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Let's check this news about International Conference on Dam Safety. Then, we will move ahead.

International Conference on Dam Safety

The Vice President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankar will inaugurate the International Conference on Dam Safety organised by the Ministry of Jal Shakti at Jaipur, Rajasthan. It is organised by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Key Points:

- A) The Theme is Safe and Secure Dams ensure Nations Prosperity.
- B) Union Minister of Jal Shakti will inaugurate the National Centre for Earthquake Safety at MNIT Jaipur ahead of the International Conference.
- C) The International Conference on Dam Safety is a testament to India's commitment to ensuring the safety and longevity of its dams.

About Jal Shakti Ministry:

- A) It was founded in May 2019.
- B) It was formed by merging two Ministries namely the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- C) Its Minister is Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

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Expansion of Ujjwala Yojana

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the extension of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) for release of 75 lakh LPG connections over three years from 2023 to 2026. It will take the number of beneficiaries to 10.35 crore.

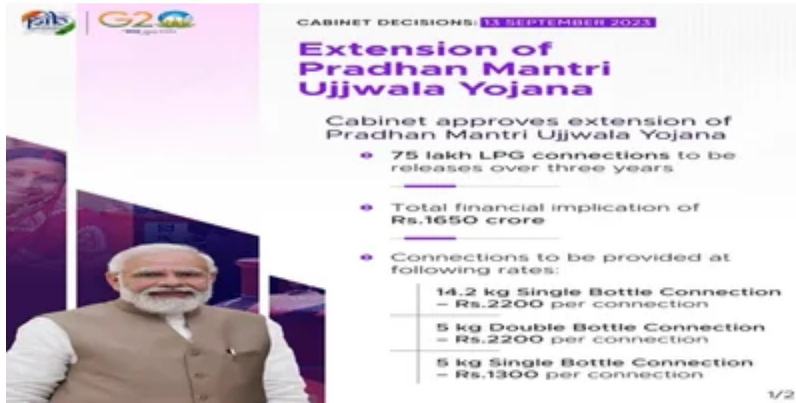
Key Points:

- A) A targeted subsidy of Rs 200 per 14.2 kg LPG cylinder for upto 12 refills per year is being provided to PMUY consumers.
- B) According to WHO more than 2.4 billion people worldwide rely on open fires for cooking.
- C) The PMUY scheme has empowered women economically and socially.

About PMUY:

- A) Stands for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.
- B) It was launched on May 1, 2016.
- C) It is aimed to distribute 50 million LPG connections to women of Below Poverty Line families.

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[Image Source: News On Air]

Foreign Investment in M/s Suven Pharmaceuticals Limited

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved FDI proposal of upto Rs 9589 Crore in M/S Suven Pharmaceuticals Limited by M/search Berhyanda Limited, Cyprus.

Key Points:

- A) The approval is for acquisition of upto 76.1 percent equity shares of M/s Suven Pharmaceuticals Limited.
- B) M/s Suven Pharmaceuticals Limited is a public Limited Indian Pharmaceutical company listed on the National Stock Exchange of India and Bombay stock exchange.
- C) The proposal has been evaluated by SEBI, RBI, CCI and other relevant agencies.

About CCEA:

- A) Stands for Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.
- B) The Prime Minister is the Chairperson of the Committee.
- C) It works closely with the government with respect to any decisions being taken in the economic domain.



[Image Source: News On Air]

One Health Approach for Pandemic Preparedness

The Government of India and World Organisation for Animal Health collaborate together to strengthen One Health Approach for Pandemic Preparedness. They successfully organised a Multi sectoral workshop "Risk Based management of spillover events in Wildlife in India".

Key Points:

- A) Importance of cross sectoral collaboration and the adoption of a One Health approach to ensure a safer and more sustainable future for wildlife.
- B) WOAHA is actively collaborating with partners in Quadripartite including FAO, WHO and UNEP to address these critical issues.
- C) The Workshop was inaugurated by the Animal Husbandry Commissioner and WOAHA regional representative for Asia Pacific.

About WOAHA:

- A) Stands for the World Organisation for Animal Health.
- B) It was established on 25th January 1924 headquartered at Paris.
- C) Primary objective is to control epizootic diseases and prevent their spread.

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[Image Source: WHO]

Skill India Digital (SID) launched

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched Skill India Digital (SID) to ensure that every Indian has access to quality skill development and Entrepreneurial support.

Key Points:

- A) Skill India Digital is a state of art platform to bring all skilling initiatives together.
- B) It is a comprehensive Digital platform aimed at synergizing and transforming the skills, education, employment and Entrepreneurship landscape of India.
- C) It is a Digital Public Infrastructure.
- D) The Platform aligns perfectly with vision articulated in the G20 framework for building DPI and the Digital economy to promote digital skills and digital literacy.
- E) It is at the intersection of two most important components New India-Skill India and Digital India.



Skill India

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[Image Source: Wikipedia]

Fourth G20 Global partnership for Financial Inclusion

The Fourth G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) is being held in Mumbai. The meeting will bring together 50 delegates from G20 member countries, Special invitee countries and International Organisations.

Key Points:

- A) Meeting will involve discussions on ongoing work of the Financial inclusion under G20 India presidency in areas of Digital Financial Inclusion and SME Finance.
- B) The Delegates attending 4th GPFI WG meeting will also visit the Kanheri Caves in Mumbai.

About Kanheri Caves:

- A) Group of Caves and rock cut monuments located in Sanjay Gandhi National Park.
- B) Earliest reference is ascribed to Fa-Hien who visited India during 399-411 CE.
- C) They are part of our ancient heritage.



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Red Fire Ant species detected in Italy

A Study warns that an Invasive non-native ant species has become established in Italy and could rapidly spread through Europe to the UK with Global Heating. Researchers identify 88 nests of destructive invasive non-native species near Syracuse in Sicily.

Key Points:

- A) These ants have powerful sting, damage crops and can infest electrical equipment.
- B) Red Fire ant is considered highly destructive because it forms Super Colonies, preys on various organisms including vertebrates, invertebrates, plants etc.
- C) It is the fifth most costly invasive species in the World.
- D) The EU has banned the export of soil from the UK but the UK has not taken reciprocal measures to stop imports.
- E) The Red Fire ant is a heat loving species.



[Image Source: The Economic Times]

10 Crore released under Aswasanidhi Project

1400 victims of Sex crimes and highly heinous gender based violence have collectively received an interim financial relief of Rs 10.17 Crore under the Aswanidhi Project since its inception in 2018.

Key Points:

- A) The project was initiated by the Women and Child Development department.
- B) The project offers assistance to victims regardless of aid received from the Victim Compensation Fund or other legal provisions.
- C) Acid Attack victims receive the highest assistance while victims of domestic violence and trafficking receive the lowest.

About MoWCD:

- A) Stands for Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- B) It was founded on 30th January 2006.
- C) It is an apex body for formulation and administration of rules and regulations and laws relating to women and child development in India.



[Image Source: wcd.kerla.gov.in]

Nandini Krishak Samridhi Yojana

The Uttar Pradesh Government led by Yogi Adityanath launched Nandini Krishak Samridhi Yojana for improving cattle breeding and increasing milk production in the state. The Yogi Government has estimated a cost of Rs 62.5 lakh for establishing a unit of 25 milch cows under the scheme.

Key Points:

- A) The scheme aims at improving the breed of cows in order to enhance milk production and raise income of dairy farmers.
- B) Initial phase will be implemented in 10 divisional headquarters of the state namely Ayodhya, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi, Meerut, Agra and Bareilly.
- C) To be eligible the beneficiary should have 3 years of experience in cattle farming.
- D) The Yogi government will provide a 50 percent subsidy on the total expenses.
- E) The beneficiaries of previously operated Kamdhenu, Mini kamdhenu and Micro Kamdhenu schemes will not be able to avail the scheme.

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[Image Source: The Economic Times]

TIMES 100NEXT list of Future Leaders

TIME magazine released its '100NEXT' list of future leaders featuring emerging leaders in various fields. Jalen Hurts, Angel Reese, Harmanpreet Kaur and Ronald Acuna Jr. are among the personalities included in the list.

Key Points:

- A) It spotlights "100 up and coming" visionaries worldwide who are influencing the future and shaping the forthcoming wave of leadership across diverse domains.
- B) The other athletes who earned a spot on the list are USWNTs Sophia Smith, American Golfer Rose Zhang and Spanish soccer star Salma Paralluelo.
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur is a 34 year old India Women's National Team captain.



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