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BSE launches e-agricultural spot market platform 'BEAM'



BSE Ltd. has launched an **electronic spot platform, BSE E-Agricultural Markets Ltd (BEAM)**, for **agricultural commodities** through its subsidiary **BSE Investments Ltd.**

BEAM will function as a national level, institutionalised, electronic, transparent commodity spot trading platform in line with the Prime Minister's vision to create a single market. With the help of BEAM, farmers in one state

will be able to reach out to markets in other states and auction their produce. The farmers will be able to discover best prices for their produce based on the quality, as well as build capacity to help intermediaries, processors and exporters procure from states.

PM Modi delivers inaugural address at FICCI's 93rd Annual General Meeting and inaugurates FICCI Annual Expo 2020



Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered the inaugural address at **FICCI's 93rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Convention** on December 12, 2020 via video conferencing.

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has organised the convention from December 11 to 14, 2020.

The theme for the FICCI 93rd AGM is '**Inspired India**'.

FICCI AGM is the annual high-powered flagship event where Cabinet Ministers, Secretaries to Govt of India, Global Industry Captains, Diplomats, Political party leaders, and other thought leaders participate.

More than 10000 delegates are virtually participating in this mega event from across the globe.

The Prime Minister also inaugurated the virtual **FICCI Annual Expo 2020**. It will start from 11 December 2020 and will continue for a period of a **whole year**.

The Expo is one-of-its-kind virtual event in the country focused on manufacturing and services sectors, which will provide an opportunity to exhibitors from across the globe to showcase their products and advance their business prospects.



5th India – Myanmar bilateral meeting on Drug Control Cooperation held virtually



The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), India and the Central Committee on Drug Abuse

Control, Myanmar conducted the 5th edition of the India- Myanmar Bilateral Meeting on Drug Control Cooperation virtually on 10th December, 2020.

The Indian delegation was led by the **Director General Narcotics Control Bureau, Shri Rakesh Asthana.**

The Myanmar delegation was led by Pol. Brig. Gen. Win Naing, the Commander of the Drug Enforcement Division (DED) cum Joint Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control.

The 6th India – Myanmar Bilateral Meeting on Drug Control Cooperation will be held in India in 2021.



India and Uzbekistan inks 9 Agreements to strengthen strategic partnership

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uzbekistan President Shavkat

Mirziyoyev co-chaired the virtual Summit held between the two countries on 11th December 2020, to strengthen strategic partnership among them.

The Government of India also approved a **US \$448 million Line of Credit** for four developmental projects in Uzbekistan in the fields of road construction, sewerage treatment and information technology.

India and Uzbekistan signed **nine Agreements and Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs)** in various areas including in the field of:

- Solar Energy
- Digital Technologies
- High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP)
- Trade, Economic and Investment Cooperation
- Defence and Security
- Civil Nuclear Energy
- Connectivity
- Culture, Education and People- to-People Contacts
- Terrorism

India and Austria inks MoU on Technology Cooperation in Road Infrastructure Sector

- The **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology of the



Republic of Austria on Technology Cooperation in the Road Infrastructure Sector.



Purpose of MoU is to create bilateral cooperation in the field of

Road Transportation,

Road/Highways infrastructure development, management and administration, Road safety Intelligent Transport Systems

The MoU will further strengthen ties, promote long standing bilateral relations and enhance trade and regional integration between the two countries.

Ashraf Patel Wins Social Entrepreneur of the Year (SEOY) Award – India 2020



Ashraf Patel, the founder member and Board member of **Pravah and ComMutiny – The Youth Collective (CYC)** has been declared as the winner of the Social Entrepreneur of the Year (SEOY) Award – India 2020. It is the **11th edition** of the annual award, instituted by the **Schwab Foundation and Jubilant Bhartia Foundation** in 2010.

The award was presented by the Union Minister of Women & Child Development & Textiles, **Smriti Zubin Irani**.

Italy's 1982 Football World Cup Legend Paolo Rossi passes away at 64



Italy's legendary footballer, Paolo Rossi, who led the country to victory in the **1982 World Cup**, has passed away. He was 64.

Rossi scored 6 goals to help Italy to win the 1982 FIFA World Cup title against Brazil. This was the third World Cup title for Italy and their **first since 1938**.

He was awarded the Golden Boot as top goalscorer, and the Golden Ball for the player of the tournament, 1982 Ballon d'Or as the European Footballer of the Year and World Player of the Year in 1982, for his performances. Rossi scored 20 goals in 48 appearances for the Italian national side, and is one of Italy's top scorer in World Cup history, with nine goals overall.