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Cabinet Decision On Rs10,700 Cr Equity Infusion In FCI

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has hailed the **cabinet decision** on the **infusion of equity of ten thousand seven hundred crore rupees** in the Food Corporation of India (FCI). In a social media post, Mr Modi said, the infusion will enhance FCI's capacity to manage food procurement and distribution efficiently.



- It will **ensure better support for farmers** and contribute to national food security.
- The Prime Minister also lauded the approval of the **PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme** to support the youth with quality education.
- The scheme is a significant step towards empowering the Yuva Shakti and building a brighter future for our nation.

India-CARICOM Joint Commission

- The second meeting of the **India-CARICOM (Caribbean Community) Joint Commission** was held in virtual mode. The **Indian delegation** was led by Secretary (East) in the **Ministry of External Affairs Jaideep Mazumdar** and the CARICOM side was led by Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy, Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica, **Chair of COFCOR (CARICOM Council for Foreign and Community**

Relations) **Ms. Barbara Dailey** Representatives from CARICOM Secretariat, CARICOM member states and Ministries in Government of India participated in the virtual meeting.



- The Joint Commission reviewed the entire spectrum of relations **between India and CARICOM including economic and commercial**, agriculture, health and pharmaceuticals, energy and infrastructure, technology and innovation, human resource and capacity building, culture and people-to-people exchange.



- Both sides deliberated on **strengthening economic cooperation**, enhancing trade and fostering a robust partnership in the areas of education, digital public infrastructure, development cooperation, renewable energy, science and technology, climate change adaptation, disaster management and resilient infrastructure.

- **Ministry of External Affairs** said, both sides also noted with satisfaction enhanced frequency of **high-level interactions between India and CARICOM**, including the India-CARICOM Foreign Ministerial Meeting held on 27 September this year in New York and forthcoming engagements.

India - Zambia

- India has expressed concern over the **ongoing drought situation** in Zambia and underscored its pledge to provide material assistance to Zambia in the form of **2,500 metric tons of maize**, which is expected to reach Zambia soon.
- The issue was discussed during the **6th session of the Zambia-India Joint Permanent Commission** in Lusaka, Zambia.



- The session was **co-chaired by Minister of State for External Affairs, Kirti Vardhan Singh**, and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of **Zambia, Mulambo Haimbe**.
- During the session, both leaders reviewed and discussed cooperation in various sectors, including agriculture, education, energy, defence, and culture.
- Both sides also appreciated the **growing momentum in bilateral relations** and reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen bilateral ties between the two countries.

National Counter Terrorism Policy

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced that the **Government will soon bring National Counter Terrorism Policy** and Strategy to fight terrorism and the terrorist ecosystem.
- Inaugurating two-day Anti-Terror Conference organised by National Investigation Agency NIA in New Delhi, Mr Shah said, in the last 10 years, since

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took charge, the government has adopted a strong approach against terrorism.



- Mr Modi's call for **zero tolerance against terrorism** has been hailed all around the globe. Mr Shah said, a strong ecosystem has been developed in the country to fight against terrorism in the last ten years.
- There has been a **70 per cent reduction in terrorist incidents** from 2014 to 2021 in comparison to the period 2006 to 2013.
- Union Home Minister said, the **terrorist attacks and their conspiracy** are against the country in a borderless and invisible manner. He stressed the need for special training for young officers saying they have to be equipped with the latest technologies.
- Mr Shah said **the three criminal laws will** be the most modern and technically advanced in the world. He said, several laws related to security have been amended in recent times.
- During his speech, **Mr Shah paid tributes to 36 thousand 468 police personnel** who have sacrificed their lives to maintain the internal security and security of the borders of the country since Independence.

Volcanic Eruption

- In Indonesia, **Mount Lewotobi in East Nusa Tenggara province** erupted again today, spewing a column of ash up to **5,000 meters high and prompting** the highest aviation alert.
- The **Volcanology and Geological Disaster Mitigation Centre** reported that the eruption occurred this morning. According to media reports, Mount Lewotobi is at the highest alert level, with a designated danger zone extending 7 kilometres from the crater.



- A Volcano Observatory Notice for Aviation has been issued at the red level, the highest warning, which **prohibits flights below 6,000 meters** around the crater. Aircraft are also advised to be prepared for ash clouds, which could disrupt flight operations.
- **Mount Lewotobi erupted late Sunday night**, resulting in 10 fatalities and injuries to 63. Hot clouds and volcanic materials destroyed hundreds of homes and buildings, triggering fires in the area and displacing over **4,000 residents**. Standing at 1,584 meters, Mount Lewotobi is one of Indonesia's 127 active volcanoes.

Recruitment Rules : SC

- Supreme Court held that **recruitment rules for appointment** in government jobs cannot be changed midway unless it is prescribed.
- **A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud** held that 'rules of the game' once set before the start of recruitment process cannot be tinkered with midway.



- The bench also said that the selection rules should not be arbitrary and be in accordance with **Article 14 of the Constitution**.
- The top court unanimously held that transparency and non-discrimination should be the hallmarks of the public recruitment process and candidates should not be taken by surprise by change of rules midway.

India & ADB Sign \$200 Million Loan

- **Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed an important \$200 million loan. This funding aims to **improve urban services in Uttarakhand**.
- The agreement was signed by key officials from both organizations. This project is part of a broader urban development agenda in India.
- The **project is named the Uttarakhand Livability Improvement Project**. Its goals include **enhancing water supply**, sanitation, urban mobility, and overall urban services in the state. It focuses on improving the livability and sustainability of cities in Uttarakhand.



- Key Objectives
- **Urban Infrastructure:** The project aims to create infrastructure that can withstand climate and environmental risks. This includes preparing for floods and landslides.
- **Capacity Building:** It will develop the capabilities of state agencies. Training will focus on project management, disaster-resilient planning, and revenue generation.
- **Gender Mainstreaming:** The project includes initiatives to empower women. This involves training for jobs in urban transport and water management.
- The project targets several cities in Uttarakhand Haldwani, Champawat, Kichha, Kotdwar, and Vikasnagar.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Food Corporation of India Formed In

- A. 1945
- B. 1955
- C. 1965
- D. 1975

ANSWER: C

2. Mount Lewotobi Is Located In

- A. Japan
- B. Indonesia
- C. Philippines
- D. Italy

ANSWER: B

3. Which Ministry Launched Digital Life Certificate Campaign 3.0 In New Delhi

- A. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. Ministry of Rural Development

ANSWER: A

4. Which City Is The Host Of World Travel Market (WTM) 2024 Event

- A. Paris
- B. New Delhi
- C. Dubai
- D. London

ANSWER: D

5. Minuteman III Missile, Is Developed By Which Country

- A. United States of America
- B. France
- C. Russia
- D. China

ANSWER: A

6. Which Northeastern State Has Implemented Odd-even Scheme To Reduce Traffic Congestion

- A. Mizoram
- B. Nagaland
- C. Manipur
- D. Sikkim

ANSWER: D

7. Which State Become First State In India To Adopt An Airshed Based Approach For Clean Air Project

- A. Bihar
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Haryana
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: D

8. Mount Lewotobi Laki - Laki, Is Located In Which Country'

- A. Indonesia
- B. Malaysia
- C. Vietnam
- D. Tonga

ANSWER: A

9. Tumaini Festival, The Only Festival Held In A Refugee Camp, Recently Received Which Award

- A. UNESCO World Heritage Award
- B. Cultures of Resistance Award
- C. International Refugee Cultural Award
- D. Global Peace and Unity Prize

ANSWER: B

10. New Name Of The National Achievement Survey (NAS) For 2024

- A. PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan
- B. Udaan Survey
- C. Vidya Vikas Survey
- D. Sarv Unnati Survey

ANSWER: A

11. What Is The Name Of The Newly Discovered Black Hole Triple System Located In The Constellation Of Cygnus

- A. V404 Cygni
- B. Sagittarius A*
- C. Sirius B
- D. Andromeda

ANSWER: A

12. Ningol Chakkouba Festival Is Celebrated In Which State

- A. Manipur
- B. Assam
- C. Nagaland
- D. Mizoram

ANSWER:C

13. Mount Annapurna, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Myanmar
- B. Nepal
- C. China
- D. India

ANSWER: B

14. Which Ministry Instituted Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak To Boost The Morale Of All Police Personnel

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Urban Development
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

ANSWER: D

15. What Technology Was Used To Detect The Lost Mayan City Hidden In The Mexican Forest

- A. GPS
- B. LiDAR
- C. Sonar
- D. MRI

ANSWER: B

16. Primary Objective Of Pradhan Mantri Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana

- A. To empower tribal communities in India
- B. To promote urban development in Assam
- C. To enhance agricultural productivity in hilly areas
- D. To improve infrastructure in cities

ANSWER: A

17. Which Country Discovered The Saturn Sized Exoplanet Named TOI-6651B

- A. China
- B. Israel
- C. Japan
- D. India

ANSWER: D

18. Which Deity Is Primarily Worshipped During Chhath Puja

- A. Vishnu
- B. Shiva
- C. Surya
- D. Ganesha

ANSWER: C

19. Chhath Puja Is Said To Have Been Started By Which Ancient Dynasty

- A. Gahadavala
- B. Maurya
- C. Gupta
- D. Chola

ANSWER: A

20. Which Of The Following Term Is Used For A “School” Of Learning And Teaching The Branches Of Vedas

- A. Shakha
- B. Charva
- C. Ratha
- D. Yajna

ANSWER: B