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1. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY)



Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana/Program is a relief package of Rs 1.70 lakh crore for the poor, which helps them in the fight against Corona Virus. It was launched in March 2020. The goal of this scheme is to ensure access to food and money to the lowest strata of the poor, so that they do not have trouble buying basic supplies and meeting basic necessities.

KEY POINTERS ABOUT THE SCHEME

Starting from March 30, 2020, the package of the scheme included the following measures (From March 30, 2020, the package comprised the following measures):

- Under the insurance scheme, a COVID-19 insurance cover of Rs 50 lakh per health worker will be given, which has been extended for one year from April 2021.
- For the next three months, 80 crore underprivileged persons will get 5 kg of wheat or rice and 1 kg of selected legumes free of cost. Its deadline was extended to November 2021 (later, the package was extended to May and June 2021; it was originally slated to be delivered by November 2020).
- 20 crore women with Jan Dhan accounts will get Rs 500 per month for the next three months.
- MGNREGA wages have been increased from Rs 182 to Rs 202 per day, benefiting 13.62 crore people.
- Payment of ex-gratia of Rs 1000 to 3 crore poor senior citizens, widows and disabled people.
- As part of the existing PM Kisan Yojana, farmers will receive Rs 2,000 in the first week of April 2020, which will help 8.7 crore farmers.

- State governments have been directed by the federal government to use the Building and Construction Workers Welfare Fund to provide relief to construction workers.

Background: Initial Scheme - 2016: (BACKGROUND: Initial Scheme - 2016)

- Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, 2016: PMGKY was announced by the Narendra Modi-led Government of India in December 2016 as a follow-up to the Income Declaration Scheme, 2016. It was established in the beginning of the year 2016. The scheme is part of the Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Act of the year 2016, to allow people to declare Unexplained Riches and Black Money in a private manner and prosecute them by paying a fine of 50% of the hidden income. allows to escape. 25% of its lava hidden income is invested in the scheme, which can be repaid without interest after four years.

- This program was valid only for declaring income in the form of cash or bank deposits in Indian bank accounts from December 16, 2016 to March 31, 2017, declaring income in the form of jewellery, stock, immovable property or deposits in foreign accounts not for.
- If income was reported in the tax return, 77.25 per cent penalty will be levied for non-disclosure of hidden income under PMGKY. If the income was not reported in the tax return, a 10% penalty would be imposed, followed by prosecution.

2. Kerala signs MoU with Netherlands for "Cosmos Malabaricus" project



Kerala and Netherlands have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the project 'Cosmos Malabaricus'. This study will

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contribute to a better understanding of the history of Kerala in the 18th century.

Key Points:

- The state of Kerala will also collaborate with the Netherlands for setting up paint academies in Malappuram and Kollam.
- The agreements were signed in the presence of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Dutch Ambassador to India Maarten van den Bergh.
- The Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR) is executing this project. It is part of the Department of Higher Education, Leiden University and the National Archives of the Netherlands.
- This project will take six years to complete.

About the Project:

- The research will focus on 18th-century Dutch documents on Malabar, often considered the most comprehensive source of information about the period 1643 to 1852.
- Documents are available in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and the Netherlands, and are written in the ancient Dutch language.
- Students from Kerala will be able to study Master of Arts programs at Leiden University as part of this project, while students from the Netherlands will be able to complete an internship at KCHR.
- In addition, each year Leiden University and KCHR will host a two-week summer school on a subject related to the history of Kerala.

Aim of the Project:

- The project aims to make digital Dutch archival information accessible to a wide range of audiences, including Indian and foreign experts as well as residents of Kerala.
- Materials will be translated, and English summary will be provided.
- The material will help in understanding the social, political, cultural and economic history of Kerala.

AkzoNobel India Limited, a renowned chemical and paint manufacturer in India with a Dutch subsidiary, and ASAP (Additional Skill Acquisition Program - Additional Skill Acquisition Program), Indian Institute of Infrastructure and Construction,

Kollam; CREDAI, Kerala has signed an MoU to develop the Paint School. The Paint Academy, to be set up in the IIICC campus at Chavara, Kollam, will provide training in painting structures. The institute, which will be located at the ASAP Skill Sky Park in Thavanur, Malappuram, will provide instruction in vehicle painting. 380 persons will be trained in the first year.

3. BHIM UPI launched at NEOPAY terminals in UAE



NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), the international arm of the National Payment Corporation of India, has announced that BHIM UPI is now available at NEOPAY terminals in UAE. This initiative will empower millions of Indians traveling to UAE to make payments using BHIM UPI safely and conveniently. Mashreq Bank's payments subsidiary NIPL and NEOPAY had partnered last year to build acceptance infrastructure in the UAE. With the acceptance of BHIM UPI in UAE, Indian tourists can now make seamless payments through BHIM UPI at NEOPAY enabled shops and merchant stores. This partnership will be instrumental in transforming the P2M payments experience for Indian travelers in UAE. The implementation of BHIM UPI in UAE is a step towards promoting digital payments in the country.

About the Unified Payments Interface:

Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is an instant real-time payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India to facilitate inter-bank transactions. Simple, secure, cost-effective mobile-based payment systems have become one of the most prominent forms of digital payments. In the financial year 2022 (FY22), UPI enabled transactions worth 45.6 billion (worth 1 trillion

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USD). This makes it the best performing real-time payment eco-system in the world.

4. Padma Shri structural biologist M. Vijayan passes away



Prominent structural biologist M Vijayan, who laid the foundation for protein crystallography in India, passed away on Sunday. He was 80 years old. He has been the President of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA). Vijayan was instrumental in the development of macromolecular crystallography in India.

Born in Cherpu, Thrissur in 1941, Prof. Vijayan graduated from Kerala Varma College. He continued his studies at Allahabad University and earned a PhD in X-ray crystallography from IISc, Bangalore. He received Padma Shri and Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar awards. Pro. Vijayan was the President of the Indian National Science Academy from 2007 to 2010.

5. N. Chandrasekaran Takes Over As Chairman Of Tata Digital



Tata Sons Executive Chairman N. Chandrasekaran has formally taken over as the Chairman of Tata Digital. Currently, Tata's digital strategy is led by its CEO Prateek Pal and Cultfit founder Mukesh Bansal. Chandrasekaran's formal appointment assumes significance in view of his future plans to raise funds from outside investors.

Chandrasekaran, who was re-appointed as the chairman of Tata Sons again in February for a five-year term, Tata Digital has been his brainchild ever since he took over as the chairman of Tata Sons. He has been involved in its development plans from the very beginning to break into the Indian e-commerce sector.

6. 'International Girls in ICT Day' being observed on 8th April, 2022



International Girls in ICT Day is marked every year on the fourth Thursday in April. This year International Girls in ICT Day is being celebrated on 28th April, 2022. International Girls in ICT Day aims to inspire a global movement to increase the representation of girls and women in technology. Let's re-commit today to the goal of giving young women and girls equal access to opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. International Girls in ICT Day is a global movement that encourages girls and young women to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) education, inspiring a STEAM career. These include career paths, career attainment and advancement, and engaging the community and fostering collaboration through partnerships. This year's theme is 'Access and Safety'.

7. 28 April: Global Day for Safety and Health at Work

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Global, 28 April is observed as the Annual Day for Safety and Health at Work. It promotes the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases. Global Day of Safety and Health at Work 2022, focuses on enhancing social dialogue towards a culture of safety and health.

The Global Day for Safety and Health at Work represents awareness and promotion of ways to help prevent occupational diseases and accidents around the world. It represents the development and maintenance of a robust Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) management system. Since the pandemic, the importance of the OSH management system has increased enormously.

Global Day for Safety and Health: Theme/Theme

The theme for this year's World Day for Safety and Health at Work is "Participation and Social Dialogue in Creating a Positive Safety and Health Culture".

Global Day for Safety and Health: History The annual World Day for Safety and Health at Work was first observed in 2003 by the International Labor Organization (ILO). It stresses the importance of preventing accidents and diseases at the workplace. The day is considered an important tool for creating a top-self political position for occupational safety and health.

8. Government of India releases 'Women Change-Makers' video series in association with Netflix



Netflix India has released a series/series of short videos under the initiative 'Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniyan' in association with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The role of women has been highlighted in this series. As part of the wider partnership, the global OTT platform will also organize workshops and masterclasses for skill development of Indian filmmakers.

Under this partnership:

- Netflix and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting will partner to develop a creative ecosystem by conducting training programs for post-production, VFX, animation and music-production. For this, more virtual programs will be organized at some place.
- The Information and Broadcasting Minister lauded the remarkable achievements of the three women on stage and said their stories would inspire people across the country. He also expressed hope that after this collaboration, filmmakers from all over the world will come to India to make films and documentaries not only for Indian audiences but also for showing to the entire world.
- The minister said that the partnership between the ministry and Netflix is just the beginning and will not be limited to the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

9. Former Indian women's hockey team captain 'Elvera Brito' passes away



Former Indian women's hockey team captain Elvera Brito has passed away at the age of 81. The former captain has passed away due to old age related problems. He led the Karnataka home team to win seven national titles. He ruled the domestic matches from 1960 to 1967. He also represented

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India against Japan, Sri Lanka and Australia. She is the second female hockey player after Anne Lumsden to be awarded the Arjuna Award (1965).

10. Asian Wrestling Championship 2022: India Wins 17 Medals



Asian Wrestling
Championship

A 30-member Indian contingent participated in the 35th edition of Asian Wrestling Championship 2022 held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Indian wrestlers won a total of 17 medals, including 1-gold, 5-silver and 11-bronze medals. Gold medalist: Ravi Kumar Dahiya secured in men's 57kg freestyle category. He is the only gold medalist to represent India. Who defeated 'Rakhat Kalzan' of Kazakhstan on Technical Superiority.

Ravi Kumar became the first Indian to win 3 gold medals at the Asian Wrestling Championships. He visited New Delhi, India in the year 2020; Almaty, Kazakhstan in 2021 and Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in 2022.

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- NPCI International Payments Limited Establishment: 2020;
- NPCI International Payments Limited Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- CEO of NPCI International Payments Limited: Ritesh Shukla
- International Labor Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- Director General of the International Labor Organization; Guy Rider;
- Founder of International Labor Organization: Paris Peace Conference;

- Establishment of International Labor Organization: 1919