

ANSWER: B

16. Which Institution Launched Net Zero Transition Charter For Private Sector

- A. UNEP
- B. FAO
- C. COP-28
- D. NITI Aayog

ANSWER: C

17. Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Which Was Seen In The News, Is In Which State

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Odisha

ANSWER: A

18. Ben Gurion Canal Project Is Proposed Canal Project Through Which Country

- A. Israel
- B. USA
- C. Russia
- D. Japan

ANSWER: A

19. Lampreys, Which Are Seen In The News, Belong To Which Species

- A. Gecko
- B. Fish
- C. Spider
- D. Bee

ANSWER: B

20. India Signed Mou With Which Country For Cooperation In Soyabean Oil Supply To India

- A. Australia
- B. Brazil
- C. Malaysia
- D. Sri Lanka

ANSWER: B